



MEETING MINUTES MAR. 11, 2022

10-11:30 a.m. via Zoom

Meeting called to order: 10 a.m.

In attendance: Gwen Clancy, Ed Corbett, Patricia Cullinan, Nick DiMeo, Maddie Dolan, Tommie Guy, Kurt Ehlers, Nancy Faires, Heather Haddox, Karla Henriksen, Emily King, Kerry Kuster, Jonathan Lam, Heather Lupkey, Edwin Lyngar, Pat Miller (Chair), Misty Kinser, Gwen Raubolt, Jeff Whitesides, Amanda Williams

Guests: Brandy Scarnati

Absent: Lenaya Andersen, Susan Bluhm, Nancy Dibble, Donna Kamen, Rob Lively, Elisabeth Morgan

Introduce Amanda Williams

Amanda Williams is the new Part-Time Senator to finish out the Spring Semester. Amanda has worked as a part-time instructor in the Anthropology Department for 5 ½ years and she is a long-time member of this committee.

Professional Development – Tommie Guy

Tommie is the new Professional Development Director. She will start trainings for part-time faculty and will review the Canvas training for part-time faculty that was created by Cathy Brewster as future offering. Other ideas mentioned were calendar invites when instructors sign up, a mentorship program, and compensation for the part-time faculty who attend sessions. Brandy Scarnati mentioned they will be offering Quality Matters trainings too.

Approval of February 11, 2022 Minutes

Edwin Lyngar moved and Maddie Dolan seconded to approve the February 11, 2022 Part-Time Faculty Committee Minutes. The committee approved the minutes as amended.

The following people were added to the attendance as present: Patricia Cullinan, Nick Di Meo, Kerry Kuster, Jonathan Lam, Heather Lupkey, and Amanda Williams.

Issues to Discuss

Part-Time Senator Election for AY 22-23 – 1st week of April Nominations will open with an election to follow:

The election is coming.

Koffee Klatches: Edwin provided the history of the Koffee Klatches. During the pandemic they were started to have connection and conversation. Pat mentioned two other departments are having meetings similar to the Koffee Klatches. Edwin mentioned he had Klatches with many attendees and some with just a couple. Suggestions were to take the Klatches either on campus or off campus and have someone volunteer to host each meeting.

Nancy Faires moved and Edwin Lyngar seconded to stop holding the Koffee Klatches to reorganize or consider alternative events in the next part-time meeting.

Pat requested everyone to come to the next meeting with either at least one suggestion for resurrecting the Klatches or why the committee should not hold them any longer.

Faculty Senate: Pat will report on the leadership change of Amanda, who is the new Part-Time Faculty Senator for the remainder of the semester.

Planning Council – Gwen Clancy: The next meeting is March 21, 2022. Gwen will find out how to have a regular report at Planning Council. Gwen also discussed transportation issues for students between the TMCC campuses, the Public Safety Building, UNR, and working to get someone on an RTC Advisory Board.

Survey Update – Heather Haddox and Edwin Lyngar: Heather and Edwin presented the survey results to the Cabinet and received a lot of questions and enthusiasm for solving issues part-time faculty experience. Edwin noted the Cabinet was most interested in issues affecting student centering. He also spoke about the hardships associated with lack of benefits for Part-Time Faculty. Heather and Edwin are presenting to the Planning Council next. There were some naysayers during the presentation. Those concerns were addressed with solutions of hiring within TMCC, making the rehiring process simpler, and being innovative to combat the national problems and issues in Higher Ed.

Pat mentioned writing an article in one of the AECT Journal showcasing the data collected from this survey and discussing the why's. Please contact Pat if you are interested.

COVID Issues: The committee did not mention any issues to discuss.

April 8, 2022 meeting: Originally a meeting for the committee was not scheduled in April. Pat asked for an April 8 meeting to be scheduled and asked the committee to provide agenda items or issues to discuss.

Meeting adjourned: 11:36 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 8, 2022 at 10-11:30 a.m.