Notes from ACADEMIC SENATE PART-TIME FACULTY COMMITTEE
Monday, September 22, 2014, 11:05 – 12:25, 70-066


Welcome and Introductions – Michael Lambe
Michael welcomed everyone and attendees introduced themselves to everyone else. The day’s agenda had one addition: Part-Time Faculty and Student Success.

Part-Time Faculty and Student Success
Part-time faculty members are involved with student success. Although, payment for office hours is a negotiated issue, increased student contact hours including office hours positively affect student success.

Spring 2015 Part-Time Workshop – Michael Lambe
Suggestions from August’s meeting were reviewed and discussed. In regard to the workshop’s time, it was suggested that there be two versions of the same or similar meetings, one during the day and one during the evening. To attract more attendees, the possibility of having a part-time faculty focus at one meeting and a broader focus to include full-time faculty at the other was recommended. Many members were still divided in regard to which day(s) the workshop would be conducted. Putting the workshop on the same day as division and department meetings may be convenient for some, but creates a very long day for attendees. As a workshop topic, Michael Lambe suggested the Rights of Part-Time Faculty where individuals could meet campus administrators and other part-time faculty members. It was proposed that the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) be invited to speak, as well.

A motion was made to invite FACCC for the Spring 2015 Part-Time Workshop.
M/S/U Milroy/Thompson

A motion was made to invite College administrators to the workshop.
M/S/U Thompson/Lambe

Review of the Academic Senate Purview of “10+1” Areas – Sue Gonda
The “10+1” roles and responsibilities of the Academic Senate are used statewide at all community colleges. Administrators must work with or rely on the Academic Senate for decisions within ten areas “plus one” catchall where administrators and the Senate agree to mutually work together on academic and professional matters.

Review of the PTFC Charge versus Needs of the Part-Time Faculty – Sue Gonda
As part of an annual process, the PTFC reviewed its charter for any necessary changes. Three changes were agreed upon.

- The committee’s meeting time will be adjusted from “11:00-12:30” to “11:00-12:20.”
- The charter will be amended to explicitly state that members are elected for a one year term.
- A set of guidelines will be drafted by Michael Lambe to ensure that committee members are being elected in a “democratic manner” according to the charter.

Discussion to Potentially Adjust Meeting Time – Sue Gonda
In response to August’s meeting, the possibility of shortening the PTFC’s meeting time to accommodate a part-time union meeting was discussed. Multiple committee members voiced concern that shortening the PTFC meeting would leave less time for important committee discussions. Sue Gonda proposed that when union issues arise that they be noted and then “put away in a shoebox” to be brought up during union meetings.

Motion made to enact “the shoebox.”
M/S/U Lambe/Woods

Meeting Adjourned 12:25.
Next Meeting: October 27, Room 70-066.