



FACCC Part-Time Committee Meeting Notes

March 22, 2024
9:00 – 10:15 am

Attending: Linda Sneed, Arnie Schoenberg, Jacob Traugott, Cornelia Alsheimer-Barthel, Dennis Smith, Sue Broxholm, Carol Whaley, and Desiree Montenegro

Absent: Deirdre Frontczak

Guest: John Govsky and Kathleen Addison

Staff: Herlim Li

Action Items

Jacob Traugott

Assign breakout room facilitators

Assign committee members to facilitate the breakout rooms for the part-time faculty symposium, ensuring at least one committee member is committed to each room.

Jacob Traugott

Reach out to John Fox

Contact John Fox regarding his work on the 75-25 issue and explore potential collaboration for the committee.

Jacob Traugott

Confirm symposium panelists

Confirm the attendance of Frank Cosco, Evan Lowe, Cynthia Mahabir, and Anna Mathews for the FACCC PTC Symposium event panel.

Herlim Li

Advertise Event with CCA

Contact John Martin and Jeff Johnson to help advertise the student loan forgiveness event.

Jacob Traugott

Reach out to CPFA representatives

Jacob Traugott to reach out to John Martin from CPFA as a courtesy to discuss the amendment they requested before communicating the committee's position to Wendy.

Linda Sneed

HILU event details

Linda Sneed will appear for as a panelist tomorrow at the HILU event, committee members are encouraged to attend.

Arnie Schoenberg

Update website content

Move the old content into the 'for website' folder and coordinate with Desiree on what the final content sent to Ashley will be.

Jacob Traugott

Communicate vote results to Wendy

After speaking with John Martin, Jacob Traugott to communicate the committee's vote results and reasoning to Wendy, and discuss potential room for negotiation of the Amendment.

Jacob Traugott

Organize Student Loan Forgiveness Event

Schedule with Lidia and organize an event with Dr. Kathleen Addison to discuss recent student loan forgiveness developments before April 2nd.

Jacob Traugott

Event Listing on FACCC Website

Contact Lydia to list the student loan forgiveness event on the FACCC website.

Jacob Traugott

Circulate Event Information

Reach out to allies to circulate the student loan forgiveness event information and maximize attendance.

Overview

- The committee planned the "Public Service Loan Forgiveness Workshop," selecting **April 2** from **5 to 6 p.m.** for the event and aiming to record it for wider access.
- Jacob is assigned as the main planner for the event, using their experience with similar events.
- The committee decided to oppose AB **2277** if the amendment limiting faculty workload to **30** hours remained but continue supporting without this amendment. Jacob will follow up with John Martin as a courtesy and then Wendy to offer PTC stance and hear FACCC's stance.
- Several tasks were delegated: Jacob to confirm symposium speakers and manage email communications, Desiree to look into the **75-25** issue.

Part-Time Faculty Symposium Planning

- Jacob confirmed the breakout room schedule, which includes two **45-minute** sessions, matches the **2 p.m. to 5 p.m.** event timeline.
- Kathleen Addison, John Govsky, and Maria Jose Zeldon Perez are confirmed for their respective breakout rooms.
- Cornelia chose to lead the Benefit for FTF allies room, switched from the Unions room.
- Jacob will send an email to find committee members for Shared Governance and Legislation rooms.
- Desiree or Jacob will finalize the small details and check with all the initially planned contributors.
- Dennis Smith will help with the symposium where needed, possibly in the Unions room.

Membership and Participation

- Dr. Kathleen Addison was welcomed as a new member to the committee, with Sharon Hendricks' endorsement.
- Herlim confirmed receipt of Kathleen's application via email.
- Linda offered a small correction to the January minutes, suggesting "part-time faculty health insurance" as a clearer term.

Update on Past and Upcoming Events

- Updates on significant events like the A&P and March for March were shared.
- Sharon Hendricks from CalSTRS showed interest in working together for part-timer retirement events.
- Positive responses and new FACCC sign-ups came from the panel at A&P.
- Talked about reaching out to John Fox, who is already conducting research related to the **75-25** issue.

FACCC Event Pre-planning

- Chose email communication over planning meetings for FACCC event pre-planning.
- Most invitees confirmed for the event, with Wendy, Frank Cosco, John Govsky, Debbie Klein, a Student Trustee and others being mentioned.
- Decision to remove Jackie Simon from the panel due to uncertainty about her inclusion.
- Plan to have Dennis Smith add to the event, acknowledging his knowledge and experience in union matters.

Student Loan Forgiveness Opportunity

- Jacob and Kathleen talked about recent changes in part-timers' eligibility for student loan forgiveness, revealing wrong information previously spread by Navient.
- Suggested an informative Zoom event to teach part-timers on loan forgiveness and refund options due to updates.
- The event will make clear that part-timers have always been eligible for student loan forgiveness and highlight the current chance for past credits to be accepted and overpayments to be refunded if applied for by April 30th.
- Committee members showed support for the proposed event before April 30th and planned to sponsor it.

Adjustments to Tasks and Responsibilities

- Jacob to talk with staff & committee members about future plans.
- Arnie respectfully asked to step back from previous tasks due to workload and suggested a focus on website content delivery.

Event Planning for Public Service Loan Forgiveness Workshop

- Jacob suggested an event about the recent court case updates on student loan forgiveness and wants to record it for broader access.
- Aimed to attract faculty, aiming for the widest audience possible with Sacramento email outreach to **2.4k** contacts.
- The group talked about having the event before **April 11**, with Jacob proposing as soon as possible, and potentially hosting a second event later.
- Kathleen's availability: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons.
- Jacob suggested hosting the event on a Tuesday or Thursday to fit faculty schedules.
- The vote for event sponsorship resulted in a majority of ayes, with **7** out of **9** members voting in favor, and Jacob as a tie-break if allowed as chair.
- Decided on **April 2nd**.
- Preferred event time: **5 to 6 p.m.** to avoid planning after a typical workday.

Collaboration and Event Promotion

- Jacob proposed working together for the event and the option of inviting local unions.
- Plan to talk with union presidents like Jason Newman for outreach, exploring the chance for working together or just inviting to the event.
- Jacob highlighted Kathleen's local union's success in getting over **\$7M** in loan forgiveness, showing the program's potential.

- Linda talked about AFT student debt clinics, suggesting they are accessible for those in AFT-affiliated unions.
- Jessica St. Paul's role as a plaintiff and part-time benefits representative was mentioned, underlining her involvement in monthly clinics.

Event Details and Speaker Coordination

- Kathleen and Jessica have experience organizing these events, suggesting a smooth planning process.
- Decided to have the event on **April 2** from **5 to 6 p.m.** and to ask Lidia for website posting after the meeting.
- Jacob and others plan to inform their contacts and send out invitations, aiming for a strong turnout.
- Event name decided: "Public Service Loan Forgiveness Workshop."
- Jacob plans to contact contacts post-meeting to alert about the confirmed event.
- Minimal planning needed for event content, relying on Kathleen's expertise and a balanced Q&A and personal session format.

Legislation Talk: AB 2277 (Raise the Cap Bill)

- John mentioned concerns about a recent amendment in AB **2277** that could limit workload at **30** hours per week.
- Committee debated the implications of the amendment and its potential impacts, especially regarding part-timers' healthcare thresholds.
- Decision to oppose the bill with the current amendment but to stay supportive of the bill without it.
- Jacob mentioned they would talk to Wendy to find out FACCC's position and would go over the bill with John Martin.
- Stressed the importance of an informed assessment and full analysis of the amendment.
- Extended meeting to allow plenty of time for sharing individual thoughts and worries.

Chair's Report and Membership Engagement

- Jacob pointed out a new AFT benefit: trauma counseling up to a year after qualifying trauma.
- Stressed letting FACCC members know about the benefit.
- Talked about increasing part-time faculty involvement in FACCC for a more powerful collective influence.
- Emphasized the importance of staying informed on bills and legislations that affect part-time faculty.
- Encouraged attending other organization's events and supporting FACCC's efforts on campuses.
- Encouraged members to table for FACCC membership on their campuses.

Final Remarks and Next Steps

- Ended with final comments and a motion to close the meeting, along with expressions of thanks.
- Plans to widen the promotion about the "Public Service Loan Forgiveness Workshop" and to engage in talks concerning the Raise the Cap bill with key groups.