

## **Notes from ACADEMIC SENATE PART-TIME FACULTY COMMITTEE Monday, January 26, 2015, 11:10 – 12:15, 34-110**

**Present:** Olivia Carroll, Sue Gonda, Robert Lacher, Michael Lambe, David Milroy, Philip Orr, Terry Reilly, Brian Rickel, Sosha Thomas, Rebecca Thompson, Jessica Woods, Memorie Yasuda. **Guests:** Ian Duckle (AFT). **Recorder:** Tyler Dranguet.

### **FLEX WEEK HOURS FOR PART-TIME FACULTY – MICHAEL LAMBE**

Part-time faculty members can now begin accruing Professional Development “Flex” hours beginning July 1 for the fall semester. To do so, faculty members must submit the appropriate paperwork and have their dean’s approval in order for these hours to count. (More information on this process may be obtained from the Professional Development office or checking [the P.D. website](#).)

Also, any hours that a part-time faculty member accrues over their required number may now be carried over to the spring semester. Hours, however, may only be carried over during the course of one academic year (example: from fall to spring, but not from spring to fall.) There is a “dead period” where faculty members cannot accumulate Professional Development hours between the twelfth week of the spring semester and July 1.

Sue Gonda and Michael Lambe are currently exploring the possibility of part-time faculty members receiving Flex hour credit for their committee work. Some committee members were concerned that advocating for Flex hour credit would harm their continued effort to be paid for their participation in committee work. Since the College’s administration handles Professional Development “Flex” hours and the Union handles compensation, however, requesting Flex hour credit for committee work should not affect current efforts that part-time faculty members are making toward being paid. It was noted that having committee work count toward Flex hours could be an incentive for more individuals to join PTFC.

Motion to pursue Professional Development “Flex” Hours for Committee work.  
Lambe/Woods 6/1/3. Motion Passed.

### **MISSING SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES – MICHAEL LAMBE**

As part of an effort to get more faculty members involved with PTFC, many division senators reached out to department chairs asking for representatives. Many department chairs, however, forgot to bring the topic up during division and department meetings. Michael Lambe will be speaking to the Council of Chairs and Coordinators this semester to request department representatives and introduce the committee’s new election process. A message sent from Michael Lambe and Sue Gonda requesting department representatives was also suggested.

### **CONNECTING TO THE INTERNET – MICHAEL LAMBE**

As a part of the new contract, every faculty member needs to have and use their GCCCD email. Individuals who experience issues should contact the District Help Desk and can always utilize the web-version of Outlook until their problems are resolved. Sue Gonda will bring up these Outlook-related issues with Brian Nath as soon as possible.

### **POSSIBILITY OF ALTERNATE MEETING DATES FOR MARCH & MAY – MICHAEL LAMBE**

Although Tyler Dranguet would not be available to record minutes for the committee, Michael Lambe proposed that PTFC meet on the second Mondays of March and May so that it would not lose two months’ worth of meetings for the semester. Jessica Woods volunteered to take notes during these two meeting times.

**SPRING 2015 FLEX WEEK EVENT – MICHAEL LAMBE**

The workshop was a success! Approximately forty attendees joined Jonathan Lightman from FACCC who spoke about education efforts being made at the Capitol. He iterated that FACCC is looking out for all faculty members and then discussed what is happening at the state-level in regard to Student Success efforts. Beth Smith then introduced attendees to the College's Pathways initiative to promote student success. College employees will soon be asked to vote on which Pathways model they prefer: by theme or by major. Development of additional, stackable certificates for students as they complete coursework is also in progress.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

February 20<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to submit Academic Rank applications to the Academic Senate mailbox

Meeting Adjourned 12:15.

Next Meeting: February 23, 2015, 11:00-12:20pm, Room 34-110.