

Hello, SAC Chair.

I'm writing you to find out how your SAC allows part-time faculty to participate in SAC meetings. The Faculty Federation is working with the EAC Policy Committee to create guidelines and a process for establishing participation rights in the individual SACs.

I understand that some SACs already have an agreed-upon policy on part-time voting, whereas others do not. Different SACs are of course going to have different situations: some have virtually no part-timers (or their part-timers are only peripherally involved in the SAC), whereas on the other end of the spectrum there are others that are nearly all part-time faculty, who play an integral role in SAC business. We want to ascertain the full range of who is doing what.

You may or may not know that the Academic Policy Handbook includes the following statement regarding part-time voting, dating back a number of years:

*Each SAC will make a recommendation regarding voting rights for part-time instructors in the SAC to the Dean of Academic Services. Note: A formal recommendation would now need to be made to the Dean of Academic Services.*

However, it appears that few if any SACs have forwarded their recommendations to Academic Services. So, we need to query you SAC chairs to find out how you are handling this matter in your individual SACs.

Could you please answer the following questions regarding how your SAC does business? We really appreciate it.

1. What is the name of your SAC?
2. Does your SAC invite part-time faculty to your SAC meetings?
3. Are part-timers allowed to vote on SAC business?
4. Are there any restrictions on the part-timers who are allowed to vote? (e.g., only those who have been at PCC for a year, or only those with assignment rights, or only those who have attended X number of meetings, etc.)
5. If there are restrictions on which part-timers can vote, how were those restrictions established (by a vote of the full-time faculty only, or by a vote of both full-time faculty and part-time faculty)?
6. Anything else we should know about how your SAC operates in this regard?