

# Part-Time Faculty Council

## Minutes December 7, 2020

- I. Welcome – Dr. Joanne Lee opening the meeting and welcomed department representatives and part-time faculty in attendance. She introduced guest speaker Cristen Dutcher.
- II. Approval of Minutes – Secretary Yen Rodriguez announced that minutes were sent to representatives in the newsletter and asked if there were any corrections. Yvonne Wichman made a motion to approve the minutes as published, and Michael Perry seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- III. President’s Update – President Joanne Lee summarized the topics discussed at the Faculty Senate meeting. Senators discussed the methods of cross-listing courses and did not approve a motion to accept the proposed process.

The timeline for student course evaluations was altered. Students can now submit them 5 days after grades have been posted, December 22, 2020. Opting out, effective in spring 2021, once a student sees the grade the student will not be able to fill out an evaluation.

Representatives should be knowledgeable of what is happening in the department. While some departments do invite part-time faculty to meetings, many do not. Part of our focus in 2021 will be inclusion in departmental meetings.

- IV. Old Business James Stinchcomb, Michael Perry
  - A. Communications Committee Report
    1. A PTFC list was established so that the executive committee can reach out with one email to all PT faculty on record. Also, there will be an area in Teams for PT faculty to upload documents and other related information for the greater good of the council.
    2. The PTFC website has been updated with approved October meeting, agenda, and links. We will begin putting those items into the Teams Document area mentioned above.
    3. Teams administrators will have the ability to invite additional members to join in to the PTFC Teams account.
      - a. The follow-up survey on Plus/Minus grades will be posted up there for review.
      - b. Please send any follow up questions to the team
  - B. Questions on Results PTFC Survey Teaching Assignments - None
  - C. Formation of Teams group for PTFC – Michael Perry and James Stinchcomb will review the Teams format and method for forming groups with the representatives at the January meeting.
- V. New Business Joanne Lee, James Stinchcomb
  - A. Survey Results Plus/Minus Grading System – James Stinchcomb summarized the results of the PTFC survey on Plus/Minus grading

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- B. Guest Speaker - Dr. Cristen Dutcher, Business Law, Coles College, was invited to talk about her charge from the Senate to understand why part-time faculty voted as they did on the Senate survey. According to the survey, 60% PT Faculty opposed while 70% of FT Faculty were in favor

Dr. Lee asked Dr. Dutcher to review the initiative with the part-time representatives. Dr. Dutcher's key points were as follows:

1. Plus/minus grading was established to encourage students to perform well and not fall off toward the end of the semester and to create shorter goals to inspire students to achieve higher levels.
2. Additionally, the plus/minus approach gives faculty space to give students the grade that they actually earned rather than a standard A or B.
3. Georgia State and UGA are the only two USG schools to currently offer plus minus grading.
4. HOPE scholarship students will remain largely unaffected by plus minus grading.

Dr. Dutcher, Dr. Lee, Vice-President Michael Perry, and Staff Liaison will join Dr. Williams on a committee to present this information to the Faculty Senate.

## VI. Next Steps

Joanne Lee

- A. The next PTFC meeting is January 25, 2021.
- B. The next PTFC newsletter will be available prior to the January meetings.
- C. PTFC Representatives should confirm that they will continue to serve as the departmental representative for Spring 2021.
- D. Final grades and work hours need to be submitted by December 17.
- E. BOR Survey was to be sent out to all faculty. We will review feedback on fall semester when it becomes available..
- F. Please email Michael with any newsletter items
- G. Mandy McGrew announced that the teaching academy is still scheduled for Monday and Tuesday of spring break. The application process opens in January with a short application window.
- H. Dianne Honey shared information on Digital Education Rotational roundtable on Thursday from 12-1 on Dec 9 and 10. For information and the link, contact Steven Bartlett. An in-person training will be held on January 4.

## VII. Announcements and Questions

Joanne Lee

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Yen Rodriquez 9/15/20

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## Representatives and Guests in Attendance December 7, 2020

### Visitors

|                 |                             |  |   |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Cristen Dutcher | Business Law, Coles college |  | Y |
| Ron Matson      | Academic Affairs            |  | Y |
| Mandy McGrew    | CETL                        |  | Y |

### Bagwell College of Education

| Representative    | Department                               | Email  | Attended |
|-------------------|--|--|----------|
| Joanne Lee        | Educational Leadership                   | <a href="mailto:jlee102@kennesaw.edu">jlee102@kennesaw.edu</a>   | Y        |
| Cleopatra Iliescu | Inclusive Education                      | <a href="mailto:ciliescu@kennesaw.edu">ciliescu@kennesaw.edu</a> | Y        |
| Walt Justice      | Instructional Technology                 | <a href="mailto:jjusti15@kennesaw.edu">jjusti15@kennesaw.edu</a> | Y        |
| Joanne Lee        | Secondary & Middle Grades Education      | <a href="mailto:shemdani@kennesaw.edu">shemdani@kennesaw.edu</a> | Y        |
|                   | Elementary and Early Childhood Education |  |          |

### Coles College of Business

| Representative | Department                                   | Email  | Attended |
|----------------|--|--|----------|
| Ronna Woodruff | Accountancy                                  | <a href="mailto:rwoodru1@kennesaw.edu">rwoodru1@kennesaw.edu</a> | Y        |
| Michael Perry  | Information Systems                          | <a href="mailto:mperry@kennesaw.edu">mperry@kennesaw.edu</a>     | Y        |
|                | Economics, Finance and Quantitative Analysis |  |          |
|                | Management and Entrepreneurship              |  |          |
|                | Marketing and Professional Sales             |  |          |

### College of Architecture and Construction Management

| Representative | Department   | Email  | Attended |
|----------------|--|--|----------|
| Samuel Peng    | Construction Management                                    | <a href="mailto:speng@kennesaw.edu">speng@kennesaw.edu</a>       | Y        |
| Brian Buckner  | Department of Architecture and Construction Administration | <a href="mailto:bbuckne5@kennesaw.edu">bbuckne5@kennesaw.edu</a> | Y        |
| Norris Hunt    | Architecture   |  |          |

### College of Computing and Software Engineering

| Representative    | Department  | Email  | Attended |
|-------------------|---|--|----------|
| Ben Setzer        | Computer Science  | <a href="mailto:bsetzer@kennesaw.edu">bsetzer@kennesaw.edu</a>   | Y        |
| Sailaja Pydimarri | Information Technology                                      | <a href="mailto:spydimar@kennesaw.edu">spydimar@kennesaw.edu</a> | Y        |
| Jerry Mamo        | Software Engineering and Game Development                   | <a href="mailto:emama@kennesaw.edu">emama@kennesaw.edu</a>       | Y        |
| Sailaja Pydimarri | Computing and Software Engineering - Information Technology | <a href="mailto:spydimar@kennesaw.edu">spydimar@kennesaw.edu</a> | Y        |

### College of Humanities and Social Sciences

| Representative | Department   | Email  | Attended |
|----------------|--|--|----------|
| Amy Floyd      | Communication and Media - Conflict Management, Peacebuilding | <a href="mailto:afloyd46@kennesaw.edu">afloyd46@kennesaw.edu</a> | Y        |
| Connie Briggs  | English  | <a href="mailto:cbriggs5@kennesaw.edu">cbriggs5@kennesaw.edu</a> | Y        |
| Mohamed Arafa  | Foreign Languages  | <a href="mailto:marafa@kennesaw.edu">marafa@kennesaw.edu</a>     | Y        |
| Bruce Flower   | Government and International Affairs                         | <a href="mailto:bflower@kennesaw.edu">bflower@kennesaw.edu</a>   | Y        |

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|-------------------|--|--|---|
| Pearl Young       | History and Philosophy                         | <a href="mailto:pyoung29@kennesaw.edu">pyoung29@kennesaw.edu</a>       | Y |
| Mandy McGrew      | Interdisciplinary Studies                      | <a href="mailto:mandymcgrew@kennesaw.edu">mandymcgrew@kennesaw.edu</a> | Y |
| Yen Rodriguez     | Interdisciplinary Studies                      | <a href="mailto:yrodrig1@kennesaw.edu">yrodrig1@kennesaw.edu</a>       | Y |
| Kimberly Watkins  | Psychology                                     | <a href="mailto:kwatkin7@kennesaw.edu">kwatkin7@kennesaw.edu</a>       | Y |
| Jennifer Combs    | Sociology and Criminal Justice                 | <a href="mailto:jcombs10@kennesaw.edu">jcombs10@kennesaw.edu</a>       | Y |
| Ginger Sinton     | Technical Communication and Interactive Design | <a href="mailto:gsinton@kennesaw.edu">gsinton@kennesaw.edu</a>         | Y |
| Diana Honey       | History and Philosophy                         | <a href="mailto:dhoney@kennesaw.edu">dhoney@kennesaw.edu</a>           | Y |
| Mario Watkins     | Interdisciplinary Studies                      | <a href="mailto:mwatki50@kennesaw.edu">mwatki50@kennesaw.edu</a>       | Y |
| Kristen Walker    | Interdisciplinary Studies                      | <a href="mailto:kwalk13@kennesaw.edu">kwalk13@kennesaw.edu</a>         | Y |
| Jessica Duvall    | Interdisciplinary Studies                      | <a href="mailto:mandymcgrew@kennesaw.edu">mandymcgrew@kennesaw.edu</a> | Y |
| Maria Odum-Hinmon | Communication and Media                        | <a href="mailto:modumhin@kennesaw.edu">modumhin@kennesaw.edu</a>       | Y |
| Phyllis Russell   | Criminal Justice                               | <a href="mailto:prussel6@kennesaw.edu">prussel6@kennesaw.edu</a>       | Y |
|                   | Geography and Anthropology                     |  |   |

## College of Science and Mathematics

| Representative    | Department                                 | Email  | Attended |
|-------------------|--|--|----------|
| David Nazari      | Mathematics                                | <a href="mailto:snazari@kennesaw.edu">snazari@kennesaw.edu</a>   | Y        |
| Nicholas Buonamia | Statistics and Analytical Sciences         | <a href="mailto:nxb8138@kennesaw.edu">nxb8138@kennesaw.edu</a>   | Y        |
| Hally Shaffer     | Chemistry                                  | <a href="mailto:hshaffe4@kennesaw.edu">hshaffe4@kennesaw.edu</a> | Y        |
|                   | Chemistry and Biochemistry                 |  |          |
|                   | Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology |  |          |
|                   | Molecular and Cellular Biology             |  |          |
|                   | Physics                                    |  |          |

## College of Arts

| Representative | Department                      | Email  | Attended |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--|----------|
| Gina Reynoso   | Art and Design                  | <a href="mailto:greynos2@kennesaw.edu">greynos2@kennesaw.edu</a> | Y        |
| Cynthia Perry  | Dance                           | <a href="mailto:cperry44@kennesaw.edu">cperry44@kennesaw.edu</a> | Y        |
| Nicole Adkins  | Theatre and Performance Studies | <a href="mailto:nadkins3@kennesaw.edu">nadkins3@kennesaw.edu</a> | Y        |
| Andrea Thoma   | Art and Design                  | <a href="mailto:athoma@kennesaw.edu">athoma@kennesaw.edu</a>     | Y        |
|                | Music                           |  |          |
| Anita Burch    | Art and Design                  | <a href="mailto:Aburch4@kennesaw.edu">Aburch4@kennesaw.edu</a>   | Y        |
| Carla Powell   | Apparel and Textile             |  | Y        |

## Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technology

| Representative | Department                         | Email  | Attended |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--|----------|
| Barry Blount   | Engineering Technology             | <a href="mailto:bblount8@kennesaw.edu">bblount8@kennesaw.edu</a> | Y        |
| Vijay Goyal    | Mechanical Engineering             | <a href="mailto:vgoyal2@kennesaw.edu">vgoyal2@kennesaw.edu</a>   | Y        |
| Ahmed Alsharif | Systems and Industrial Engineering | <a href="mailto:aalshar1@kennesaw.edu">aalshar1@kennesaw.edu</a> | Y        |
|                | Civil and Construction Engineering |  |          |
|                | Computer Engineering               |  |          |
|                | Electrical Engineering             |  |          |

## WellStar College of Health and Human Services

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| <b>Representative</b> | <b>Department</b>  | <b>Email</b>   | <b>Attended</b> |
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| Steve Walker          | Exercise Science and Sport Management -<br>Health Promotion and Physical Education | <a href="mailto:rwalker58@kennesaw.edu">rwalker58@kennesaw.edu</a> | Y               |
| Rosemary<br>Greenidge | WellStar School of Nursing   | <a href="mailto:rgreenid@kennesaw.edu">rgreenid@kennesaw.edu</a>   | Y               |
| Brian Hults           | Levin School of Management,<br>Entrepreneurship and Hospitality                    | <a href="mailto:bhultz@kennesaw.edu">bhultz@kennesaw.edu</a>       | Y               |
| Christal Blalock      | Levin School of Management,<br>Entrepreneurship and Hospitality                    | <a href="mailto:cblalo13@kennesaw.edu">cblalo13@kennesaw.edu</a>   | Y               |
|                       | Social Work and Human Services   |  |                 |
| James Stinchcomb      | Human Services and Nonprofit<br>Administration                                     | <a href="mailto:jstinch2@kennesaw.edu">jstinch2@kennesaw.edu</a>   | Y               |

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