

PTFC NEWS

News from the KSU Part-Time Faculty Council

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The Kennesaw State University Part-Time Faculty Council (PTFC) was formed in 2013 by a resolution from the Faculty Senate. It was created to provide part-time faculty with a vehicle to share information and explore issues or concerns relevant to all part-time faculty.

From the PTFC President's Desk



Welcome to Fall 2015 at the new KSU!

Our university has reached some incredible milestones in recent months. The consolidation with SPSU grew our enrollment significantly. We now have over 32,000 students on two campuses.

Moreover, we have football! This is a dream come true for the long marchers at KSU! And it is a very successful first season for our team at that with a record of 5-1 to date. Finally, KSU passed the SACSCOC's accreditation visit with flying colors. This speaks volumes for our institution, our administration, our faculty, and the team led by Dr. Jorge Perez.

This first semester at the new university is truly an incredible time to be an Owl. The energy and excitement on our campus is contagious, especially on game days. Let's hope that we can keep the momentum going because our energy and optimism transfers to our students. As a much respected and supported council representing the 1,167 part-time faculty at KSU, we are very optimistic that many of the projects and initiatives we began in our first two years of existence will come to fruition in the coming months.

If you have anything that you consider important to part-time faculty as a whole or to you as an individual, please reach out to your departmental representative or to me personally. We are here to serve you!

Go Owls!

Yvonne Wichman

Election of Officers for 2015-17



The election of new officers for the 2015-2017 term was held at the second council meeting in September. The officers are:

President: Yvonne Wichman (ywichman@kennesaw.edu)

President-Elect: Kelly Luscre (kluscre1@kennesaw.edu)

Secretary: Mary Migliaro (mmigliar@kennesaw.edu)

The officers serve to facilitate the work of the council and advocate for all part-time faculty at KSU. Please reach out to them if they can assist you in any way.



As the new academic year begins, we bid a fond farewell to those PTFC representatives rotating off the council and welcome those new representatives replacing them. All of

the representatives leaving the council have contributed much to our success over the last two years and we cannot thank them enough for all of their efforts and contributions.

Everyone working together including other part-time faculty (PTF) volunteers, facilitated many excellent events and advocated for the increase in pay and the reduction in parking fees for all PTF.

Please take a moment to thank your department representative for volunteering to advocate on your behalf and make the council and all PTF shine!

Since the consolidation, many new departments have joined KSU and increased the number significantly. You will find the complete list of new and retiring representatives on page four.

Faculty Fellow for Part-Time Faculty Support News from CETL



Mandy McGrew, the new Faculty Fellow for Part-Time Faculty Support, began her new job on July 1. Since then, she has been very busy. As a former founding member of the Part-Time Faculty Council, Mandy understands the many issues faced by part-time faculty (PTF) at KSU and universities around the state.

Workshops and other activities designed to help all part-time faculty are offered on a regular basis and a quick visit to their website will let you know what is going on and the many other services waiting for you. Take a few moments to visit the site at CETL.kennesaw.edu and find something interesting that will help you enhance your teaching skills.

The PTFC Needs YOU!



You have no doubt heard the familiar saying, "It takes a village..." When it comes to part-time faculty and the council, it takes many of us working together. You need not be a PTFC representative to help with council work. We are recruiting able-bodied PTF and you can help even if you only have 15-20 minutes. How? We need folks to help proofread the newsletters and other PR materials, assistance with some of our special events (collecting door prizes, etc.), and working with the strategic planning committee on our future plans.

Please see the committee descriptions below and consider joining one of them to help with our work this year. As you can see, we still need chairs for a couple of committees. If you are interested in chairing a committee, contact Yvonne Wichman at ywichman@kennesaw.edu. If you would simply like to be a spot volunteer for an event, etc., please contact Mary Migliaro at mmigliar@kennesaw.edu.

PTFC Committees



Committees are where a great deal of work is done in any organization and the Part-Time Faculty Council is no exception. Committee members can include any part-time faculty interested in serving; they need not be PTFC representatives.

If you would be interested in serving on one of these committees, send an email to Mary Migliaro (mmigliar@kennesaw.edu) for more information on how you can help.

Public Relations

Chair: Mary Migliaro (mmigliar@kennesaw.edu)

The Public Relations Committee is responsible for the PTFC newsletters and promotional materials sent out to PTF as well as other marketing or informational materials as requested by the PTFC. They also coordinate with the executive committee on information and updates necessary for the PTFC website.

Special Events

Chair: TBD

The Special Events Committee is responsible for facilitating all events for the PTFC including Part-Time Faculty Awareness Day and the PTFC Retreat and other events as needed.

Strategic Planning

Chair: TBD

The Strategic Planning Committee is responsible for identifying and researching issues for part-time faculty at KSU, facilitating a process for addressing those issues, and setting future goals and objectives for the PTFC.

Bylaws Committee

Chair: Kelly Luscre (kluscre1@kennesaw.edu)

The Bylaws Committee is an ad hoc committee established to work over the next year to review the original PTFC bylaws and make recommendations for any changes that may be necessary to facilitate the work of the council.

Newsletter Ideas and Suggestions



If you have ideas or suggestions for the PTFC newsletters, please let us know! Just send us an email. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Learn more about the PTFC at our newly updated KSU website:
ptfc.kennesaw.edu

Notable News



In this section of the newsletter, we highlight the honors, achievement, and other “notable news” from our part-time faculty community. It is important to recognize these achievements because they bring value to our community at KSU. Please take time to congratulate your colleagues on their accomplishments!

David Cook, PTFC representative for the Department of Mechanical Engineering Technology, as attained the Ed.D. degree in Educational Leadership and Technology from the University of Phoenix. The degree was conferred in July 2015. His dissertation on remedial intervention in college algebra was “*A Causal Comparative Study into The Efficacy of Placement Testing and Remediation in College Algebra.*” It will be published on ProQuest.

Julie Martin, PTFC representative for the Department of Foreign Languages, will be presenting a session on the free software program "Hot Potatoes" at the Georgia Educational Technology Conference on November 5th at the Georgia International Convention Center. The title of the session is "Hot Potatoes: It's not just what's for dinner." Hot Potatoes is free software designed to engage students in specific, interactive activities with classroom learning objectives in mind, and deepen their understanding of the subject matter.

Toby Mendelson, PTFC representative for the Department of Accountancy, made presentations to the National Bar Association annual convention in Los Angeles in July and the Hispanic National Bar Association annual convention in Boston in August. Both presentations covered the topic "Managing Retirement Risk." Additionally he was appointed to the Legal Research Committee for the American Tax Association (the tax section of the American Accounting Association).

J. Steve Miller, Instructor in First Year Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies, along with his wife Cherie, published a text on critical and creative thinking titled: *Why Brilliant People Believe Nonsense: A Practical Text for Critical and Creative Thinking (A Classical Discipline Meet the Digital Age)*, published in September by Wisdom Creek Academic.

Zamila Karimi, PTFC representative for the Architecture Department, and a team of other department colleagues, mounted a two-week installation entitled, “Challenging the Urban Grid” for Urbanfronts. The installation was shown at 805 Peachtree Street after an opening night at Colony Square where Zamila presented information about the creation. See photo below.

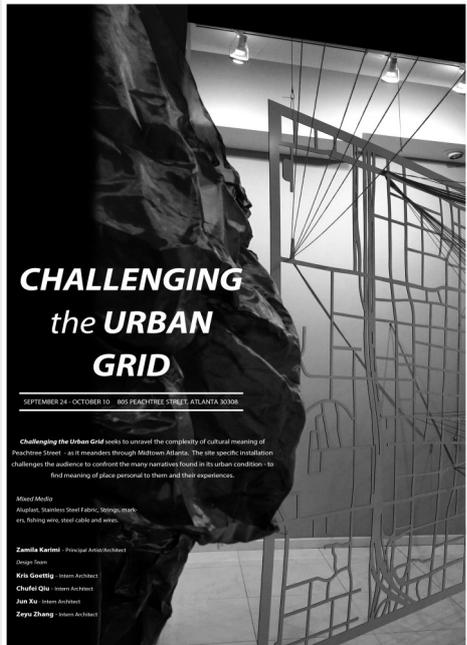
Amy Aenchbacher, a graduate of KSU and instructor for the Health and Physical Education Department, was selected as the WellStar College of Health and Human Services Distinguished Alumni nominee.

Yen Rodriguez, Leadership Coordinator with the Center for Student Leadership, delivered the keynote address entitled, “Embracing Your College Years,” at this year’s Convocation and Induction Ceremony on August 21. See photo below.

Dr. Charles R. Jackson, Jr., Assistant Professor with the School of Music, has written a book titled *The Band Director's Book of Secrets* that will be published in December 2015 by Barnhouse Publishing. He is also the co-author of *Teaching Music through Performance in the Middle School Band* published by GIA.

Kelly Futch Pollack, PTFC representative for the Department of Mathematics, recently completed a four-week course and received her Online Course Facilitation Program certification to teach online classes at KSU.

Marc Brotherton, School of Art & Design, will be showing work at the Pulse Miami Beach Contemporary Art Fair with Causey Contemporary Fine Art December 1-5. See photo below.





HAIL & FAREWELL

Welcome!

We end this newsletter as we begin the new 2016 academic year with our Hail and Farewell section. We want to welcome all of the new representatives to the Part-time Faculty Council selected by their department peers.

A warm welcome to the following new PTFC representatives:

Zamila Karimi – Architecture
Nicholas Papeacos – Construction Management
Chuck Jackson – Music
Mara Mandradjieff – Dance
George Gannage – Marketing and Profession Sales
Richard Garrett – Software Engineering & Game Development
Kathleen Brennan – Inclusive Education
Tracy Bennett – Educational Leadership
Kelly Luscre – Instructional Technology
Lina Maxwell – Social Work and Human Services
Julie Martin – Foreign Languages
Beth Moulder – Geography & Anthropology
Tod Edgerton – Interdisciplinary Studies
David Cook – Mechanical Engineering Technology
Kelly Futch Pollack – Mathematics
Ginger Sinton – Digital Writing & Media Arts

Farewell

A fond farewell to the following “founding members” of the PTFC:

Mandy McGrew – Interdisciplinary Studies
Ruti Padan – Foreign Languages
Jane Roberts – Instructional Technology
Valerie Waters – Music
Natalie Berry – Dance
Elizabeth Rasmusson – Theatre & Performance Studies
Marc Brotherton – Art & Design
Kathy Ebener – Secondary & Middle Grades Education
Allen Robinson – Inclusive Education
Linda Sutton – Nursing
Charles Marvil – Culinary Sustainability & Hospitality
Chuck Chesbro – Political Science & International Affairs
Kimberly Davis – Psychology
Jason Rhodes – Geography & Anthropology
Ed Delafuente – Chemistry & Biochemistry
Larry Byrnes – First Year & Transition Studies