



Truckee Meadows Community College

Faculty Senate Part-Time Issues Committee

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# PART-TIME FACULTY ISSUES INFORMER

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## Welcome

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The Part-time Faculty Issues Committee will be distributing a quarterly e-newsletter with updates from our committee and other pertinent information.

## About the Part-Time Faculty Issues Committee

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Part-time and full-time faculty is welcome to attend part-time issues meetings. The committee meets two or three times a semester to consider its business which includes

- Recommending policies on part-time faculty issues including, but not limited to, compensation, benefits, support services, training and integration with the existing full-time academic family.
- Working with the senate committee on salary, benefits and monetary concerns, in any issues regarding compensation that affect the part-time faculty.
- Recommending criteria and policies for hiring and retention of part-time faculty.
- Assisting the Academic Support Center in communicating with, and providing support for the part-time faculty.

The next committee meeting is this Friday, Sept. 18, from 10-11:30 a.m. in RDMT 333. Please join us if you can!

## Committee News

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So, what has our committee been up to? Last year the committee looked into part-time representation on the Faculty Senate, and we also explored giving part-time faculty recognition for length of service.

A committee member brought up the opportunity for part-time recognition through the NISOD Excellence in Teaching Awards, and a TMCC part-time faculty member received a NISOD award last spring. The committee is also discussing ways to improve the part-time faculty orientation.

In past surveys, part-timers have mentioned that they would appreciate more communication with their departments and fellow faculty. We decided to develop this newsletter and set up a LISTSERV group to increase communication with, and among, part-time faculty. We hope to hear from more part-time faculty as a result. Even if you cannot make the meetings, your input is important!

If you would like to join, PTISSUES-L is the name of the LISTSERV group.

To subscribe, send an email to: [LISTSERV@listserv.tmcc.edu](mailto:LISTSERV@listserv.tmcc.edu) with no subject and in the body of the message include one command line:

subscribe PTISSUES-L Firstname Lastname

where Firstname and Lastname is your real name. You do not need to include your e-mail address - LISTSERV will automatically use the address you send the e-mail from. Make sure there is no other text in the body of the message (i.e. no e-mail signatures).

For more information on LISTSERV go online. <http://www.tmcc.edu/listserv/faq/subscriber/#faq1>

Did you know? In a 2007 survey, 50% of TMCC's part-time faculty responded that they teach primarily for personal enrichment.

## Notes from the Part-Time Faculty Support Center

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The part-time faculty office is here to support you! We offer many services whether you are a new employee or have been here a long time. We have six computers that you may use at your convenience during office hours. Our office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday through Friday. We are also open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is a conference room that you can reserve to talk to students in a private setting. We have a large copier, scantron test machine and a lounge. Please go to our Web site at <http://www.tmcc.edu/asc/ptf/> to find out the many services that we have to offer you. Barbie Wright and Chantal Rendon would be happy to assist you with any questions. We are located at the Dandini Campus, RDMT 315, and look forward to seeing you.

## Reading Nook

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Do you have a little spare time between making photocopies, preparing lesson plans and grading papers? The Chronicle of Higher Education's Web site offers news, advice and forums for college and university faculty members and administrators. Articles include topics ranging from expanding enrollment in community colleges, teaching tips for new teachers and surveys on faculty salaries. While many articles are for subscribers only, there is still a lot for the non-subscriber to access. Go online to take a look.

<http://chronicle.com/section/Home/5/>

Any questions or comments? Contact me at: [mlingenfelter@tmcc.edu](mailto:mlingenfelter@tmcc.edu)

Thanks,

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