

Notes from ACADEMIC SENATE PART-TIME FACULTY COMMITTEE

Monday, September 24, 2012; 11-12:30, College Conference Room

Present: Michael Lambe, David Milroy, Melanie Quinn, Alan Silva, Dan Greenheck, Narges Heidari, Barbara Blanchard, Sheridan DeWolf. Department Representatives: Becki Thompson-Biology, Michael Orr-Math. Guests: Patrice Braswell-Burris-AS Rep, Agustin Albaran-Interim Dean English, Social & Behavioral Science, Sue Gonda-AS President.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Michael welcomed everyone and asked those present to introduce themselves.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2012 meeting.

M/S/U Milroy/Silva

II. Overview Academic Senate-Sue Gonda

Sue reviewed the Academic Senate Description; 10 + 1 Academic and Professional matters. Sue also reviewed the Senate Bylaws section regarding the "Goals and Purposes" of the Academic Senate. It was noted that these were the items that were the purview of the Academic Senate and also the areas that the Academic Senate Part-Time Faculty Committee should consider as topics of discussion and encourage greater Part-Time participation. Sue commented she had seen an increase in Part-Time Faculty responses to her calls for committee participation since the Part-Time Committee's "Get Connected" campaign. All agreed they would like to distribute the flyer again.

III. Open Letter to Part-Time Faculty-Michael Lambe

Michael read the draft of the letter. Discussion occurred; after input and corrections all agreed they would like the letter to be distributed to the Part-Time Faculty with the addition of contact information for the current Committee members as well as a chart showing the available Department Representative seats.

Barb Blanchard gave the ok to print the letter and distribute in Part-Time faculty mail boxes.

IV. Part-Time Faculty Caucus Update-David Milroy

David reviewed three resolutions that were presented by the Part-Time Caucus.

A. Part-Time Faculty Award

David gave a brief history regarding the proposed resolution; previously in 2010 a similar resolution had been presented and when referred to the State Senate Executive Committee, returned as a Scholarship program for Part-Time Faculty to attend the Plenary Session. This resolution is intended to honor the original intent and spirit of the first resolution to create an award for Part-Time Faculty.

Some discussion occurred; many felt it was a good idea to have a separate award for Part-Time faculty to showcase their contributions; Sue offered to

contact the EC members to find out the reasoning behind the change to the original resolution. All agreed to have Sue move forward and get more information prior to presenting the new resolution to the Senate.

B. Resolution regarding remuneration to Part-Time Faculty for Committee/Senate work.

It was noted that this particular resolution deals with contract and working conditions and is a separate issue not under the control of the Academic Senate. It was suggested that this resolution be tabled for a separate meeting of those interested and Union Representatives.

C. Resolution supporting inclusion of Part-Time Faculty as Senate Representatives. David reviewed the resolution, noting the intent was to encourage Senates to have more Part-Time Senators. All agreed this would be a good resolution and recommended it move forward to the Senate Officers Committee.

V. Task Force-Employment Committee Workgroup

Agustin reviewed the information from the workgroup; it was suggested to create a workshop for flexweek, a 1 ½ hour presentation on “How to get a Full Time Teaching Job?” Some of the ideas for the workshop were; have a panel discussion, invite hiring committee members i.e. a dean, administrator and chair or coordinator to give their perspective on the process; cover items such as-interview anxiety, references, cover letters, etc... It was suggested to tape the workshop for future podcasting and availability to those who are unable to attend. All agreed they would like to move forward with the workshop as a flexweek activity.

It was recommended that the committee also consider what they would like to fill the rest of the time with; the flexweek activity usually covers 2-3 hours. It was suggested to cover the retirement workshop again. It was noted that the workshop was such a success that the district was working with Deborah Shanks to have her do a district wide workshop. Barb would follow-up with the district.

VI. December meeting date-Michael Lambe

All agreed they would like to hold a December meeting on 12-10-12. It was noted that date would be the Chairs and Coordinators meeting, but it would be a conflict for only a few members. Rochelle will schedule the meeting room for December 10, 2012.

Closing Comments

Michael Orr noted an ongoing issue and violation of BP regarding skateboard use on campus. Many agreed that it has become a large problem and safety issue. It was recommended that the issue be presented to the Facilities Committee; Patrice, Sheridan and Agustin all serve on the committee and would bring the concerns forward.

Meeting adjourned 12:28pm **Next Meeting October 22, College Conference Room**