

Parsons Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2009

Attended by: (All PFC Members)

Tamara Albu Fashion

Mark Bechtel SCE

Adam Brent SDS

Laura Briggs SCE

David Brody ADHT

David Carroll AMT

Simone Douglas AMT

Cynthia Lawson SDS

Sarah Lichtman ADHT

James Mendolia Fashion

Greg Newton ADHT

Seth Nagelman SCE

Luciana Scrutchen Fashion

Anezka Sebek AMT

Heico Wesselius SDS

Meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM

Agenda:

1. Elect the Co-Chairs for the year.

Unanimous election of Cynthia and David by the present body of PFC members

2. Review the summer progress with David Carroll

- Presentation to the Parsons Executive Council
- Meetings over summer to present to all Deans Including Bill Morish (SCE)
- Main Comments from the PEC:
 - Defining what constitutes workload prior and after the semester. No other glaring concerns.
 - Dean Joel Towers wanted to form a taskforce to move the work on workload to extend it between the PEC, the PFC, and The Dean's Office—Meeting is scheduled.
- Joel selected the taskforce – representation from each school different types of faculty appointments.
- Taskforce is to work towards more formal implementation. Especially relating to each type of faculty appointment. This was a difficulty with the workload committee last spring.
- There is not as much optimism about the policy at the moment. Because the reality of reconciling it against The New School divisions' policies.
- Concept of our policy: We have special Parsons concerns.
- David will send us the list of the Taskforce Members. Discussion about the Parsons Administration hierarchy and choice of taskforce members.
- Pay scale-workload conversation. Course load/release, Ultimate Transparency?
- The summer is a hotly contested issue-The summer should be constructed much better. Summer programs and research is of great interest to Dean Towers.
- Can we advise the taskforce from the PFC level? Simone Douglas and David Carroll are on the taskforce so we have good representation. They will report back to us.
- PEC-Summer. Defining the expectations in week or weeks leading up to and after the semester. Should not be a drastic intrusion into the summer months. We

- should all have a 6-week break in the summer. We are all on 9 months contract.
- At issue is the Governance of this body. Important work remains to create the governance bylaws for the PFA and PFC.

3. Set up the agenda for the meeting on September 22nd with the Full Assembly.

- Workload Taskforce report
- Reiterate the definition of the Parsons Faculty Assembly body
- Present the Fulltime Faculty reps
- Get ideas for things to address. Thoughts ideas from the assembly
- Increased Enrollment, Management of courses.
- Full / PT Faculty Ratios? Is there a dwindling use of part time faculty?

4. Define the committees: Governance, Workload, and Faculty Affairs.

Governance

David Brody
Sarah Lichtman
Luciana Scrutchen
Anezka Sebek

Faculty Affairs

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Space/Facilities

Mark Bechtel
Laura Briggs
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