Dornsife Faculty Council Part-Time Faculty Caucus

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The Part-Time Caucus of the Dornsife Faculty Council met a few times throughout the academic year. The following recommendations are being made to help current and future part-time faculty:

1. All departments should make every effort to mentor all faculty, including part-time faculty. Part-time faculty can benefit from the same one on one mentoring that their full-time colleagues should be guaranteed.

2. Some sort of orientation should be held at the beginning of each semester for all new faculty and part-time faculty need to be included as well. This has already been discussed some in the larger Faculty Council. Although there will be fewer new hires for the fall semester and we may not be in person, an effort should be made to have some sort of virtual orientation for any new faculty.

3. A document should be prepared to be distributed to all new hires, including part-time faculty, that includes basic information such as how to get parking, how to reserve rooms, etc. This can be posted on the DFC web page, but should either an electronic or physical copy should be sent as well. Jessica will work on this document over the summer.

4. A document should be sent to the chairs of every department reminding them of the rights and responsibilities of all part-time faculty, such as their right to participate in faculty governance and/or committees, but the need to compensate them for that additional time. Jessica will work on this document as well.