

Part-time Faculty Council Meeting Minutes | October 28, 2024

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Date: October 28, 2024

Time: 3:00 P.M.

Attendees: Christopher Thompson, Kent Bailey, Yvonne Single, Laura Howard, Ginger Sinton, Yvonne Wichman, Maggie Thomas, Pradeep Rekapalli, Shahram Nazari, Russell Spears, Casey Waldsmith, Ebere Ogburu, Grace Ko, Jeannie Newton-Riner, Melony Parkhurst, Michael Lee, Jenevieve Goss, Suzanne Agan, Mark Kyle, Joshua Yarbrough, John Neglia

- I. **Welcome / Call to Order**
 - A. Christopher Thompson opened the meeting at 3:00 P.M. and shared the agenda.

- II. **Parliamentary Procedure Reminders**
 - A. Reminders on meeting protocols were provided to maintain structure and facilitate productive discussions.

- III. **Approval of September Meeting Minutes**
 - A. Christopher Thompson called for a motion to approve the September meeting minutes.
 - B. Joshua Yarbrough made the motion, seconded by Genevieve Goss, and unanimously approved.

- IV. **Guest Presentations**
 - A. Laura Howard (CETL) presented initiatives such as "Expanding the Nest," Celebration of Teaching Day (November 20th), and the Part-Time Teaching Academy (March 10-11), highlighting faculty development opportunities and resources available through CETL.
 - B. Maggie Thomas (Disability Access Coalition) introduced the Empathy Fair, focusing on intersectionality and campus resources for students with disabilities, and provided updates on advisory councils for inclusivity initiatives.
 - C. Pradeep Rekapalli (Graduate Student) introduced the Sky Happiness Retreat, emphasizing mindfulness and self-care for students and faculty, and conducted a brief mindfulness exercise for attendees.

- V. **Policy Updates and Strategic Initiatives**
 - A. Russell Spears reported progress on implementing discounted parking passes for part-time faculty.
 - B. Christopher Thompson updated attendees on policy changes,

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including technology access, university facility use, and their potential impact on part-time faculty.

VI. Announcements

A. Collaboration and resource-sharing were emphasized as key strategies for faculty and student success. Upcoming professional development opportunities and events were also announced.

VII. Adjournment

A. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M. following a unanimous vote to conclude.