

Faculty Senate  
Report of the Part-time Faculty Committee  
October 2018

The Part Time Faculty Committee met on Monday, October 15 in room E117A in Ekstrom Library.

The committee received word that committee member, Bob Myers, has a schedule conflict this semester and cannot attend our meetings. We are checking with Bob to see if his conflict will continue or not in the spring semester. If yes, we will seek to add a full-time faculty senator to our committee.

The committee agreed to send out a call for nominations via the part time faculty listserv. This is to replace Michael Wade whose employment status is now full-time term. This is in process and we hope to receive nominations by Thanksgiving.

Roy circulated a draft outline of the proposed "Guidelines for Deans, Chairs and other Administrators who work with Part-Time Faculty. Discussion regarding the issues raised in this document consumed the majority of our time.

There is a consensus that one of the primary issues around which we hope to focus our, and institutional, attention is job security. It was agreed to pursue gathering institutional data regarding the number of part-time instructors at UofL and how many 100, 200 courses they teach; how many sections they teach in the Cardinal Core; and what percentage of Cardinal Core courses are taught by part time faculty.

There was additional discussion around what job security would look like for part time faculty. One area of interest is to investigate the possibility of longer- term contracts for regular part time faculty. Currently the majority of part time faculty receive semester long contracts while some receive year long contracts. The length of these contracts is a department level decision and we want to explore the possibility of encouraging departments to offer year long contracts to regular part time faculty. While teaching loads can still be adjusted based on enrollment, year-long contracts assist part-time faculty in developing their teaching load and schedule.

Following the discussion, Roy committed to revising the guidelines document and will solicit feedback from our liaison Tracy Eells.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Fuller

Chair