

## Notes from ACADEMIC SENATE PART-TIME FACULTY COMMITTEE

Monday, February 27, 2012; 11-12:30, 55-524

Present: Michael Lambe, David Milroy, Melanie Quinn, Michael Orr, Narges Heidari, Barbara Blanchard, Janet Castanos. Guests: Patrice Braswell-Burris-SOC Representative, Dan Greenheck-Part-Time Faculty Math Department.

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Michael introduced Patrice Braswell-Burris as the SOC advisor to the committee. Patrice introduced herself; let the committee know she was a current Senate Officer-at-Large and a member of the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) department.

Michael then asked the members to look over the minutes of the January meeting; all agreed, no corrections or additions needed. David requested an addition to the agenda; discussion of Summit (campus newspaper) distribution.

### **II. Professional Development-Retirement Workshop with Deborah Shanks**

Michael reported that Denise would like input from the committee as to when they think a retirement workshop with Deborah Shanks would be best for Part-Time faculty to attend. All agreed that flexweek is the best time to reach Part-Time faculty. The committee recommended the following;

- Fall Flexweek, after department meetings
- Tuesday, August 14, 2012 5:00-8:30pm
- Combine with the ASPTFC activity
- David suggested the California Part-Time Faculty Association would provide food; David will contact CPFA.
- Request Griffin Gate or room 220 for the activity.

### **III. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee-update regarding student access**

Janet reported that at the last DEI Committee meeting the ASGC President reported on student concern regarding access to Part-Time instructors. Students have no way of knowing if a course is taught by a full time or part-time instructor and having limited access to part-time instructors is unfair to the students. Janet noted that the ASGC is willing to speak on the issue to both the ASPTFC as well as the Senate. Much discussion occurred regarding the circumstances of part-time faculty; office hours are not contractual for part-time faculty, the challenge of teaching at many colleges, time spent commuting to various campuses. All agreed lack of office hours (voluntary or paid) impacts students. All agreed that they would like to revisit a Senate resolution addressing office hours for Part-time faculty; all agreed that compensation may be unavailable at this time due to budget constraints, but that the issue needs to be at the

front when the budget outlook is better. Michael asked Janet to invite the ASGC to the next ASPTFC meeting.

#### **IV. State Resolution for Part-Time Faculty Seats on the Board of Governors**

David presented the Resolution to request that the State Chancellor's office and the State Board of Governors change their nomination policy so that Part Time Faculty are eligible to be nominated for and to serve on the State Board of Governors (BOG). David explained that the current guidelines only allow for Tenure faculty to be nominated. All agreed to have Michael take the Resolution to the SOC.

#### **V. Process for Elections**

Michael opened the discussion on how to proceed with elections. It was suggested that once the fall assignments have been given, approximately April or May, that a call for nominations go out for Divisional Senators and Department Representatives. It was then agreed that a paper ballot/ballot box election would take place during fall flexweek. A ballot will be prepared for each Division (7) and include the election for Department Representatives. All agreed the stuffing of the envelopes may require help from the committee members.

#### **VI. Summit Distribution-Discussion**

David noted that the Summit newspaper had been placed in the full time faculty boxes but not the part-time faculty boxes and he wondered why. It was suggested that perhaps a distribution box in the mail room might be a better way to distribute the paper; those who would like the paper can pick one up and then not so many would end up in the recycle bin. Michael would make a note to SOC and perhaps a suggestion could be made to Steve Baker, Dean of the division that produces the paper.

#### **VII. Discussion of Reduced Section**

Michael reported on the information from the Budget and Resources Council; it is the worst budget situation yet. Michael noted that much of the State funding for the Community Colleges is reliant on three tax packages which are not expected to pass. The GCCCD is expecting to have further course reductions. Much discussion occurred regarding the impact this will have on Part-Time faculty. Discussion occurred regarding AFT's support of Part-Time faculty; Michael will bring the committees concerns forward to SOC. Some discussion occurred regarding expressing concern to the Board of Trustees; all agreed the Board has supported Part-Time Faculty issues and perhaps a conversation with Sunny Cooke would be helpful as well. Barb explained that the Board has given the District a directive to not go over cap and in order to do this section cuts will occur. Barb explained that the number of sections will be determined by the District Business Offices and the Enrollment Strategies Committee will be discussing how to implement the cuts. Barb noted the Enrollment Strategies Committee meeting will be

Friday, March 2 at 1:00 and recommended that Michael attend. More discussion occurred regarding cap, classroom totals and large class bonuses.

**Next Meeting:**

**Monday March 26, 2012 11:00-12:30pm College Conference Room 10-106**