

## **Faculty Senate**

### **Report of the Part-time Faculty Committee -March & April 2024**

Meetings were held on Mondays, March 4 and April 1, 2024. The meetings were held with Microsoft Teams beginning at 3:30 PM.

The committee received updates regarding follow-up to our survey of PTLs which was conducted in the fall of 2023. The committee partnered with COSW and Institutional Research to conduct focus groups involving those PTLs who had indicated a willingness to participate in such groups as part of their response to our survey. Questions were developed for use in the focus groups and the groups were facilitated by Institutional Research. 2 focus groups were conducted in March 2024. Results will be discussed in a joint meeting with COSW on April 4.

Updates were also received regarding two ongoing projects of the committee beginning with revisions to the PTL contract template widely used across the university. Jordan Aikin, who is the Coordinator of Part-time Lecturers in the Office of the Provost has led this effort reaching out to many units to solicit feedback and making changes to the contract which we believe will benefit PTLs who have experienced issues with pay and benefits. The hope is that these revisions will be finalized soon and the updated form will be posted on the Provost website and units informed that the newly revised form is available for use.

Jordan Aikin also reported raising the issue of cancelled courses and how these impact part-time faculty. The committee has identified cancelled courses as an issue which adversely affects part-time faculty who have worked to prepare a course only to have that course cancelled close to the start of the semester. Since some work has been done on such courses, the question is whether there should be some type of compensation in recognition of work already completed.

The committee also congratulated Joe Gutmann, who received the Distinguished Faculty Award in Teaching – Part Time Faculty, in A&S. Joe has taught at UofL since 1984 and currently teaches in the Department of Criminal Justice. He has also taught in the Department of Political Science and the College of Business.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Fuller, Chair