

Glenville State College Faculty Senate Minutes

Date: March 19, 2019

I. Call to Order and Roll

- President Tim Henline called to order the Glenville State College Faculty Senate at 12: 25pm in the Mollohan Conference Room, Room 319.
- Senators present: Tim Henline, Adam Black, Jeremy Keene, Dennis Wemm, Shelly Ratliff, James Bradley, David O'Dell, Jason Barr, Kandas Queen, Amanda Chapman, Kevin Evans, Dana Wilson, Wenwen Du, Donal Hardin.
- Also in attendance:

II. Approval of Minutes; Reports

- Motion to approve minutes for February 26 from Kevin Evans, seconded by Dennis Wemm, carried.
- Reports
 - President's Report: Tim Henline contacted our representatives regarding the resolutions the Faculty Senate put forward. Speaker of the West Virginia House Henshaw responded in support of the faculty resolutions. The bills in question did not pass, as was Faculty Senate's desire.
 - Board of Governors/ACF Representative Dr. Kevin Evans: Kevin notes that the Board of Governors meeting has been postponed to May 8, and the Faculty Senate is invited to attend at the Waco Center. Attend if you can. Tomorrow there will be an emergency Board meeting tomorrow at 11 AM to discuss the redirection of the duties and responsibilities for the college's operations. Kevin anticipates they will go into executive session, and will ask what he can report out of the executive session. David O'Dell notes that Teresa Sterns used to send an email to Faculty Senate president to let them know when the Board opens up the meeting. Kevin notes that we need to better know our Board members to cultivate more open communications. Dennis Wemm notes that it's difficult as Faculty Senate President to represent the entire faculty, so it's better to have department representatives there.
 - Administrative/Academic Updates: None.

III. Old Business

- Course Evaluations: Kandas Queen notes that our amendments to the course evaluation form have been put in place. Kandas would like to have Robin

Cottrill address the Senate about the online course evaluation. Online courses will have additional questions regarding the online format.

- Faculty Senate Constitution: Tim Henline shares his research on votes of confidence with the committee. He's also created a track changes version of the constitution with some of his and others' feedback on the constitution. Dennis Wemm asks about the "duties of officers" section: Does Faculty Senate actually need a treasurer? Tim answers that if we have a budget, we technically must have a treasurer. Lately the treasurer has only dealt with Survey Monkey. David O'Dell asks if we want to keep the Senate as large as it currently is. We have about a third of the faculty serving on Senate. Jason Barr points out that with departments merging we might have fewer at-large members. Kevin Evans recommends reducing the size of the Senate, with a cap on at-large positions instead of one at-large member for each department. (At-large members were originally intended to balance the departmental representatives.) Kevin suggests twelve members in total. Dr. Morris has been working on reducing committee commitments in general, including reducing the number of Senate members. Donald Hardin asks if we have classification/adjunct representation: we do not. Dennis Wemm spent some time looking over old Faculty Senate constitutions and has seen some cases in which one non-full-time faculty member represents the entire non-full-time faculty. Regardless, any changes we make would need to be reflected in a revision of the constitution. Tim Henline asks that Dennis Wemm and the rest of his committee work on reducing the number of Senate members in the constitution before we take a vote in Senate and release the result to all faculty.

IV. New Business

- PLA and Portfolio Guidelines for Students (Information Item): What Tim Henline sent out yesterday is all that has been done so far. Kevin notes that the HEPC mandates that we have a portfolio system. It went before Academic Policy, which corrected some initial mistakes. Now it reflects both Board policy and HEPC policy. James Bradley notes that one of his department members wanted to know who accepts the credit. The department chair and relevant faculty would approve before passing it on to the registrar.

V. Departmental Representative Concerns

- Marjorie Stewart (via Jason Barr) asks that we all RSVP re: the faculty party, hosted by Jason Yeager.
- David O'Dell remarks that we've needed to act more as a watchdog, especially in cases when we are given data that is factual but incomplete. For now, he

moves that we ask for detailed, specific data on residence hall occupancy: for each hall, how many actually occupying each of the double rooms, how many single rooms are occupied. (The numbers we've been given seem misleading.) Jason Barr seconds the motion. Dana Wilson asks how this information is relevant to Faculty Senate concerns. David responds that we have a responsibility to point out when we have been given misleading information. It would be good to know, for instance, if drops in enrollment have been balanced by higher residence hall occupancy. Motion carries, with Dana Wilson abstaining. Jason Barr notes that his department chair sent out numbers from provost regarding student population; Jason noticed that between 2003 and 2004 there was a decrease of about 800 students. David O'Dell and Dennis Wemm point out that was when satellite campuses were disarticulated from the college. Jason Barr asks if the head count includes all students we give credit to, including DMAPs, dual-credit, prison, etc. The answer is yes. David O'Dell notes that this is the first year in which our FTE has dropped into three digits at 993.

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 pm

