

Faculty Senate

Report of the Part-time Faculty Committee -January 8, 2024

The January meeting of the Part Time Faculty Committee was held on Monday, January 8, 2024. The meeting was held on Microsoft Teams beginning at 3:30 PM.

The committee reviewed and discussed potential updates to the PTL contract document. We believe that providing additional information such as a boxes to indicate if the PTL is teaching in more than one department and if they receive university benefits such as medical insurance might mitigate issues some PTLs have had with pay and benefits. The Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs will do additional checking and bring suggested changes back to the committee for review.

The results of the fall 2023 survey of part time faculty were reviewed to identify possible issues for follow up by the committee. The next step regarding the survey is for the committee chair to meet with the RRR committee of COSW (set for Friday, January 12). COSW co-sponsored this survey and has interest in issues relating to part time faculty. One issue which was identified is that while some part time faculty are interested in full-time employment at the University, many also indicated that they are not made aware of full-time openings in their departments.

The other issue which the committee is focused on is the creation of a program for recognition for part time faculty, as is the case with staff and full-time faculty. Jordan Aikin has done some preliminary work on this issue and a subcommittee was created to develop a proposal which will move this issue forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Fuller, Chair