

Part-Time Faculty Council Newsletter

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep Part-Time Faculty at Kennesaw State University in the loop on all things related to procedure updates, required USG trainings and other professional development opportunities.

*This is not an official university communication channel, and it is only for Part-Time Faculty Council (PTFC) committee communications.



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Stay In The Know: Upcoming Meetings

Meeting Schedules

Scheduled Meetings 2023 – 01/30/23, 02/27/23, 03/30/23, 04/17/23, 05/01/23*

*All Part-Time Faculty Council meetings are 3:30 - 4:45 pm on a Monday.

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Campus Updates

Kahoot! licenses: 500 Kahoot! licenses will be available soon, perhaps as early as next week. Keep an eye on your email if you're interested. You'll want to respond quickly as only a limited number are available (and a number of RCHSS faculty use Kahoot!).

Lean Library browser extension: https://download.leanlibrary.com/kennesawstateuniversitylibrary is a new extension for web browsers that will allow you to access books through the KSU library. So, if you are on Amazon looking at a book, supposedly a pop-up will alert you that "you have access to this through KSU library." The extension is supported by the major web browsers.

D2L .**STU** accounts: In D2L, .STU accounts will be going away at the end of this semester. (That's where you log in as a student so you can see your D2L class exactly as your students see it.) Now, if you still want to see something approximating a "student view", head to the top of D2L, click on your profile, and choose to view the course in student view. The D2L gurus are aware that this latter option is not a "full" or robust student view, and they are working to improve it.

Online course review deadlines:

If you need an online course reviewed for summer delivery, have it in the DLI queue by March 1st. (Here's the link): https://dli.kennesaw.edu/services/coursereview/index.php.) If you need a course reviewed for fall delivery, the "recommended" deadline is April 15th. DLI reviews to see if the course meets sections A and B of the KSU course quality checklist (which is available here: https://cia.kennesaw.edu/digital-learning/policy_documents/2022/RCHSS-KSU%20Course%20Quality%20Checklists.pdf).

Survey on gaps in services: And this is not necessarily specific to distance/online learning, but be aware that Faculty Fellows of Academic Innovation Laura McGrath and Sara Evans will likely attend a department meeting soon to survey faculty re: gaps in services (i.e., what services can RCHSS provide to teaching faculty in the humanities and social sciences that aren't already being provided by, for example, CETL, DLI, UITS?).

RCHSS Office of Distance Education (ODE) and support for online teaching: The RCHSS ODE is being "reimagined" (with the help of the Academic Innovation Fellows identified above). If you need support in online course delivery, consult DLI (https://dli.kennesaw.edu/). CETL also offers some workshops related to online learning (https://facultydevelopment.kennesaw.edu/index.phpand). Some RCHSS ODE resources, self-paced trainings, and tutorials are still available at https://radow.kennesaw.edu/ode/index.php

KSU In The News

During Black History Month: Current KSU Students Making Their Marks



History is created day by day, minute by minute as the present becomes the past. As the Kennesaw State community celebrates Black History Month, the newest chapters of the University's history are being written today by outstanding Black students. Join us in marking Black History Month at KSU by meeting a few of those students who are making history today. See full story here.

Campus Events

All Majors Job Fair: Spring Job & Internship Fair

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, March 21 & Wednesday, March 22 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM New Employers Each Day

Siegel Recreation and Activities Center

(Kennesaw Campus - 290 Kennesaw State University Rd NW, Kennesaw, 30144) Each Fall & Spring semester, we invite many of the nation's top companies to the Kennesaw campus in order to showcase KSU's brightest students and alumni for internship, co-op, full-time, & part-time positions.

This event is for jobs and internships in all majors and industries. Students of all majors and class levels are encouraged to attend. Don't forget that this is a two-day fair, so be sure to look for which day each company or school will be in attendance and make plans to attend both days to visit with more companies!

To help you plan what day(s) to attend, we have centralized some majors to one day of the fair:

- Health-related sciences, Helping Profession related majors, and Nursing Check out employers attending Day 1 (3/21)
- Business Technology and all other STEM majors Check our employers attending on Day 2 (3/22)
- Business, the Arts, and Humanities Check out BOTH days to see new employers each day

Use the Handshake app to run filters specifically for your situation. You can sort by major, job type, school year, industry, keyword, and much more!

Attendance reserved for KSU students and KSU/SPSU alumni only.

Please Note: Business Casual to Business Professional dress and student ID are required for entry. Bring plenty of copies of your resume to give to employers!

Committee Chairmen Updates:

Currently, the Governance Committee is reviewing the information provided by the provost. Since it is a goal of the governance committee to advocate for PTFC to become an independent faculty entity and not a faction of the Faculty Senate, it is important that we know where the Provost stands on this idea. Knowing that James recently met with the new Provost, I will be reaching out to James soon to get additional information specific to the vision of the Provost and how that vision does or does not align with the current goals of the committee. Pending the outcome of that conversation, I will then go back to PTFC representatives willing to serve on this committee and discuss strategies to either move forward or reevaluate.

- Walt Justice, Shared Governance and Inclusion Committee Chair

The newly formed Parking Committee has set its sights on initiating changes to parking fees and related parking perks for all part-time faculty at KSU. Among those changes now in negotiation with the university's parking department are reduced monthly fees, reserved lots for part-time faculty only, and the possibility of allowing part-timers to reserve parking spaces that they may co-op with fellow part-timers. The talks have just begun, so nothing has been resolved yet. However, we are hopeful that changes are on the horizon for us regarding parking issues at both KSU campuses.

- Yvonne Wichman, Part-Time Faculty Parking Committee Chair

We need people on the committee who like finding and telling stories. We have been asked to set up a more consistent way for part-time faculty to talk to each other so that we can stay in the loop. Our goal is to develop and amplify the voices of part-time faculty members and to become more visible by partnering with other departments and university communications teams. This will help us get important messages and big ideas across in a much better way.

- Christopher Thompson, Communications Committee Chair

Got a story or update? Email us.

