



FACCC Part-Time Committee Meeting Notes

April 12, 2024
11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Attending: Cornelia Alsheimer, Sue Broxhom, Desiree Montenegro, Arnie Schoenberg, Dennis Smith, Linda Sneed, Jacob Traugott, John Govsky, Kathleen Addison, and Carol Whaley

Absent: Deirdre Frontczak

Staff: Herlim Li

Action Items

Jacob Traugott

Draft Position on Class Sizes

Draft a letter or position statement regarding the impact of increasing class sizes on educational quality and part-time faculty, in collaboration with Sarah Thompson and other interested parties.

Jacob Traugott

Compile Symposium Resources

Prepare a list of resources for the symposium participants and non-participants, including a membership link, and coordinate with Lydia for webinar details.

Jacob Traugott

Committee Application Process

Everyone interested in staying on the committee to fill out the committee interest form.

Jacob Traugott

Schedule FACCC preplanning meeting

Jacob Traugott to schedule a small task-oriented meeting for the FACCC event preplanning before the symposium.

Jacob Traugott

Schedule a follow-up meeting

Jacob Traugott needs to schedule a follow-up meeting with the committee to discuss the symposium panel titles and finalize the details.

Jacob Traugott

Confirm Mike Fong's attendance

Jacob Traugott to follow up with Assemblymember Mike Fong's office for confirmation of his attendance at the symposium.

Herlim Li

Create scheduling survey

Herlim Li needs to create a scheduling survey with the dates 26th April, 3rd May, and 17th May with specified time slots and send it out to the committee.

Desiree Montenegro

Share future debt clinic information

Desiree Montenegro to share information about any future debt clinics with contacts from Cerritos College who couldn't attend the current session.

Breakout Room Hosts

Develop breakout room plans

Each breakout room host to put together a plan for what their breakout room will entail for the symposium.

Arnie Schoenberg

Coordinate legislative symposium aspect

Arnie Schoenberg to coordinate the legislative aspect of the symposium, focusing on the concrete language changes needed in the Ed Code for a one-tiered system.

Overview

- Jacob stressed the importance of reapplying for committee positions annually before the **May** deadline to make sure of active participation, even though there is a **2-year** term structure.
- Symposium planning moved forward with a focus on recruiting faculty and getting ready for talks on faculty employment issues, but it's not clear if a legislator will take part.
- There were worries about how the language of AB **2277** might affect part-time faculty workloads and future laws, leading to calls for a serious talk with its authors.

Committee Term Clarifications

- Jacob asked whether everyone should fill out a new committee interest form every year even with **2-year** terms.
 - Linda found out from Wendy that it's helpful, but not a must, to reapply every year.
 - Carol was confused due to the **2-year** terms but yearly applications, as people were removed for not reapplying even though it was supposed to be a "**2-year** term".
 - Jacob urged members to reapply to make sure active, available people are on committees to keep things going smoothly.
 - The committee interest form deadline is in **May**—important to remember!

March Meeting Minutes Approval

- Dennis suggested approving the agenda, which is different from Linda's later suggestion to approve the meeting minutes. Linda seconded.
- Jacob announced the meeting minutes approved with no objections.

Collaboration Opportunities with Academic Senate

- Dennis proposed talking later about restarting the part-time faculty group with the academic senate—they could push a faculty agenda together.
- Cornelia had fond memories of the group, it helped with involvement and didn't cost anything in conference fees.

Class Size Increase Concerns

- Cornelia mentioned how her college is dealing with budget issues by reducing classes by about **20%** and thinking about raising class sizes.
 - This could mess with part-time faculty work and the number of classes available.
- Arnie suggested writing a FACCC position statement on how bigger class sizes could harm education quality.

Symposium Preparation and PSLF Clinic Success

- Jacob planned to make resource lists for symposium attendees, whether they attend or not, to keep them informed with steps and information.
 - They want to include some membership recruitment to show off FACCC benefits.
 - Kathleen talked about how student debt clinics helped AFT get more members.
- Jacob is looking at hosting another debt clinic after **May 1st** to talk about recent changes to the PSLF service—wants to keep people informed and get them the help they need.

Membership Recruitment Strategy

- Wendy is given the task to talk about membership at the start of the part-time symposium.
- Linda stressed that consistently mentioning membership in communications is key.

FACCC Symposium Planning

- Jacob noted that the FACCC symposium is coming up quickly and a small meeting beforehand is needed.
- Jacob's flying to New York on **April 26th** but will make time for the committee, with possible meetings on **April 26th**, **May 3rd**, or **May 17th**.
- Assemblymember Evan Lowe cannot be at the symposium. Jacob reached out to Assemblymember Mike Fong as a strategic standby, but the commitment is not clear.
- Desiree will be at a Mike Fong event and hopes to convince him to be at the symposium.
- Talked about the need for a legislator at the symposium but worried about lack of time.
- Options included a charm offensive, inviting a different legislator (Aisha Wahab was mentioned as a possibility), or maybe doing without a legislator this time.

Legislature and Part-Time Faculty

- Linda wondered if it's too soon to get lawmakers involved in talks before faculty agree on a single-tier system.
- Jacob said the pitch to Mike Fong was about long-term support and getting advice and insights, not about immediate legal commitment.

Legislative Relationship Building

- Jacob is willing to wait **8** more days for a reply from Mike Fong before moving on or inviting a legislative aide.
- Dennis thought that a lawmaker or staff member with relevant experience would add to the panel talk on big issues in part-time faculty employment.

Symposium Breakout Rooms Planning

- Jacob said it's important to plan each breakout room in detail and for those interested in a topic to contact the person listed.
- It was mentioned that two committed people per breakout room would be better because of potential availability issues with just one person.

Symposium Speaker Lockdown

- Jacob listed the confirmed speakers for the symposium, with Peter Morse and lawmakers being the only ones not yet confirmed.
- They chose to send out a flyer for the symposium and ask FACCC for ideas and resources for branding and pictures.

Breakout Room Talks

- Arnie said he would move from the student group to the legislation group, noting the importance of a legal aspect in the symposium.
- Dennis backed the idea of having lawmakers on the panel but suggested not to focus on legal matters in the breakout session.

Breakout Room Consolidation

- Desiree suggested joining breakout rooms to make symposium organization simpler.
- Linda and Arnie talked about changing the name of the combined student organizing and shared governance group.

Part-Time Faculty Outreach

- Carol talked about how important it is to get more part-time faculty involved in fighting for equal rights and knowing about ongoing efforts.

Facilitator and Panelist Communication

- Jacob said it's important for facilitators to finalize the panel titles to keep to the committee's message.
- They felt that facilitators from the committee should have the last word on session titles, keeping to professional relationships and the committee's agreement.