

GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes

February 6th, 2020

- I. Organization Meeting – received paperwork.
- II. President Ring called the meeting to order at 12:35pm
- III. Public Comment
 - i. None
- IV. Roll call was taken by Secretary Tarman.
- V. Swearing in of new members:
 - i. None
- VI. Review of last week’s minutes:
 - i. Senator Pyles motioned to accept the minutes.
 - ii. Senator Allison seconded.
 - iii. Motion passed.
- VII. President’s Report (Only the President may speak at this time)
 - i. President Ring stated that everything he has to mention will be during old business.
- VIII. Executive Reports:
 - i. Vice-President Barber: Nothing at this time.
 - ii. Parliamentarian: *vacant*
 - iii. Treasurer Lewis: Nothing at this time.
 - iv. Secretary Tarman: Secretary Tarman mentioned that she added more information to the flyer and removed the old, incorrect flyer in AB.
 - v. Public Relations Officer Cochran: Public Relations Officer Cochran reminded everyone that we will have pizza at the next meeting - bring a friend and help us get new members.
- IX. Committee Reports:
 - i. None
- X. Congressional Forum
 - i. Public Relations Officer Cochran mentioned that he is concerned that there are people parking outside Goodwin Hall and carrying items into their rooms on the two-lane road and creating a blind spot.
 - i. President Ring replied that we can get with Public Safety and try to get the two-lane road in more enforced so that no one stops on it.
- XI. Old Business:
 - i. Winter Homecoming:
 - i. President Ring reported that he heard that it went well. Hannah Rexroad said that the tailgate turned out really good and there was good participation from everyone especially because it was wet and cold.
- XII. New Business:
 - i. BOG Updates:
 - i. President Ring began with stating that the college will be in a large deficit at the end of the Spring semester. It has been discussed and moved that there will be an additional fee added in the upcoming semester. The fee is a \$120 Activities Fee that will go towards covering student’s admission to game, Student Life activities, the shuttles, etc.
 - i. He also mentioned that there were several fees that were cut, mainly departmental based, but Dr. Nelson is ensuring that the addition or cuts to fees will not harm the students.

- ii. Retention was another main focus for this meeting. President Ring mentioned that it has been an issue in the last few years. However, our freshman class has almost doubled. If we can keep increasing these classes and retaining those students, we will be larger than we were 5 years ago.
 - iii. President Ring spoke on behalf of our prison program at FCI Gilmer. We are about to graduate the first ever 4-year class from a prison. FCI Gilmer is the only prison that offers a 4-year degree.
- ii. Meet and Confer:
 - i. President Ring brought up Winter Graduation. He mentioned that we have spent about \$13,000 on all the graduations combined for a fiscal year and only collect about \$8,000 from fees – leaving us with a cost. We have an expense sheet available. It was discussed that the graduation fee may increase from \$60 to *no more* than \$80.
 - i. President Ring asked if anyone was planning on graduating in Winter. Katelyn Miller mentioned that she potentially is, and she would hate to have to come back in the Spring so it would be worth having to find the extra money to cover the fee.
 - ii. Advisor Carr asked if there was any discussion on whether the location would change the amount spent. President Ring replied that we pay nothing for the location, so that doesn't affect the costs.
 - iii. Anna Childers stated that she is for having just a Spring graduation because you will be able to walk with your entire class.
 - 1. Advisor Carr mentioned that you can come to either graduation if you graduate in the Winter.
 - iv. President Ring entertained a motion to accept an increased graduation fee up to \$20 – meaning a total fee of no more than \$80.
 - 1. Senator Pyles moved to accept the motion.
 - 2. Vice President Barber seconded.
 - 3. Motion passed.
 - ii. Secretary Tarman brought up the “Student Pioneer of the Year” award. She stated that it is basically the “Leadership” award that has been given out at the May graduation in the past. It is revamped and has a more in-depth process and it will require that the winner be the student speaker at graduation.
 - i. President Ring threw in that if the winner does not want to speak, they can do a video to be presented or we can come up with another means.
 - iii. President Ring mentioned that Dr. Nelson introduced a policy that states that there be a similar Shared Governance (Meet and Confer) meeting put in to place with the new President.
- iii. SGA Stickers:
 - i. Secretary Tarman mentioned that she looked into ordering SGA stickers with our logo to give out to students. \$40 could get us about 500 stickers, which we will vote on after we look at the budget. She wanted to know if there was any opposition to that – no one had any.
- iv. New Organization Presentations:
 - i. Hermitage Literacy Club presented first. After discussion, it was determined that the organization shows diversification through our organizations and opportunities.
 - i. Senator Pelfry moved to accept the Hermitage Literacy Club as an organization.
 - ii. Senator Allison seconded.

- iii. Motion passed.
 - ii. International Student Association presented next. We discussed that this organization would be good for our international students to get more involved and create a safe environment for them especially since Dr. Gibbons left. President Ring mentioned that this could be a good opportunity to bring in more international students in.
 - i. Senator Allison moved to accept the International Student Association as an organization.
 - ii. Senator Davis seconded.
 - iii. Motion passed.
- XIII. Advisor and Administrative Liaison Updates/Comments
 - i. Advisor Morris: Nothing at this time.
 - ii. Advisor Carr: Had to leave early.
 - iii. Advisor Keene: Not present
 - iv. Advisor Henline apologized for not being at all the meetings. He has been working at the prison to cover a vacant position.
 - v. Liaison Duelley: Not present.
 - vi. *Secretary Tarman mentioned that Hannah Rexroad will also be serving as one of our Academic Liaisons* Liaison Rexroad updated on the upcoming Student Life activities.
- XIV. Adjournment at 1:24pm
 - i. Senator Allison motioned to adjourn.
 - ii. Senator Pyles seconded.
 - iii. Motion passed.