

Glenville State College Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: Apr 28, 2020

I. Call to Order and Roll

- President Tim Henline called to order the Glenville State College Faculty Senate at 12: 32pm via conference call.
- Senators present: Tim Henline, Amanda Chapman, Marjorie Stewart, Dennis Wemm, Megan Darby, Duane Chapman, Shelly Ratliff, Wenwen Du, Chris Cosner, Kevin Evans, Kandas Queen, Adam Black, Arthur DeMatteo, David O'Dell, Dana Wilson, Jeffrey Bryson, Maureen Gildein, John S. McKinney, Brian Perkins, Jonathan Minton
- Also in attendance: Kathy Nelson, Gary Morris

II. Approval of Minutes; Reports

- Motion to approve minutes for April 7, 2020 from Marjorie Stewart, seconded by Jeffrey Bryson. Motion carries.
- Reports
 - President's Report: Tim thanks the outgoing Senate members for their service, and especially commends Dennis Wemm for his work chairing the Elections Committee and revising the Faculty Senate constitution. Tim also thanks Kathy Nelson and Gary Morris for being willing to attend almost every meeting of the Faculty Senate.
 - Board of Governors/ACF Representative Dr. Kevin Evans: Both ACF and the Board of Governors has met since our last meeting. ACF met via Zoom on April 17 to discuss how faculty are adjusting to online teaching. All colleges except GSC were using Zoom, but since they did not have a pro account, their meetings had time limits. The idea was floated of providing colleges with pro accounts for Zoom. Though state appropriations are expected to stay flat despite an estimated \$350 million shortfall, it is anticipated that the federal government will help with budget shortfalls for both the state and higher education institutions. It seems unlikely that the fall semester will see us returning entirely to business as usual. Most likely we will use some sort of hybrid model that minimizes the amount of time students spend on campus. Fall sports are also up in the air, and canceling the season is not out of the question, though it was acknowledged that a cancelation would be detrimental to colleges with large numbers of student athletes. The BOG met via conference call on April 21, with breakout sessions for the various

committees. Presidential interviews are May 27-29, and all faculty are invited to attend. Draft policies were approved for a thirty-day comment period, some of which contained minor revisions, some of which were almost completely rewritten (such as Policy 26 on program review), and two of which are new and relate to Policy 49 on shared governance and Policy 53 on animals on campus. The faculty are encouraged to read over the policies and email comments to Theresa Sterns. Merit scholarships will be awarded, substituting high school GPA for ACT/SAT scores when necessary, with the maximum award being \$2000. In continuing merit scholarships, grades for this academic year will be disregarded due to the interruption of the COVID pandemic. We're offering waivers worth \$1000 for dual-enrollment students to encourage them to enroll in the fall. Admissions aims to enroll 450 students, but acknowledge that enrollment numbers are predicted to be much lower due to the pandemic. CAEP accreditation has been postponed to fall 2020. Wildlife Management will be a new major in the fall, and the GIS certificate program will be completely online beginning in the fall. There are no changes to or eliminations of academic programs; however, low-enrollment courses and programs are being reviewed by Planning and Prioritization. GSC was awarded \$1.4 million. The first half will reimburse students for 1/3 of their room and board. The second half will be used to cover the colleges expense due to the pandemic. The budget for the upcoming year was approved, with the goal of curtailing losses, such as the \$1.2 million loss this year.

- Administrative/Academic Updates: Kathy Nelson adds that we hope to have the first half of the relief money any day now, and a lot of administrative time is being spent strategizing how to spend the funds in a way that is both most beneficial and in line with federal rules. Some emergency hardship funds will be set aside. The HEPC and WV state government has been requesting data almost daily as decisions are made about if and how federal relief funds to the state will be distributed to higher education institutions. Gary Morris welcomes the new Senators, and recognizes Tim Henline for his excellent work as Faculty Senate President, especially given the tumult of the last few years. Gary also recognizes our retiring members, Dennis Wemm and Art DeMatteo, for their hard work at the college. The Academic Success Center has been working with faculty advisors regarding students who have not registered to return in the fall. Right now we're at 67% returning students enrolled, which is higher than some past years. Gary asks that we continue to work to get advisees registered if they have not yet. Virtual commencement information has been sent out; questions can be

sent to Gary or Dustin Crutchfield. Kathy notes that we plan to release the virtual commencement on May 9, the day for which commencement was originally scheduled. About half of faculty contracts have been returned, and Gary asks that we get those back by May 29 (the extended deadline). Planning and Prioritization is doing a more in-depth review of data on course enrollment and graduation rates for programs than in 2017. Faculty will soon be able to use a form to request a course-load reduction for research or unique recruitment engagements. Dean of Education and Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs positions will be posted by the end of the week. Search committees for faculty positions are through their first round and next will conduct a virtual interview and open forum with students.

III. Old Business

- Any outstanding business of the current Faculty Senate: Kandas notes that the Senate's work on the Online Course Evaluation Form will be taken up by the new Senate.

IV. New Business

- New Faculty Senate Officer Elections: Tim sent out an email outlining the process for electing these positions. First the new Senate will vote on the new President, who will then preside over electing the rest of the officers. Tim will accept nominations for the President, and the new Senate will vote by emailing or texting him. Tim requests nominations for Faculty Senate President. Marjorie Stewart nominates Kevin Evans. Kevin Evans declines the nomination because he is already the Board of Governors representative for the Faculty Senate, and he feels the Senate needs a diversity of voices representing them. Duane Chapman nominates Jeffrey Bryson. Brian Perkins nominates Kandas Queen. Kandas Queen declines because she's taking charge of the RBA program. Jeffrey Bryson declines because he's chairing the IRB and the Behavioral Intervention Committee. Kandas Queen nominates Brian Perkins. Brian Perkins nominates Duane Chapman. Duane Chapman declines because his plate is full between teaching and running the boxing program. Jonathan Minton nominates Marjorie Stewart, and Marjorie Stewart accepts the nomination.
 - Jeffrey Bryson moves to close nominations. Duane Chapman seconds. Motion carries. Tim asks that members of the new Senate send in their votes.
 - Brian Perkins is elected Faculty Senate President.

The new Faculty Senate President, Brian Perkins, asks for nominations for Vice President. Jonathan Minton nominates Marjorie Stewart. Maureen Gildein nominates Jeffrey Bryson.

- Duane Chapman moves to close nominations. Kevin Evans seconds. Motion carries. Brian asks that Senate members send their votes to Tim Henline.
- Marjorie Stewart is elected Vice President.

Brian asks for nominations for Parliamentarian. Jeffrey Bryson nominates Duane Chapman, and Duane accepts.

- Jeffrey Bryson moves to close nominations. Marjorie Stewart seconds. Motion carries.
- Jeffrey Bryson moves to take a voice vote. Marjorie Stewart seconds. Motion carries.
- Duane Chapman is elected Parliamentarian.

Brian asks for nominations for Secretary. Marjorie Stewart nominates Kandas Queen. Jeffrey Bryson nominates Maureen Gildein.

- Marjorie Stewart moves to close nominations. Jeffrey Bryson seconds. Motion carries. Brian asks that Senate members send their votes to Tim Henline.
- Kandas Queen is elected Secretary.

Brian asks for nominations for Treasurer. Jeffrey Bryson nominates Wenwen Du.

- Marjorie Stewart moves to close nominations. Jeffrey Bryson seconds. Motion carries. Brian asks that Senate members send their votes to Tim Henline.
- Marjorie Stewart moves to take a voice vote. Jeffrey Bryson seconds. Motion carries.
- Wenwen Du is elected Treasurer.

V. Departmental Representative Concerns

Meeting adjourned at 1:34 pm