



Part-Time Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 28, 2025

Time: 3:00PM - 4:15PM

Location: Virtual Meeting via Teams

Members: Suzanne Agan, Jenevieve Goss, Michael Lee, Nicole Hoffman Miller, Shahram Nazari, Melony Parkhurst, Jeannie Newton-Riner, Yvonne Single, Ginger Sinton, Russell Spears, Christopher Thompson, Shannon Trocolli, Yvonne Wichman, Joshua Yarbrough

Guests: Misty Grayer (CETL) and William Griffiths (Faculty Senate)

1. Call to Order: PTFC President called the meeting to order at 3:01PM welcoming attendees/guests and expressing appreciation for their participation. Attendees were reminded to list their names and departments in the chat for record keeping.
2. President Thompson announced an agenda change to accommodate our guests then introduced the president of the Faculty Senate, William Griffiths.
3. William Griffiths spoke to the council on the proposed policy language changes coming from the Faculty Senate. He expressed sincere appreciation for the PTFC in prefacing his remarks about a recent memo characterizing part-timers as NOT actually being faculty. He further discussed and clarified the wording "corp of instruction" for the council. Griffiths closed his remarks by restating his three ultimate areas of concern: 1) academic freedom, 2) Board of Regent's definition and wording, and 3) VITAL faculty.
4. President Thompson thanked President Griffiths then introduced our CETL representative, Misty Grayer. Ms. Grayer discussed the looming deadline for "expanding the nest" and mentioned the upcoming celebration of teaching to be hosted by CETL. Grayer further discussed the fall opening events, other programming, and custom workshops on the horizon for part-time faculty. Specifically, she mentioned upcoming VITAL teaching moments set for the first Wednesday in September.
5. Approval of March Minutes: Having been reviewed by council members prior to the meeting, the motion to approve was unanimously approved as follows:
 - A. Motion to approve: Ginger Sinton
 - B. Seconded by: Jenevieve Goss
 - C. Vote: Unanimously approved

6. Officer Updates: VP Josh Yarbrough was unavailable as he had to leave the meeting early for another commitment. Parliamentarian Russell Spears and Secretary Yvonne Wichman had no announcements or updates.

7. President's Comments: Christopher Thompson again thanked Yvonne Wichman for her devotion and attention to the PTFC website. He voices his concerns about the Faculty Senate issues discussed by Faculty Senate President Griffiths, specifically those issues related to academic freedom.

8. Representative Jeannie Newton-Riner brought up the problems that she is experiencing with disruptive student behavior, attendance in particular. She shared that her department chair has asked her to make concessions to her syllabus policy regarding attendance. She asked if others on the council had experienced anything similar.

9. President Thompson briefly discussed the proposed by-law changes that had been distributed in hard copy format earlier in the month. Everyone agreed that they had a chance to review these changes, thus Thompson opened the online voting poll. All of the proposed changes passed by a margin of 92% or greater.

10. President Thompson then offered his final thoughts by announcing an upcoming (May 5) memo to deans and chairs. He also called for reps to share things, such as the successes they have had, with him. He further announced that the newly approved bylaw changes will be posted to the website quickly. Next, he will be moving forward with department communications regarding 2025-2026 council representation.

11. Secretary Wichman asked for the floor and thanked President Thompson for his year of exceptional service to the PTFC.

12. Motion to Adjourn:

- A. Jenevieve Goss made a motion to adjourn.
- B. Jeannie Newton-Riner seconded the motion.
- C. Meeting was adjourned at 4:15PM.

Minutes prepared by: Yvonne Wichman, Secretary
Date of Preparation: April 29, 2025