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The Adjunct Faculty Committee provides adjunct faculty with a University-wide organization to address their concerns. The AFC has been created by adjunct faculty members as a way to provide support and information to all adjunct faculty at Villanova University and to represent their interests to the administration. Adjunct faculty members who have questions or concerns should contact any member of the AFC. The AFC holds several meetings throughout the year and publishes an occasional newsletter called the Partisan. Officers of the AFC, schedules for committee meetings, a copy of the constitution, and back issues of The Partisan are located at <http://www.villanova.edu/facultystaff/ptfaculty/index.html>

News from the Adjunct Faculty Committee

The Spring Term Pay Schedule

by Trudi Graves

The governance system put into place a little over four years ago does indeed seem to be working for the adjunct faculty as well as for the standing faculty. When Burke Ward of C & F, the chair of the Faculty Congress, asked me as the veteran adjunct representative on Congress to talk to the Congress in March about the concerns of the adjunct faculty, I enumerated five issues that the Adjunct Faculty Committee deemed our highest priority.

The issue that triggered an immediate and unanimous response from the Congress members was our spring term pay schedule. They were appalled that we typically teach for 6 or 7 weeks before receiving our first paycheck at mid-term break at the end of February. In addition to passing a motion supporting our position that the administration should remedy this unjust pay schedule, during the discussion several members of the Congress suggested that I take this issue before the University Senate's Mission and Social Justice Committee, which I did in April.

The Mission and Social Justice Committee (which is comprised of faculty, staff, and student members and reports to the University Senate), likewise supported us, and drafted a resolution for presentation to the University Senate at its first meeting in the fall. And at last, as

reported in the October issue of *Blueprints*, we now have a commitment from the administration to issue paychecks at the end of January to adjuncts whose Spring teaching assignment is firm on January 9 or 10. This January, the pilot project may present some problems, arising from late changes in assignments, but the administration has committed to doing right by the adjunct faculty.

Upcoming AFC Elections

The Adjunct Faculty Committee will be holding elections early in the Spring 2005 Semester. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Committee, please email Cecilia Ready at cecilia.ready@villanova.edu for nominating information.

The following current Committee members are running for re-election.

Cecilia Ready, English. Cecilia has been at Villanova since 1978, teaching English and Core Humanities. She has served on the Adjunct Faculty Committee since its inception in 1985 and has been its co-chair for several years. She has also served on numerous departmental and university committees, and is former treasurer of the Villanova Chapter of AAUP. She has also taught at St. Joseph's University and Widener University since 1990, but considers Villanova her home.
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Jody Masterson, College of Nursing. Jody, RN, MSN, CRRN, is an adjunct clinical professor. She received her BSN and MSN at Villanova. When not teaching at Villanova she is a Life Care Planner for an independent nurse practice in Plymouth Meeting-- Nursing Consultations Services, LTD, where all three nurses are graduates of Villanova Graduate Nursing School.
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Carole Kenney, Modern Languages. Carole has been at Villanova since she was a graduate assistant here in 1976 (M.A., French, 1978). She also studied at the Université d'Aix-Marseilles, France (1970-71). She has taught all levels of French here at Villanova, as well as Bryn Mawr and Chestnut Hill Colleges. She has served on the Adjunct Faculty Committee since its inception and was

Co-Chair for several years. She has also been a professional translator for more than twenty years, specializing in medical and pharmaceutical translations. carole.kenney@villanova.edu

Margaret Boerner, English. Margaret took her Ph.D. in early modern English literature but over the course of years has shifted to modern Irish and English literature, while still keeping her interest in Renaissance cosmology by teaching in the Core program as well as in English. margaret.boerner@villanova.edu

Gertrude Graves, English. Based in the English Department for more than twenty years, Trudy also teaches Core Humanities. She has researched Gary Snyder's 1996 book, *Mountains and Rivers without End*, thanks to work she did at the Stanford Humanities Center while on sabbatical in 1998 with her husband. One of the two adjunct faculty representatives on Faculty Congress, she also serves as the adjunct faculty member of the Executive Committee of the Congress. gertrude.graves@villanova.edu



AFC members John Groch and Carole Kenney

John Groch, Theology/Religious Studies. After beginning graduate school in theology at CUA, John earned an M.A. in Religious Studies and M.S. in Human Services Administration from Villanova and has been teaching courses on marriage, medical ethics and religion in literature since 1978. He has also taught at St. Joseph's University. He is currently teaching full-time at St. Joseph's Prep (comparative religions, Hebrew Scriptures, church history, Christian morality) and serves as band and crew moderator there. john.groch@villanova.edu

Jeanne Brody, Art History/History. Jeanne, who holds an M.A. from Temple University and a Ph.D. from the University of Delaware, has been teaching at Villanova for 20 years. During that time, she has taught courses such as Women in Art, Modern Art, Nineteenth Century Art, and Introduction to Art. She serves the AFC as editor of The Partisan. jeanne.brody@villanova.edu

AFC Fall Social

The Fall AFC Social took place on Wednesday afternoon, September 15 in the President's Lounge. We ate, drank, discussed Adjunct issues and met some new friends.



Adjuncts getting to know each other.

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