

Notes from ACADEMIC SENATE PART-TIME FACULTY COMMITTEE

Monday, April 23, 2012; 11-12:30, College Conference Room

Present: Michael Lambe, David Milroy, Melanie Quinn, Michael Orr, Barbara Blanchard, Janet Castanos. Department Representatives: Becki Thompson-Biology, Dan Greenheck-Math, Maxine Goldberg-ESL.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Michael reviewed the day's agenda and noted the committee meeting would be short and end at 11:30.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2012 meeting.

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II. Professional Development-Update

- A. Denise was unable to attend the day's meeting, but confirmed via e-mail that Deborah Shanks is confirmed for Tuesday August 14, 2012 5:00pm-8:00pm. Her e-mail noted her office would make the travel arrangements and David would work on the food.

- B. FREE Summer Course-*Developing an Online Course*

Michael noted everyone should have received an e-mail from Denise Schultmeyer regarding the free course, *Developing an Online Course*, being offered online this summer. Michael encouraged the committee members to share the information with their colleagues as improving student success in online courses has been a Senate topic. Barb noted the course is an opportunity for those that have never taught online as well as for those looking to improve their skills. It was noted the course will span both the end of the 2012 academic year, June 30th, and the beginning of the new academic year, July 1. Since most of the course will occur in the new academic year, administration is working on an exception to contract language that states that professional development for Part-Time faculty must occur within the current contract period. The course will possibly return for Fall and Spring as well. If it is offered in the Fall it would meet the requirement for Part-Time faculty professional development. In closing Michael encouraged everyone to participate and to encourage others to participate as well, as it's an opportunity to improve their skills. It was noted for more information contact Denise Schultmeyer at Denise.Schultmeyer@gcccd.edu or 619-644-7769/619-644-7285.

III. Caucus Update-David Milroy

David reported that the Part-Time Faculty Caucus met at the Spring Plenary Session on Friday the 20th. He noted that there were 20 representatives at the meeting. Two items came out of the discussions;

- Write a resolution stating that all Senates have 10% of their Senate seats be PT seats with a minimum of 1 Part-Time Senator. David noted that many colleges do not have any part-time faculty members in the Senate and GC has made
- Write a resolution in support of Part-Time Senators being compensated for their service as Senators. Part-time faculty are only paid for the hours worked in the classroom; Full time faculty often have release time as Chairs or Coordinators and full time faculty are paid for a forty hour week, allowing them to schedule time to serve on committees or in the Senate.

The resolutions will be forwarded to the various Senates for support and brought forward to the next Plenary Session.

IV. Part-Time Office Hours Resolution-Michael Lambe

Michael read Sue Gonda's e-mail regarding re-writing a resolution regarding part-time faculty office hours. Sue noted a previous resolution in support of part-time faculty office hours had been passed by the Senate; a link to the minutes from 12-3-07 http://www.grossmont.edu/academic_senate/Senate_minutes/2007/min%2012-3-07.pdf. Sue recommended rather than write a new resolution, she formally send the resolution to AFT and ASGC each year to re-state the Senate's position on part-time office hours. Discussion followed; all agreed they would like the resolution to be sent with a new cover letter containing the signatures of the current committee members. It was recommended that the letter include data regarding student success and ability to contact instructors and tie the resolution to the GC Mission Statement regarding student success.

David made a motion to re-send the resolution to AFT, ASGC and the administration once a year to keep the issue as a priority and include a cover letter tying the resolution to the above mentioned items.

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Michael Lambe noted he has been at the campus the longest of any of the administrators or committee members present and he has seen much improvement in the inclusion of Part-Time faculty and especially seen support grow for them in the last 5 years. Michael Golden noted he had the same sense; support is there for part-time faculty and especially for part-time office hours. Barb noted Jim Mahler has repeatedly stated part-time office hours are a major concern for AFT. In closing Michael L. noted he felt there has been a shift in focus to include the part-time faculty perspective and he would like to see the positive attitude remain and move forward towards items that are best for the students.

Meeting adjourned 11:30pm

Next Meeting: The Part-Time Faculty Committee will join the Chairs and Coordinators on May 14, 2012 in room 55-524.