

Faculty Senate

Report of the Part-time Faculty Committee - March 2025

The March meeting was held on Monday, March 3 at 3:30 PM on Microsoft Teams.

Committee member Tina Johnson (Part Time Faculty Senator) has resigned her position due to other commitments. The committee appreciates Tina's service on our committee and in the Faculty Senate for the past 6+ years.

The committee discussed upcoming elections as we now have Tina's spot to also fill in addition to others whose terms end in May 2025. The chair will initiate the process of developing a list of current part time faculty and inviting nominations to serve as one of the six part time faculty senators.

Jordan Aiken has heard that the recent hiring freeze at the University will not adversely impact PTLs who are typically hired on semester long contracts. We hope to confirm this with the administration.

Most of our discussion centered around what we believe to be needed changes to the Red Book regarding part-time faculty. Currently, the Red Book refers to part time faculty in several places. An ongoing challenge is to clarify exactly which group of part time faculty is being referred to. PTLs (Part Time Lecturers) constitute the bulk of part time faculty in many schools and units yet there are other faculty who have a part time teaching load, but who are nonetheless full-time employees. PTLs are paid per course and often do not qualify for any additional benefits and thus working conditions for PTLs are quite different than those of other part-time faculty. This is particularly true at the school of medicine. The committee chair will initiate identifying places and propose changes to the Red Book to more accurately reflect specific part-time faculty populations at the University. Once that process is complete, we will bring any proposed changes to the XC and Red Book Committees.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Fuller, Chair