

# The Part-time Faculty Issues Informer

A Quarterly Newsletter from the Part-time Issues Committee

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## Greetings,

It is hard to believe that the fall semester is nearing an end, but only a few weeks of instruction remain. Thanksgiving always seems to mark the beginning of that final rush to grade papers, assess projects and maintain composure! I hope this has been a great semester for everyone.

## Committee News

At our last meeting, we discussed upcoming changes to part-time orientation. The Part-time Faculty Support Center will be extending the orientation to include more training and professional development. While the date is still tentative, it will most likely be a week earlier in the semester rather than that busy week right before classes begin.

The committee is also working on more ways to give part-time faculty recognition for the hard work they put into teaching their classes. Along with exploring options for recognizing part-timers, we have asked faculty senators to remind department chairs to nominate part-time faculty for the awards given by the Part-time Faculty Support Center every spring.

The committee also discussed issues regarding Letters of Benefits. Many departments are reducing the number of LOBs they write by reminding part-time faculty of the NSHE rule that limits part-time faculty to teaching no more than nine units throughout the NSHE system. Departments bear the expense of paying for benefits, and they cannot require employees to waive benefits, so avoiding LOBs may be one way to cut department expenses.

The next committee meeting is Friday, Nov. 20, from 10-11:30 a.m. in RDMT 333. Please join us if you can!

## LISTSERV for Part-time Faculty Discussion

If you would like to join, PTISSUES-L is the name of the LISERV group. To subscribe, send an e-mail to:LISTSERV@listserv.tmcc.edu with no subject, and in the body of the message include one command line:

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subscribe PTISSUES-L Firstname Lastname
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where Firstname and Lastname is, of course, your real name. You do not need to include your e-mail address - LISERV 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).

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

If you have any difficulty signing up, please e-mail me at [mlingenfelter@tmcc.edu](mailto:mlingenfelter@tmcc.edu), not through LISTSERV.

### **Learning Opportunities**

January may seem like a long time away, but as a reminder, part-time faculty are invited and welcome to attend workshops during Professional Development Days. Take advantage of this great opportunity to expand your knowledge. Information on professional development opportunities can be found online <http://www.tmcc.edu/prodev/>.

Also upcoming is the Northern Nevada Assessment Conference that is scheduled for Jan. 29, 2010. While information on the conference is not posted yet, it will be available online at <http://www.unr.edu/assess/index.html> as the conference date approaches. Part-time faculty are welcome to attend.

Grants-in-aid are another great learning opportunity. The Part-time Faculty Support Center handles requests for grants-in-aid, and it only takes a couple of minutes to fill out the paperwork. Spouses and dependents are also eligible. Information can be found at their Web site at <http://www.tmcc.edu/asc/ptf/>.

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

Regards,

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