Faculty Senate

Report of the Part-time Faculty Committee -May 2024

Meeting was held on Monday, May 6, at 3:30 PM on Microsoft Teams.

As two of our six part time faculty senators are ending their term, the committee put out a call for nominations and ultimate received 6 in addition to the 2 senators whose terms are ending for a total of 8 persons who ran in our election to fill 2 seats.

UPDATE: Following our May meeting we received the results of our election and learned that Joe Gutmann and Tina Johnson were re-elected for another term. Congratulations to Joe and Tina! The committee wishes to thank the Office of Institutional Research and particularly Emily Spoden who facilitated our election process and tabulated the results.

We learned from Jordan Aikin, the Coordinator of Part-time Lecturers in the Office of the Vice-Provost that the revisions to the PTL contract have been progressing and should be ready to be deployed. Jordan plans to meet with Associate Deans (and others) regarding the introduction of the revised contract in June.

As a follow-up to our survey of part time faculty conducted in the fall of 2023, COSW and the Part Time Faculty Committee conducted a couple of focus groups of those who were willing to give additional feedback. These were conducted in March 2024 and COSW and the chair of the Part Time Committee have had a meeting where we discussed this additional feedback.

Another one of our ongoing projects is the development of a formal recognition program for PTL that would be similar to what is offered for university staff and full-time faculty. Jordan Aikin has been participating in meetings with the Employees Success Center and other stakeholders. We are currently awaiting decisions regarding how all these recognition will take place (all combined or separately).

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Fuller, Chair