

Part-Time Issues Committee--Minutes for May 10, 2010

Members Present: David Milroy, George Gastil, Kirin Farquar

Guests Present: Sasha Verastegui, Chris Hill

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome
2. Approval of the minutes of April 26—approved.
3. Academic Rank—We discussed the idea of establishing ranks for non-tenure track faculty so that we can earn some distinction for our service. David said that Cuyamaca was considering a proposal like this eight years ago. George agreed to do some research to find the proposal.
4. Distinguished Faculty Award(s)—We discussed coming to a general position on this matter. Committee members agree that it is a good idea to have a Distinguished Faculty Award specifically for non-tenure track faculty in addition to the existing award that is only for tenured faculty. We feel all awards should either be open to all faculty (such as the Excellence in Teaching Award) or have a separate award for non-tenure track faculty. We also feel that years of service for non-tenure track faculty should be recognized.
5. Part-Time Issues Advisory Committee to the State Chancellor's Office—David reported that the meeting was very productive. We need to ask our Senate and our union to support the Advisory Committee. David will draft a letter for George to send to Beth Smith and Jane Patton on behalf of the committee.
6. Other Items of Concern to PT Faculty—A question was raised about elections during Flex Week—is it only Part-Time Faculty who will be voting? We believe so; George will check on that. Also, George will pass on a recommendation that the elections take place near the end of the Division Meetings.
7. PT Faculty Professional Development—Chris Hill asked if we thought PT faculty should be able to do their professional development after the fifth week. People think that would be good. We discussed various ways this could be done.