

**Glenville State College Alumni Council**  
**Saturday, September 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes**  
**Waco Center Hall of Fame Room**

Members in attendance: Paul Biser, Tim Moore, Clyde Stepp, Robin Chaney, Conner Ferguson (staff), David Hutchison (staff), Dr. Mark A. Manchin (staff), and Nic McVaney (student representative)

- I. The Meeting was called to order at 10:15AM by Alumni Council President Elect Tim Moore and a quorum was established.
- II. President Elect Moore welcomed those in attendance and those joining via teleconference and shared President Patterson regrets that he couldn't be present at the meeting.
- III. The approval of the May 8, 2021 meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting.
- IV. Glenville State College President Mark A. Manchin provided the Alumni Council with a campus update.
  - a. COVID-19: President Manchin discussed the current COVID-19 cases on campus and the measures that the College has put in place to limit the spread of the virus throughout the campus community. He shared that majority of the students, faculty, and the staff have been vaccinated against the virus and hopes that the College's case load remains low and manageable.
  - b. Game Day Environment: President Manchin discussed the College's new football game day traditions of having the team escorted by the police and fire department from campus, through downtown, to Morris Stadium, and then greeted by the marching band, cheerleaders, and fans while walking to the locker rooms.
  - c. University Status: With the Higher Learning Commission approving Glenville State to offer masters level programs, he plans on perusing "University Status" through the WV Higher Education Policy Commission (WVHEPC) and the West Virginia Legislature.
  - d. Nursing Program: GSC has signed a memorandum of understanding with Marshall University that will offer a four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program through Marshall University on GSC's Campus. Pre-nursing students will begin to be accepted in the fall of 2022 with the first nursing students then accepted in fall of 2023.
  - e. Graduate Programs: At this time GSC is planning on enrolling students in the fall of 2022 in two Master's Degree Programs through the College's Department of Education with degrees in Curriculum and Teaching. He stated that the College is also looking at adding additional programs in the future such as a Master's of Business Administration.
- V. Glenville State College Vice President for College Advancement David Hutchison provided the Alumni Council members with a GSC Foundation and Advancement update:
  - a. Grants:
    - i. Research Corporation has around \$5 million in grants
    - ii. Student Support Services TRIO grant was renewed
    - iii. Awarded an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant for cyber security that will benefit the Department of Business and Department of Criminal Justice.
    - iv. McGee Foundation Scholars (Senior Students from WV with a GPA of 3.0)
  - b. Scholarships:
    - i. Approximately \$425 thousand was awarded in FY 21 in student scholarships
    - ii. Approximately \$620 thousand has been awarded in FY 22 for student scholarships

- iii. Several new scholarships were created by Alumni Council members and different alumni groups
    - c. General Foundation Information:
      - i. Foundation endowment is sitting around \$18 million
      - ii. Presidents Circle helped support several projects this year: President's House, Pioneer Fund, Student Hardship, and the Pioneer Pantry
      - iii. Received \$1 million from the Legislature for Teacher Education
      - iv. Working on ways to improve downtown Glenville
- VI. Glenville State College Director of Alumni Relations Conner Ferguson provided the Alumni Council with an Alumni Report:
- a. The fall issue of the Pioneer Progress Magazine is in the works and will be released this fall.
  - b. We are always looking for Alumni Spotlights so if you know anyone that you would like to see featured, please complete the web form on the Alumni and Friends webpage.
  - c. Working with the Department of Education to continue the work that we started pre-COVID with alumni in schools, alumni panels at exit day, education recruiter videos, and more.
  - d. Continuing the Senior Send-Offs with shirts, business cards, and a dinner with President Manchin
  - e. Continuing graduate and alumni data collection and segmenting it
  - f. Working on establishing "Grad Day" with the Banes and Noble Campus Store
- VII. Glenville State College Director of Alumni Relations Conner Ferguson provided the Alumni Council with a financial report.
- a. United Bank Account (as of 8/31/2021) \$3,843.87
  - b. GSC Alumni Association (as of 9/24/2021) \$5,642.87 with YTD invested income of \$91.43
  - c. Alumni Expense – FY22 (as of 9/24/2021) \$10,000 annual allocation \$10,406.51 remaining
  - d. Alumni Student Hardship Fund (as of 9/24/2021) \$20,000 permanently restricted, \$18,013.73 temporarily restricted, and totals \$38, 013.73
  - e. Alumni House Repairs (as of 9/24/2021) \$6,671.70
  - f. Debbie Nagy Fund (as of 9/24/2021) \$993.32
- VIII. Old Business:
- a. Conner provided an update about the Summer Alumni Events at Power Park, Roane County, and at Lamberts
  - b. Conner provided an update about the Alumni House repairs and the cost breakdown of the project: Total cost \$27,970.86; donated \$15,140.86; owed \$12,830
- IX. New Business:
- a. Homecoming 2021 will be on October 23 and the special honor group will be former Pioneer Cheerleaders
  - b. The future Alumni Ambassador Program was discussed
  - c. Leesa Holder was nominated to fill the open position on the GSC Alumni Council. Robin Chaney made a motion to accept Leesa as the newest member of the GSC Alumni Council and Tim Moore seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and it was accepted unanimously.
  - d. Future meeting dates were discussed

- e. The following upcoming events were listed: Music Fest October 12, Homecoming October 23, Jim Rogers Art Show October 22, Bluegrass Concert October 22, December 2 MOV Christmas Dinner, Black Alumni History Recognition February 5, Winter Homecoming and Founders Day February 19.
- X. Tim Moore moved that the meeting be adjourned and Robin Chaney seconded the motion. There was no discussion on this motion and it was accepted unanimously.