

Minutes for 10/13/10

Taken by David Brody

Attendance

James Mendolia
Seth Nagelberg
Craig Bernecker
David Brody
Greg Newton
Luciana Scrutchen
Adam Brent
Cynthia Lawson
David Carroll

Topic One--Schedule for who would take minutes moving forward (it was decided to have a rotating schedule of secretaries)

2010-11 Schedule of PFA Meetings

Fall 2010

10/19/10 @ 8:00 am, The Kellen Auditorium—GREG NEWTON

11/16/10 @ 8:00 am, The Kellen Auditorium—TAMARA ALBU

Spring 2011

02/01/11 @ 9:00 am, location: TBA—SARAH LICHTMAN

03/08/11 @ 9:00 am, location: TBA—SETH NAGELBERG

04/12/11 @ 9:00 am, location: TBA—HEICO WESSELIUS

2010-11 Schedule of PFC Meetings

Fall 2010

11/10/10 @ 8:00 am, Parsons Dean's Conference Rm. 600F—JAMES MENDOLIA

Spring 2011

01/25/11 @ 9:00 am, location: TBA –SIMONE DOUGLAS

03/01/11 @ 9:00 am, location: TBA –ANEKA SEBEK

04/05/11 @ 9:00 am, location: TBA—ADAM BRENT

05/17/11 @ 12:00 noon, location: TBA—CRAIG BERNECKER

Topic Two—9AM meetings on Tuesdays

- This is one of our last 8AM meetings

- Per the Council's recommendation, all School Deans have blocked the 9AM-Noon on Tuesdays slot from full-time faculty teaching, to allow for meetings during normal working hours

Topic Three—Parsons Dean Joel Towers is our guest today—document on part-time faculty involvement was sent around earlier in the semester

- Document is a response, in part, to the University Senate request for this part-time involvement
- We had an Assembly meeting when we discussed this in relation to the bylaws
- It is important to understand the difference between part-time involvement on the Assembly vs. the Council
- We have an opportunity to move beyond the labor-management issues and begin to include the part-time faculty (who are 80 percent of faculty) in curriculum and etc.
- It is important that we provide more resources and we need to bring together part-time and full-time faculty
- As a unionized group, part-time faculty cannot have a role in governance
- Agreements have now been made about part-time involvement:
 - First, Joel will host several all faculty meetings (he has already had one this year)
 - Part-time faculty will now be invited to serve and participate on the schools' individual Curriculum Committees
 - There are other possibilities for future involvement
- The sticking point was how to establish part-time involvement in the Assembly? In other words, should they have a voice in that case?
 - There are certain places where the part-time faculty should not play a role: for instance, in the selection of the Dean
 - This would be problematic in terms of a management-related conflict of interest that could arise
 - Lang, however, does include their part-time faculty in these decisions
- So, one idea would be to include a full Senator delegation, so all could have a voice on the Council (not on the full-time Assembly)
- The Council then had a discussion about the pros and cons of having the part-time faculty on the Council
- One of the ideas is that the Council to figure out its agenda and to get part-time participation based on specific agenda items
- There are complicated issues related to governance, management, and the relationship between full-time and part-time faculty
- Discussion about inviting full slate of senators, or maybe having one part-time faculty member who has no voting rights
- There are specific issues, such as curriculum and space, where the part-time faculty would be very helpful

- For this year—we have discussed benefits, workload, and salary equality—these are not part-time issues, but for questions about space and technology, which we also want to address, we would like to include part-time faculty
- Joel wants to get our help with assessing this relationship moving forward
- **Two Conclusions:**
 - o The PFC will work with Meredith Mullane on part-time faculty election to the Faculty Senate
 - o We will find a meeting in the spring to crossover full and part-time issues (but it is important to be mindful that Assembly members retain voting rights)

Topic Four—Discussion about attendance and getting more participation

- Maybe we should have three co-chairs of the Council and each Chair leads a subcommittee?
- We need to get better attendance at our meetings
- Both Co-Chairs expressed that the Council is in crisis due to poor attendance and lack of active participation

Topic Five—Discussion about what to discuss at the Assembly meeting next week

Topic Six—A discussion of putting the workload document online