

## Notes from ACADEMIC SENATE PART-TIME FACULTY COMMITTEE

Monday, January 23, 2012; 11-12:30, 34-150

Present: Michael Lambe, David Milroy, Melanie Quinn, Michael Orr, Narges Heidari, Barbara Blanchard. Guests: Sue Gonda-SOC Representative, Dan Greenheck-Part-Time Faculty Math, Denise Schulmeyer-Professional Development Coordinator.

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Michael asked those present to introduce themselves. Sue announced Patrice Braswell-Burris would be the SOC resource for the Spring semester and would attend the next meeting. Michael reported that due to a change in teaching schedules Chris Farquar & Alan Silva would no longer be able to attend the meetings. Discussion occurred regarding finding a representative for the English, Social and Behavioral Sciences division and finding department representatives as well. Sue and Rochelle would work with Oralee to send a call for representatives to the Chairs and Coordinators to forward to faculty.

### **II. Report on Part-Time Professional Development**

Mike asked for input on the Part-Time flexweek activity. Some items mentioned were;

- Speakers were good
- Would like to see more Senate information; an overview of what the Senate is and what work it does.
- Possible panel discussion; a panel of the Divisional Senators for a question and answer session.
- Attendance was good.
- Limit to fewer speakers in order to cover items more in depth.

Some discussion occurred regarding future flexweek activities and possible forums regarding the Academic Senate and Senate issues. It was suggested to possibly have an evening "Senate Highlights" meeting mid-semester in order to reach more faculty.

Mike noted he would like to incorporate the ideas and input into the planning process for the Fall flexweek. Some discussion occurred regarding having a separate orientation for new faculty; it was determined very few new faculty attended the Part-Time activity and that the format should remain the same for Fall flexweek.

### **III. Professional Development Coordinator- Denise Schulmeyer**

Denise introduced herself and gave a little information on her background and teaching at GC. Denise will be working on creating a full and robust professional development program for faculty, staff and administrators. The goal is to have a semester by semester calendar of activities available to contribute to professional development. Denise asked for input from the ASPTF committee on what they would like to see for Professional Development topics. Some ideas mentioned were;

- A STRS (State Teachers' Retirement System) presentation for Part-Time faculty; geared towards part-time needs.
- A forum or meeting with AFT regarding issues that affect part-time faculty; it was noted this would need to be outside of the Academic Senate and professional development. It was noted that AFT would be meeting on campus 2/16/12 and the committee may want to attend the meeting. It was also noted that the AFT Guild meets the Second Thursday of the month at 3:00pm at the Holiday Inn Bayside.

Denise reported the first meeting of the Campuswide Professional Development Committee would take place in February. She would get back to the committee with the date so they could choose a representative to attend. All agreed they would like Denise to attend ASPTFC meetings anytime she felt she had information to share with the committee.

#### **IV. Process for Fall Elections**

Much discussion occurred regarding elections for the Divisional Senators and Department Representatives. It was agreed election response is better when held during the Department meetings, rather than by electronic vote. Discussion occurred on the process for conducting elections for Department representatives. Some items mentioned were;

- How to conduct the elections; ballots would need to be available at the Department meetings.
- How to determine the number of representatives and what was considered a department; possibly use the Chairs and Coordinators list. **The Senate list may be a better guide- the CCC list has some participants that wouldn't apply to this situation i.e. Child Development Center Coordinator-the faculty is under Child Development; Nursing, Assistant Director-the faculty is under Nursing; SLO Coordinator-she participates in Chairs and Coordinators, but has no faculty, etc...The Senate has already established the definitions for representation in the Bylaws. See link below!**

The committee agreed they would like to have the Divisional Senator elections occur in the Spring in order to have the committee ready to work in the Fall. It was noted that the Senate Bylaws outline the election process and may need to be changed. **For reference here is the link to the Senate Constitution page;** [http://www.grossmont.edu/academic\\_senate/constitution.asp](http://www.grossmont.edu/academic_senate/constitution.asp). The committee also discussed having the election conducted via the mail room; deposit ballots in the Part-Time faculty mail boxes and utilize the ballot box.

#### **V. Resolution for Part-Time Faculty Participation on the ASCCC Executive Committee**

David presented the *State Senate Resolution to Establish Two Part-Time Representative Area Executive Committee Seats*. David noted the resolution was discussed at the Fall Plenary Session and Senates throughout California would

be discussing similar resolutions. The Part-Time Faculty Caucus hopes to have several resolutions from various colleges come forward to the Spring Plenary Session. The following suggestions were made;

- In the first section change “ALL FACULTY”, in lines one and two, to lower case letters.
- In the second section, second line, change “associate” faculty to “Part-Time” faculty.

All agreed they would like Mike to take the resolution to the next SOC meeting and bring it forward to the Senate. **This item appeared as an information item on the Senate’s last agenda but was unable to be presented due to time constraints.**

#### **VI. Update ASPTF Charge/Composition Document**

Mike reviewed the ASPTF Charge/Composition Document. The following suggestions were made;

- In the composition section, in the first bullet regarding the Divisional Senators have the “(6)” follow “Part-Time Divisional Senators”.
- Make “Part-Time Faculty Representative from each department” the second bullet.
- Add the number of Representatives to the above bullet. **If you follow the Senate list that would be 36.**

The committee agreed they would like to send this document forward to the Senate for approval. **This item appeared as an information item on the Senate’s last agenda but was unable to be presented due to time constraints.**

#### **Next Meeting:**

**Monday February 27, 2012 11:00-12:30pm 55-524**