

Notes from ACADEMIC SENATE PART-TIME FACULTY COMMITTEE Monday, February 23, 2015, 11:10 – 12:15, 34-110

Present: Doug Hartung, Robert Lacher, Michael Lambe, David Milroy, Philip Orr, Terry Reilly, Sosha Thomas, Rebecca Thompson, Jessica Woods, Memorie Yasuda. **Recorder:** Tyler Dranguet.

ASCCC PART-TIME CAUCUS – DAVID MILROY

Twice a year the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) hosts a plenary session for its members. The Plenary for Spring 2015 will be held in San Francisco on April 9-11. During the Plenary session, the Part-Time Caucus meets to discuss current issues and write resolutions to be presented to the executive board.

Elections for the Part-Time Caucus will also be taking place at the Spring 2015 Plenary where vacancies will be filled for the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Area A representative, and Area B representative positions. Anyone interested in more information on this upcoming election or the Part-Time Caucus should contact David Milroy at david.milroy@gcccd.edu.

FINALIZE FALL FLEX WEEK EVENT – MICHAEL LAMBE

Because the last part-time event focusing on retirement was such a success, it was determined that the Fall 2015 Flex Week event focus on STRS and retirement for adjunct faculty members. David Milroy suggested inviting Deborah Dahl Shanks, an expert on retirement for educators to come speak at the event. Other committee members expressed interest in having a speaker from Social Security come to the event because Social Security benefits for both educators and their spouses can be impacted from paying into plans such as STRS, PEAR, APPLE, etc. Since many part-time faculty members are unaware of which plan(s) they are currently on, it was suggested that a reminder be sent to attendees before the event asking them to come knowing which plan(s) they are currently enrolled in by checking their paystubs, online, or through their annual statements sent from National Benefits Services.

The event will be similar to the one held in January with a thirty minute mixer followed by a two-hour presentation and Q&A from Deborah Dahl Shanks. The event will take place from 5:00-7:30pm on Tuesday, August 11th. Once the event is finalized, an email will go out to all part-time faculty members asking them to mark their calendars followed by reminders in August.

REVIEW RANK APPLICATION – MICHAEL LAMBE

The form for Adjunct Academic Rank was sent back to the Part-Time Faculty and Rank Committees after Academic Senate met on February 2nd. The following items were noted by PTFC as areas that needed to be addressed or revised:

- General clarification as which criteria must be performed at Grossmont College as opposed to a different institution.
- Article III.A.6—PTFC members wanted to know if this item was isolated to work performed at Grossmont College or if it applied to work performed at other institutions.
- Article III.B.5—PTFC members wanted to know why eight consecutive semesters were required when many adjunct instructors are inhibited from meeting this requirement. Individuals also saw eight semesters to be disproportionate compared to other criteria and asked that the requirement be cut from eight semesters to four. [NOTE: The addition of the word ‘consecutive’ to this Criterion was accidental. Eight total semesters are required, whether they are consecutive or nonconsecutive does not matter.]

PART-TIME OFFICER AT LARGE POSITION – MICHAEL LAMBE

Michael Lambe will be stepping down from his position as Part-Time Officer at Large at the end of the Spring semester. Individuals who are interested in running for this position should look for an

upcoming announcement and put their names forward for candidacy. Candidates are asked to submit short statements about why they feel their skills make them the most qualified for the position.

The Part-Time Senator at Large (PTSAL) is responsible for chairing the Part-Time Faculty Committee on the 4th Monday of each month, attending the Senate Officers Committee on a weekly basis, and attending the Administrators and Senate Officers Committee on the 4th Friday of each month. The PTSAL has the opportunity to be involved in many campus-wide discussions and has plentiful opportunities to experience how the campus operates at the macroscopic level. This position provides an excellent platform for networking.

While Michael is sad to be stepping down from the position, he is very glad to have served the College in this capacity for the last four years and looks forward to continuing working with the part-time faculty as a department representative next semester. The PTSAL position is a two-year commitment (without pay) beginning on June 30th.

PRESENTATION OF PTFC GUIDELINES FOR ELECTIONS TO CCC – MICHAEL LAMBE

Presentation of the Guidelines for Elections created in Fall 2014 to the Council of Chairs and Coordinators has been postponed until later in the semester due to current campus events occurring outside the control of CCC and PTFC. The Guidelines will likely be presented toward the end of this semester.

PREFERENCE – MICHAEL LAMBE

Multiple committee members expressed concern about how they should request preference in accordance with the new contract. There is currently no formal process in place to express preference. A joint committee involving the Union and Human Resources is currently formalizing this process. When the process is released, faculty members will be notified. Until then, part-time faculty members who would like to opt-in for preference should email their department chairs and division deans.

Meeting Adjourned 12:20.

Next Meeting: **March 9, 2015 (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)**, 11:00-12:20pm, Room 34-110.