

4C's Part-Timers Committee

Meeting of October 1, 2011

Attendance: Tom Failla, Stephanie Bahramian, Greg Hager, John Allen, Joe Barbarie, Bill Searle (chair)

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:00; we looked at the agenda and made some revisions of order.

Possible Survey of Part-Timers. We reviewed Robyn's draft of a questionnaire to send to part-timers, in order to gather information and determine what some initiatives might be. Members provided input which will be relayed to Robyn. We also strongly support the idea of a regular survey of part-timers.

Issues facing part-timers. We had a general discussion of the many issues facing part-time faculty and staff. It is unfortunate that we do not have contract negotiations for a number of years because some of these issues will require collective bargaining resolution. However, we are hopeful that as we flesh out some ideas and perhaps modify some so that they do not necessarily involve collective bargaining, that we might make progress in ways that help our students and part-timers. We will continue to discuss issues.

Part-time faculty office hours. Bill reported that he has filed a grievance at Asnuntuck regarding the administration's assertion that they can require an hour of office hours per 3-credit course. The committee expressed general dismay that a college would try to get this without going through collective bargaining. It does not appear that other colleges are doing this, although Manchester tried to last year, but backed off. We will follow this closely.

Attracting more part-timers to become members

We talked very briefly about this, and will discuss continuing efforts in the future. Bill will raise the issue at the Delegate Assembly meeting following this meeting. A number of colleges are not represented. Also, some colleges appear to not even have a local officer for part-timers.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Searle
Acting Secretary

October 2, 2011