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I am a semi-retired licensed consulting engineer with 50+ years of work experience. I taught one class each year at OIT as an adjunct faculty in the engineering department from 2010 to 2015. During that time, the salary per class on an hourly basis was 25% of what I was earning as a consultant. Teaching was enjoyable and rewarding as a part time endeavor, but I was certainly not doing it for the salary nor would I have considered teaching more than one class each year. If universities expect to find and employ qualified adjunct faculty, they should pay closer to what they are paying full-time, tenured faculty or the "going rate" based on the engineer's experience and qualifications.

Sincerely,
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