

The Place for Part-Timers

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Editor's Comment: Fair Treatment is the goal of Local 6286 at Victor Valley College. We especially want the fairness of Equal Pay for Equal Work.

newsworthy



PTFU 6286

All About Ad-cons

"The exploitation is indeed filthy, but for me and my tenured colleagues, this scandal is neither little nor secret: the vast majority of those well-educated, skilled professionals who daily teach millions of students in our classrooms are actually being paid far less than the workers who nightly clean them. Ad-cons are treated as chattel or as servants who can be dismissed at the will and whim of any administrator from departmental chair to dean or provost. And woe to those ad-cons who elicit the wrath of their campus presidents! They can be non-renewed without any due process whatsoever, simply zapped, either individually or by the hundreds. We all know this, but most tenured faculty colleagues choose to simply look the other way. C'est la vie. Tough luck. Life just isn't fair. Keep on walking and change the subject."

To view the complete essay by this full-time, tenured professor, Peter Brown, visit this Web address:

<http://www.insidehighered.com/views/2010/05/11/brown>

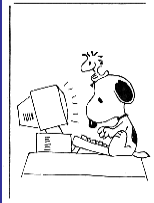
Thank you for all that you do for education each and every day!

Thank you for your time and support of our Union!

1%

Time for Thought

What will strengthen our resolve when our representative unions are facing difficult times across the nation? If you have some ideas about how to weather the collective bargaining storm, send them our way . . .



Local 6286 at Victor Valley College
Tel: 760-245-4271 extension 2125
E-mail: reidt@vvc.edu
Union Web site: ptfu.org

Check Out

The Academic Senate Program Review committee is being revamped, and needs interested faculty members.

Those who would like to know more may contact Dr. Glenn Akers, Adjunct Senator Representative: akersg@vvc.edu

Concerns about Parking

(A letter from a part-timer @ VVC)

Hi Valery!

I work at Silverado High School with Michael Krause, currently one of our board members at VVC. I am also the adjunct Spanish teacher at VVC. I brought it to Mr. Krause's attention that as part-timers we need to have available parking just as well as the daytime instructors. He was surprised to know that there is a sign that allows students to park in the teachers' parking spaces after 5:00 p.m. The majority of the teachers DO come in the evening and are part-time employees. Why is it that the daytime instructors and the full-time instructors get preferential treatment for parking and the evening instructors have to fend for themselves to FIND a parking space and even have one available for their six o'clock classes? We have the same education but quite different treatment. Right now, it is HARD to find a space and get to class so that your students don't abandon it after 15 minutes. Coming early isn't much of an option if you already have a day job. I think the evening teachers should also have a privilege to park and maybe the sign changed to AFTER 6:15 or after 6:00 students may park in a teacher-designated parking space. After 5:00 pretty much eliminates all evening classes. We, the teachers, have to bring in paperwork, workbooks, extra markers, erasers, etc. and a student only brings in a book and a notebook. We do need to be able to find a parking space and to be closer to our classrooms, just like the full-time day instructors. Mr. Krause said he mentioned it to the board, but I'm not sure if it was actually brought up in the meeting or not. Thanks for giving this letter the attention it needs. I think if some part-timers are finding it difficult to find a parking space, students are allowed to leave after waiting 10 to 15 minutes. If that happens, someone could have his/her class dropped and lose \$\$.

Nancy Pastrana

Editor's note: Thank you, Nancy, for bringing to light yet another discrepancy between full and part-time teachers @ VVC . . .