

# Glennville State University Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: January 9, 2024

## I. Call to Order and Roll

- a. President Maureen Gildein called the meeting to order at 12:29 pm in MCCC 315 and via Teams.
- b. Senators in attendance: Maureen Gildein, Schuyler Chapman, Pai Song, Josh Squires, Jennifer Wenner, Kandas Queen, Nabil Nasser, Mark Sarver, David Lewis (online), Duane Chapman (online), Shelly Ratliff (online), Scott Beatty (online)
- c. Others in attendance: Mari Clements, JD Carpenter (online), Matt Thiele, Tracy Chenoweth, Casey Patterson, Robert Regalado (online), Melissa Gish (online)

## II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Squires moved to approve the meeting minutes from the 11/28, meetings. Song seconded. S. Chapman indicated that he completed a sentence that was incomplete.
- b. All voted in favor of accepting the minutes except Wenner who abstained. Motion passes.
- c. Song moved to approve 12/7 meeting minutes. Sarver Seconded.
- d. All voted in favor of accepting the minutes except Wenner and Squires who abstained. Motion passes.
- e. 1/3 meeting minutes will be put on the agenda for the next meeting so faculty who did not review can do so.

## III. Reports

- a. Officers
  - i. Gildein thanked outgoing and welcomed incoming senators.
  - ii. She requested that we let Casey Patterson (from GEAR UP) to speak before we turn to business. GEAR UP works with students plan for post-secondary education. He works out of Glennville and other counties. They offer a summer academic camp (residential overnight) for rising 9th-10th graders.
  - iii. Squires reiterated his desire that people take a look at the Faculty Senate website.
- b. Board of Governors (Duane Chapman)
  - i. Chapman said full Board met but it was mostly focused on committee reports. BOG will now be getting presentations ahead of time from the various VPs and that these will now be shared with faculty. It will also improve efficiency (so that the BOG has time to process info and pose appropriate questions).
  - ii. Next BOG meeting is 2/7 (committee meetings) with 2/29 agenda submissions. The public meeting usually occurs two weeks after that.

- c. ACF (Kandas Queen)
  - i. Faculty Senate website now links to materials for ACF.
  - ii. Legislative calendar is now released.
  - iii. There will be a meeting next Thursday (1/18).
- d. Administrative/Academic Updates
  - i. Clements said we will extend registration to Wednesday (1/9). Late registration will be 1/10 – 11 (students starting a new schedule from scratch need to go to Academic Affairs).
  - ii. They also have a new application for faculty overload (Clements is currently double-checking them).
  - iii. She also requested that people let her know if there's a mistake because it's possible that there could be
    - 1. Wenner asked that if we know of international students waylaid we should inform Academic Affairs, as they would likely be able to get that info out to other faculty.

#### **IV. Old Business**

- a. Policy 28 A
  - i. 2.3 was modified to address previous concerns (re: undergraduate taking graduate courses) from Sarver and Queen. The Graduate Council modified.
  - ii. Song brought up idea that the TOEFL score required was higher than he expected to see (typically around 80). Clements said that the score of 94 came from Dr. Heaster.
  - iii. Sarver suggested we ask Carr too.
  - iv. Wenner and Sarver said it was kind of a moot point
  - v. Wenner motioned to approve with future consideration of TOEFL score. Sarver seconded.
  - vi. All voted in favor except Queen who opposed.
- b. Revised Attendance Policy
  - i. Gildein reviewed the changes.
  - ii. Wenner suggested that the two- or three-week lack of attendance should be not just at the start of the semester and also cumulative absences.
  - iii. S. Chapman indicated that there should be some discretion with how faculty deal with this (particularly related to cumulative absences).
  - iv. Sarver also pointed out that the statement re: Title IV is inaccurate.
  - v. Wenner moved to table until Stephany Harper can clarify for Academic Policy. Sarver seconded. All approved.

#### **V. New Business**

- a. GEAR Up
  - i. See office report section above.

- b. Academic Policy By-Laws
  - i. Gildein reviewed the updates pertaining to vacancies.
  - ii. S. Chapman moved to approve. Sarver seconded. All voted in favor.
  
- c. Academic Dishonesty Policy
  - i. Nasserri suggested considering renaming in future because syllabus refers to it as Academic Integrity.
  - ii. Wenner motioned to approve. Squires seconded. All voted in favor.
  
- d. Senior Lecturer
  - i. Not addressed due to time (moved to old business for next time).

## **VI. Adjournment**

- a. Gildein adjourned the meeting at 1:17 pm, requesting that we review the list of senate committee appointments.