

Can Members of the PFA Vote at Department Meetings?

Recently this subject has come up once or twice: Are members of the Part-Time Faculty Association allowed to vote at department meetings, and did that include being able to vote in an election for department chairs. I did some digging and this is what I found:

In December 2015 the Academic Senate passed a resolution enabling the PFA to send one representative to each academic department and that representative would be able to vote on department-related matters. However, this does not mean any bargaining unit member can vote in a department meeting, only an official representative selected by the PFA Executive Board.

That leaves the question of whether or not the PFA representative can vote when an election is held for department chair, and the answer to that is no. According to the Academic Senate's election code, and the Board of Trustees policies and procedures, only full-time can vote for department chairs. See www.hancockcollege.edu/academicsenate/elections.php.