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

Happy New Year, KSU!

As January approached and I was drafting my remarks for this edition of the PTFC newsletter, I wondered if anyone else was as dismayed as I that 2016 was upon us already. Since the inception of the PTFC, so much has transpired to secure our place as a viable governance body at KSU. However, no one can live on past accolades but instead must look forward to the work still to be done.

Aside from the classic plea for higher wages, which is always a given for us, there are other goals we have set for this year and next. Through conversations with multiple factions across campus, we have isolated three important goals for 2016.

First, many part-time faculty are interested in pursuing additional degrees or furthering existing degrees. It would be wonderful to see some amount of tuition assistance afforded to part-timers who wish to take classes at KSU or other institutions within the University System of Georgia. Currently, only full-time faculty and staff are included in the state’s Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).

Next, now that outstanding part-time faculty are included in the KSU Foundation’s awards program (see details on page two) and being honored at the university’s opening every fall, we would like to see ourselves included in the university’s years of service awards as well. Many of us have been teaching here for ten, fifteen, or more years, so acknowledgement of our devotion and service to the university would be ideal.

Finally, many part-time faculty have expressed interest in being allowed to participate in the study abroad programs. This goal may be the biggest challenge since instructors who teach abroad are generally on duty 24/7. However, some arrangement may be made allowing us to teach on a limited basis in this very important program. Do not start packing yet, for as I said, this is perhaps the loftiest goal of all!

In closing I leave you with a challenge to get involved. You do not need to be the PTFC representative for your department to work with us. Our meetings and committees are open to the university at large. We welcome everyone to participate with us as we strive to empower part-time faculty and improve working conditions at KSU and beyond.

Stay tuned for information about our spring retreat and other coming events by checking our new website regularly. Remember, 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!

Warm regards,

Yvonne Wichman

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CETL Events

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Part-time Faculty
February 8, 2016  @11am  Marietta Campus

February 9, 2016  @6:30pm  VIRTUAL Meeting – Webinar

Book Club – The Courage to Teach by Parker Palmer
March 1, 2016  @8am  Kennesaw Campus (free book to first 12 registrants)
Expanded Faculty Awards Program

This year, the KSU Foundation is expanding and revising its Faculty and Staff Awards programs and will include, for the second consecutive year, awards for part-time faculty. There will be 10 Outstanding Part-Time Faculty Awards, one in each degree-granting college. Applications and nominations will be open for the 2015-16 faculty awards in January.

Detailed information about faculty awards and application/nomination processes may be found on the Faculty Affairs webpage at http://facultyaffairs.kennesaw.edu/development.php

Award winners will be announced at the August 2016 Opening of the University assembly.

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 the committee chair for more information on how you can help. To learn more about the committees, visit the council website.

Bylaws Committee
Chair: Kelly Luscre (kluscre1@kennesaw.edu)

Public Relations
Chair: Mary Migliaro (mmigliar@kennesaw.edu)

Special Events
Chair: Lina Maxwell (lmaxwe18@kennesaw.edu)

Strategic Planning
Chair: Bryce McGowan (bmcgowa4@kennesaw.edu)

Celebrating the Season

The First-Year and Transition Studies Department recently celebrated the season by treating all of their part-time faculty to a delicious luncheon complete with gifts. Here are a few of the photos from that event. Please let us know how your department honors you by sending your photos to: mmigliar@kennesaw.edu.

Gifts included sweets & a USB extension device.

Kathy Lynn and Janice Pittman reconnect & reminisce about the "good old days!"

FYTS staff and part-time faculty enjoyed the delicious food and festivities.
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!

Zamila Karimi, Department of Architecture, was recently interviewed by Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters for their program entitled “A Woman’s Place.” Zamila spoke about how she uses installations in public spaces to transform the way in which we engage with one another and to inspire dialogue across cultural, ethnic, and geographic boundaries. The cable TV interview premiered last month on Comcast.

Ruti Padan, Department of Foreign Languages, organized and facilitated the department’s Israeli Folk Dancing event in October. Meliss Jakubovic, a professional dancer and instructor, provided demonstrations of Israeli Folk Dancing as well as lessons to those attending. Many students and faculty attended the unique event.


Deborah Hutchinson, School of Art and Design, will be showing in a juried exhibition at the Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art entitled Academy/Academia from January 9 to March 26. Her work is entitled “More/Beyond.” The event showcases Georgia’s current Fine Art Professors and Emeriti. More details can be found at: mariettacobbartmuseum.org.

Yvonne Wichman, English Department, has been selected to present a paper on Gender and Women’s Studies in April at the Southeast Coastal Conference on Languages & Literatures (SECCLL) in Savannah, Georgia. The paper presentation focuses on Lilith who appears in the world’s oldest text, The Epic of Gilgamesh. She is the oldest goddess-demon figure from the Sumero-Babylonian era and the sole surviving demon from the ancient Judaic tradition.

Resources for Part-Time Faculty

Are you looking for a good resource specific to part-time faculty? Check out “Vitae” an online newsletter just for part-time faculty. You can sign up to receive regular newsletters with a variety of articles in them written by part-time faculty from all over the country. The link below will take you to a recap of some of their most popular articles from 2015. From there, you can sign up or just visit their website regularly for more current events and articles designed to support you in your career.


If you know of some great resources you have found and would like to share them, send an email to the editor and we’ll feature them in future newsletters!

PTFC Meetings for 2016

PTFC meeting dates for the remainder of the academic year:

January 27    February 24    March 23    April 27

All meetings are from 3:30-4:45 PM

SAVE THE DATE!

The second annual Part-Time Faculty Retreat Connect—Collaborate—Celebrate will be held on Saturday, March 26 from 8:30 AM to Noon at the KSU Center. Plan now to attend this energizing event and meet with your colleagues.

Come have breakfast with President Papp and hear from an array of excellent speakers. There will be food, information sharing, networking and door prizes. Don’t miss it!

For more information about your Part-Time Faculty Council and how you can get involved, visit the website at: ptfc.kennesaw.edu