University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Non-Tenure Track Faculty (NTTF) Committee

Report to Faculty Representative Assembly – May 2019

Meeting held May 10, 2019

Attending members: Christine Robinson Coon (Co-Chair), Scott Van Ness (Co-Chair), Laura Eurich, Nicole Huber, Cheryl Hawkinson

- Discuss Survey of NTTF Results
 - o identify and discuss areas of concern to be addressed in official report on NTTF at UCCS
 - key issues include compensation compared to peer institutions, job security, and seemingly inconsistent interpretation of "service" on campus
 - o Christine: will email draft of report to committee for its contributions and feedback
- Uncompensated Merit Adjustments
 - o Provost Christensen promised update at FA meeting this afternoon
 - Christine: all NTTF Committee members need to be available as needed over the summer since it agreed to collaborate with the Personnel & Benefits (P&B) Committee on a resolution to the Chancellor regarding uncompensated merit pay adjustments
 - Christine: will remind FA members about excerpts of FA President Barb Prinari's report dated April 2017 that focus on the leadership team's study and subsequent promises it made for future adjustments:
 - "Salary compression adjustments for senior instructors. The leadership team has met with the senior instructors on Fri, Apr 28, to illustrate the steps that have been taken to address the senior instructor salary compression issue."
 - "The study also provides a peer salary for senior instructors (CUPA data are not available), estimated to be 12% more than the average CUPA instructor salary in each discipline. Moreover, it has been estimated that senior instructor salaries should increase by 0.5% for each year in service over the median (0.5% is the same percentage used in the uncompensated model last year). After adjusting for individuals' FTE, \$378,253 would be the amount required to increase all senior instructor salaries to match this "adjusted" peer comparison."
 - "Because of budget constraints (\$100,000 is the available pool), only partial adjustments are being made at the moment. [...] Further adjustments to bring all senior instructor salaries to the peer salary will be considered a priority for the future." [emphasis added]
- Implementation of Multi-Year Contracts
 - P&B committee discussing current policy and has "moved to update the policy" (per its April 2019 report)
- NTTF Rights and Responsibilities Guidelines
 - Mary Hanson was evaluating and revising guidelines into a policy document (with exofficio members Laura Marshall and Suzanne Cook)
 - o due to increased workload, Mary was unable to continue this work
 - Christine: will need members to revisit this initiative for next AY

- NTTF Committee Membership and Member Roles for next AY (as of July 1st)
 - Norah Mazel recently accepted a TT position with the library
 - congratulations to Norah on this well-deserved recognition
 - o discuss committee leadership for next AY
 - unanimously elect Scott and Christine as co-chairs for next AY
 - Laura: suggests the election of a Co/Chair-elect; all agree given many benefits for preparing for the role
 - unanimously elect Laura as Co/Chair-elect for next AY
 - Christine: since Norah will no longer be on committee, will need a committee member to commit to updating NTTF website and preparing surveys
 - Chris: agrees to serve as "technology officer" and to create an instructional document based on a meeting with Norah
- NTTF Session of New Faculty Orientation
 - Christine: asks members to join her and Scott on August 20th; several members attended last year and was appreciated by new hires
- Open Discussion
 - o discuss logistics for first Fall meeting
 - o will consider ways committee might enable more communication with lecturers at UCCS

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