

Glenville State University Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes - Final

Date: August 29, 2023

I. Call to Order and Roll

- a. Vice President Maureen Gildein called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm in MCCC 319 and via Teams.
- b. Senators in attendance: Liz Matory, Maureen Gildein, Schuyler Chapman, Leslie Ward, Pai Song, Donal Hardin, Josh Squires, David Lewis (online) Shelly Ratliff, Kandas Queen, Nabil Nasser
- c. Missing Senators: Jennifer Wenner
- d. Others in attendance: Luke Bendick, Tracy Chenoweth, Mari Clements, Jason Gum, JD Carpenter

II. Election

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Queen moved to approve the meeting minutes from the 8/15 meeting. Ratliff seconded.
- b. All voted in favor of accepting the minutes for both meetings, except D. Chapman abstained.

IV. Reports

- a. Officers
 - i. Gildein said the representative of HEPC will join us for the 9/26 meeting (10/24 if that fails) at the request of faculty at the end of AY 2022-23. She also altered the date for the Faculty Senate picture (she had said 9/13 but the meeting was 9/12).
- b. Board of Governors (Duane Chapman)
 - i. Chapman attended the August meeting for the Board of Governors. There were presentations on various topics.
 - ii. They discussed sustainability in light of Alderson Broadus (AB) closing and how GSU is responding.
 - iii. BOG has asked for clarification on enrollment and budget calculations.
 1. Tim Henline will be here at Faculty Senate at the next minute for a presentation.
 - iv. Next meeting is on 10/18.
- c. ACF (Kandas Queen)
 - i. They have not met again and have primarily been discussing the upcoming retreat as well as the CFP for OER grants on the listserv.
 - ii. Queen said if there were topics worth discussing on their agenda for the retreat to tell her prior to their retreat (in November).
 - iii. Queen is also working to get ACF meeting minutes up on the University website.

- d. Administrative/Academic Updates
 - i. Clements informed that she is out of the office for the next nine days; she is monitoring email and can be reached by phone .
 - ii. Clements received a letter from HLC re: composite financial indicators (negative) but it relates to several years ago. Positive financial indicators have been present for the last couple years. Nevertheless, WV HEPC and HLC will be monitoring the financial situation of the University.
 - iii. Student loan forgiveness is going away, and student default rate might get worse as a result (not just for us, but for all institutions).
 - iv. Policy 28 has been laid over due to the lack of involvement by VP for Enrollment Management (that VP and the Provost)
 - 1. Matory shared that the policy was not completely out of the blue. It was discussed at the President's cabinet meeting, as well as at the Academic Policy Committee meetings and at Faculty Senate. She said it's important to review this but that wanted to make sure it was not sounding like the policy was not handled through
 - 2. Clements clarified that the VP had said he was involved early on
 - v. Our teach out with AB is in front of HEPC; teach out agreements usually occur prior to closure but the closure was so rapid that that was not something addressed ahead of time.
 - 1. One thing GSU is doing is suspending the 30 credit hour requirement.
 - 2. They are also being a little more liberal in terms of course equivalencies (focusing on core competencies rather than content).
 - 3. HLC has to approve Braxton and Webster Counties as additional sites where GSU exists.

V. Old Business

- a. Faculty Handbook Sections II and III
 - i. The Senate moved on to New Business because the person leading the review had something come up unexpectedly which kept them from the meeting.
 - ii. At the meeting's conclusion, Queen motioned to lay this item over to next time. Hardin seconded.
 - iii. All voted in favor.

VI. New Business

- a. Academic Dishonesty Policy
 - i. Gildein reported from Amanda Chapman: There is a revised version that was approved at the end of Spring 2023. They added a part regarding AI tools as well as a section on self-plagiarism.
 - ii. Ward suggested that the AI section be revised and indicate that AI would be permissible to use *ethically* (would need to define) and *as a tool* with

proper citation. Ward and S. Chapman acknowledged that faculty would use AI like ChatGPT for the purposes of teaching and as tools. Queen acknowledged that their textbooks are starting to include how to use this type of software too. The policy as written seems too restrictive.

iii. Gildein said we would recommend that they revise further.

b. Survey Monkey Renewal

i. The renewal is in process (returns on September 13).

ii. D. Chapman moved that we renew Survey Monkey for this year. Nasseri seconded.

1. Discussion: Ward asked in discussion why we would use Microsoft Forms rather than Survey Monkey. Queen suggested its anonymity is questioned. D. Chapman said it's also less flexible.

2. Clements mentioned Qualtrics as an alternative (their free software works better than Survey Monkey's), but she noted that you can only run two surveys maximum at a time.

3. Squires is pro Survey Monkey too.

iii. All vote in favor.

c. Constitution Amendment Discussion

i. The Constitution states that we have senators representing each department, a BOG representative, an ACF representative, and at-large members to bring the total to 12. The issue is that now that we have a College of Health Sciences, so that has expanded departments. There are two current at-large members, which means we need to decide what to do for the next election.

ii. Matory also mentioned that we now have people on the Senate (and committees) representing colleges instead of departments, and the Constitution does not contain any clarification re: the distinction between .

iii. S. Chapman mentioned that any changes to how we discuss membership will likely to impact by-laws. The Constitution should be revised first so that the language about membership can be borrowed by the committees.

iv. Queen and Matory agreed to work on drafting an amendment to the Constitution.

VII. Adjournment

a. D. Chapman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:14, and Queen seconded. All voted in favor.