



Truckee Meadows Community College

Faculty Senate Part-Time Faculty Committee

MINUTES OCT. 5, 2018

Meeting called to order at: 10:05 a.m.

In attendance: Lenaya Anderson, Elena Atanasiu, Cheryl Camardo, Gwen Clancy, Ed Corbett, Nick Dimeo, Kurt Ehlers, Nancy Faires, Holly Gallup, Marynia Giren-Navarro (Chair), Cassandra Hawthorne, John Kemp, Jonathan Lam, Rob Lively, John Reid, Patti Sanford, Brandy Scarnati, Julie Stage-Rosenburg, Rossita Teodora

Absent: Israel Bgronini, Cathy Brewster, Patricia Cullinan, Hugh Frasier, Heather Haddox, Perry Mitchell, Bill Newhall, Jon Reddick-Lau, Neil Siegel, Amanda Williams

Guests: Edwin Lyngar, Pat Miller, Andre Walton

Approval of August 31, 2018 Minutes

One correction noted by Ed Corbett that the minutes be modified to note that the discussion involved salary boost for longevity for p/t instructors. The correction and minutes were approved.

Issues to Discuss

PTF Senators: Andre Walton and Edwin Lyngar introduced themselves to the committee and noted their goals for their terms. Andre Walton's main goal is to foster collegiality between part-time instructors. Edwin Lyngar mentioned problem of isolation of part-time instructors.

Discussion: Two candidates competed for two senator spots. Ed Corbett asked about number of votes cast. The answer is unknown. Chair Marynia Giren-Navarro commented on the problem of finding solutions to the isolation of part-time instructors. Previous efforts have not resolved the issues satisfactorily.

Part-Time Faculty of the Month, October: Marynia said the online application is working well so far. Two issues have emerged: if a poorly skilled part-time instructor gets nominated for an award. Marynia suggested that nominations be discussed with the part-time faculty member's supervisor. Discussion ensued about fairness of this. It was also questioned how part-time faculty member award winners are chosen? Marynia said that thus far the low number of nominees has not required any decisions. Nominees win the award. The committee consensus is that award nominees should be cleared by the faculty member's supervisor before the award is given.

Prof. Development Update: Donna Kamen announced that Professional Development is available to part-time instructors. Also, part-time faculty is encouraged to suggest workshops. They can email Professional Development Office

Long-term PTF Recognition: There is ongoing discussion with Jim New, Veronica Fox, and President Hilgersom.

More discussion occurred on placing part-time photos on TMCC web site, the process to bring it to Faculty Senate, and the challenges of putting part-time photos/identification on the web.

Motion: A motion to have a part-time senator motion at Faculty Senate today to have the senate recommend that departments place part-time faculty photos on their faculty web site.

Planning Council – Gwen Clancy: A slot is open for a second person to attend. A \$50 stipend is available for attendance.

Gwen suggested perhaps the second person could be revolving due to the difficulty of finding people available on Mondays from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Marynia suggested sending another email to find part-time faculty members to attend future Planning Council meetings.

Paying Part-Time faculty early if 1st falls on weekend or holiday: Marynia emailed Ronnie Fox and has not heard back.

Streaming our meetings – Brandy Scarnati: Brandy informed committee that part-time faculty can get business cards if they wish. Brandy also informed the committee that Big Blue Button could be used to stream our meetings. Discussion ensued and it was noted streaming can be cumbersome. The committee motioned to allow remote participation to the Part-Time Faculty Committee meetings using Big Blue Button. The motion passed with two abstentions.

Facebook Page: Marynia proposed a part-time faculty Facebook site and volunteered to be the administrator. She also noted the committee would have to be affiliated with TMCC and follow guidelines.

Discussion ensued and a closed group was suggested. Also discussed was a page versus a group page. Marynia will talk to Cal Anderson about possible options.

Adjourn: 12:00 p.m.