

ADJUNCT FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Chair's Report (Spring 2020)

AFAC accomplishments:

- 1. AFAC's second annual adjunct conference (*The Adjunct Edge: Teaching, Technology and Advocacy*) will be held on Saturday, October 17 in The Commons.
- 2. On-Line End of semester gathering with adjunct faculty (May 8, 2020)
- 3. AFAC Listening Tour reached two departments and heard from three adjuncts...going on-line
- 4. Semester meetings held with deans/program heads
- 5. Increased stipends/floor in CAHSS as a result of AFAC's work
- 6. AFAC participation in faculty orientation
- 7. Adjunct participation the Title IX Faculty Staff Advisory Group. Also participated in search interviews for director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Title IX Coordinator, Training & Case Manager, and search committee/interviewer for Civil Rights Investigator.
- 8. Was working with OIA on adjunct visibility campaign/Delayed due to Cornonavirus
 - a. Web site work still being done, launch this summer
- 9. Still pushing for more consistent use of year-long contracts
- 10.ADJ III (was to go live in Spring 2020, now FALL 2020)
 - a. Since letters were to go out in Spring 2020, could there be retroactive pay to F2020
- 11. Still pushing for pay equity, COLA inclusion
- 12. Reclassification of committed/loyal adjuncts (like PTNTF track)
 - a. Provost's office researching cost/benefit of PTNTF (delayed by coronavirus)

AFAC work on-going:

- 1. AFAC ongoing discussions with Faculty Senate about a seat
- 2. Continue with Listening Tour (having positive interactions)
- 3. Create a policy, in the short-term a statement of reassurance, that protects adjuncts with contracts from losing assigned classes to full-time faculty (or provide some level of compensation if that situation is unavoidable). Adjuncts often feel



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underappreciated/overlooked as Chairs take care of FT folks. Adjuncts are in a very precarious position with low pay, no benefits, etc...especially in times of crisis

- 4. Eligibility for retirement for adjuncts (something UMD-CP has in place)
- 5. Greater adjunct participation in University community
- 6. Pay Equity for Adjuncts
- 7. Faculty raises should include adjuncts in the future
- 8. AFAC becoming a University Committee

2019-2020 AFAC members:

CAHSS -- Robert Bennett, Chair (English), Margie Burns, (English); Farah Farahati (Economics); Maggie Grieves Knisley (SAHAP)

CNMS -- Bonnie Kegan (Mathematics); William Slowikowski (Mathematics)

COEIT -- Paul Comitz (IS); Jon Squire (CSEE)

NON-COLLEGE AFFILIATED - Norman Prentiss