

Notes from ACADEMIC SENATE PART-TIME FACULTY COMMITTEE Monday, May 11, 2015, 11:05 – 12:10, 34-110

Present: MariaDenise Aceves, Robert Lacher, Michael Lambe, David Milroy, Terry Reilly, Brian Rickel, Rebecca Thompson, Jessica Woods, Memorie Yasuda. **Guests:** Ian Duckles, George Gastil.

PART-TIME PAY FOR COMMITTEE WORK – MICHAEL LAMBE

Part-time pay for committees is still a work in progress. There is currently a discussion to determine the definition of “shared governance” and Grossmont’s policies need to be the same as Cuyamaca’s. This discussion will be carried over to the Fall semester where the discussion will continue.

A suggestion was made to draft a joint resolution with Cuyamaca on this topic to try and gain momentum for Fall. David Milroy will be working on this resolution over Summer for presentation at the committee’s first meeting in fall, but any pay rate discussions would have to be handled through the Union.

TRANSITION OF LEADERSHIP – MICHAEL LAMBE

David Milroy was elected to be the new Part-Time Senate Officer at Large and PTFC Chair in the recent Senate Officers election. His term will run from Fall 2015 until the end of Spring 2016.

FALL FLEX WEEK EVENT – DAVID MILROY

The Fall Flex Week event will be held on Tuesday, August 11th from 5:00 to 7:30pm. Deborah Dahl-Shanks will be presenting on retirement for part-time faculty members followed by a question-and-answer session.

2015-2016 PART-TIME OFFICER ELECTIONS – DAVID MILROY

Part-time officers and representatives are chosen in the Fall semester. Division and departments representatives should begin speaking with their Chairs to ensure that the selection of part-time representatives is on department and division meeting agendas during Flex Week. The Election Guidelines should be followed during these elections and should be disseminated again to Chairs shortly before Flex Week.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT– GEORGE GASTIL

Concerns about professional development for part-time faculty were raised. Individuals would like to see more professional development that is “more focused and meaningful” for part-time faculty members and they would like to see adjunct faculty receive more opportunities for paid professional development. It was also suggested that part-time faculty members be better represented on Hiring Committees.

ID CARDS FOR FACULTY – DAVID MILROY

Beginning Fall 2015, all faculty members must have an ID card. Many adjunct faculty members do not know that is required of them as new hires or how to access campus services like email, printing, or Human Resources. It was suggested that PTFC work with HR to come up with an introductory email or flyer for new adjunct hires to help them better understand GCCCD expectations and services available. New hire orientations could also fill this need.

TECHNOLOGY ON CAMPUS – DAVID MILROY

The campus will be converting to Microsoft Office 2013 in the Fall semester. Faculty members should expect an email during Summer or early Fall regarding this upgrade’s availability. Computer labs will be receiving these upgrades first followed by a release to all staff and faculty.

TEXTBOOK CONCERNS – DAVID MILROY

A part-time faculty member recently expressed concern regarding a textbook that she was given to teach a class. Her students complained that the class was too hard and accused her of being a poor teacher. She believes this occurred because the textbook she was assigned was too high a level for the course she was teaching. As a result, this faculty member would like to know what level of freedom she has to choose and assign her own textbook as an adjunct faculty member. Further discussion and research needs to be done on this topic to provide a clear answer for part-time faculty members including: whether or not Chair-assigned textbooks are mandatory; and whether part-time faculty members have the ability to choose their own texts under the jurisdiction of academic freedom.

Meeting Adjourned 12:10.

Next Meeting: August 24, 2015, 11:00-12:20pm, Location TBD