



Association of Part Time Faculty

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Dear Colleague,

By now, you have probably read Chancellor Murphy's comments about adjuncts which appeared in the November issue of the University Faculty Senate Newsletter (see below). APTF has been working for improved working conditions for CUNY part-time faculty since 1982. Our goals are: pro-rata pay and medical benefits; clear and consistent rehiring and promotion policies and tuition wavers for undergraduate CUNY courses.

CUNY's faculty is now 40% part-time and this percentage is growing every year. By using adjuncts as migrant workers, CUNY is not only exploiting adjuncts themselves, but also full-time faculty and, most of all, students.

Despite Chancellor Murphy's expression of concern, letters and phone calls from APTF have gone unanswered. We are asking all Faculty Senate members, full-time as well as part-time instructors, to write Chancellor Murphy and let him know that the employment situation of adjuncts will be remedied only with deeds, not kind words. APTF also urges the Faculty Senate to take up the problems of part-time faculty in 1985. It is an issue that affects the entire university, faculty and students alike.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.

CHANCELLOR COMMENTS ON ADJUNCTS

Commenting on the increasing number of adjunct faculty at City University and elsewhere, Chancellor Murphy designated the increase "catastrophic" institutionally, in terms of the ratio between adjuncts and full-time faculty-- a ratio the State Board of Education modified several years ago.

At the same time he emphasized that he thought CUNY adjuncts are treated "miserably," so far as salary and fringe benefits are concerned. "We need to do something about that," he said.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Wagner". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and connected.

President, Association
of Part Time Faculty