

## Academic Policy Committee

### Minutes

February 12, 2026

**Present:** Mari Clements, MacKenzie Petry, Jeff Bryson, Larry Baker, Sarah Nale, Wesley Kephart, Amanda Chapman, Shalika Silva, Maxine Barrera (served as proxy for Aleta Rader), Rebekah Hypes

**Absent:** Brian Perkins, Gregory Lieving, Aleta Rader (Maxine Barrera served as proxy)

**Guests:** Ann Reed, Kristen Tunno, and Jesse Skiles

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

- Wesley motioned to approve the January 29<sup>th</sup> minutes, Jeff seconded. Maxine abstained. Motion passed.

#### **Old Business**

##### Attendance Policy

- Jesse Skiles and Kristen Tunno attended the meeting to discuss conflicts in athletic vs. academic events
- Faculty Senate has not been able to discuss this yet
- The athletic schedule is mostly set by the MEC, not GSU; and academic events are also mostly not scheduled by GSU
- Athletics wants to support academic and academic events. Mr. Skiles stated that Division II is 50/50 academics and athletics. Statement from Student Athlete Handbook was read aloud, "Glennville State College Athletics is committed to academic integrity and demonstrates the philosophy of academics above athletics through recruitment, scheduling and involvement of the faculty."
- Just because a student is injured, they can still attend games and be a part of the team to help
- When athletes are in off-season, they should attend academic events. Some students are afraid to miss practice even in off-season
- Athletics can provide composite schedule to faculty at beginning of semester so big events can be scheduled around each other
- Faculty and coaches should work out these instances when they come up, along with the students input. The Provost and Athletic Director would make the final call if an agreement cannot be reached.
- Wording should go into the athletic handbook instead of the Attendance Policy. Athletics will work with Faculty Senate and SGA to come up with wording for the handbook
- The committee decided to table the proposed policy

## **New Business**

### Audit Request Form

- Ann created a form based on the policy information and asked if there was any feedback from the committee
- Jeff suggested making it clearer who needs to check off on the the Audit Approved/Denied boxes
- The committee recommended adding a line about audits being allowable if/when space is available, and to add a processing line for the Registrar's Office to sign off on
- #5 needs revised for "conduct required of all enrolled students"
- The committee also suggested to add an agreement on the back of the form for the student and instructor on required assignments, readings, etc. that are expected of the student

### Special Fees and Charges:

- This catalog page was updated to reflect new information

Adjournment: Amanda adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

*Ashley Nicholas*

*February 16, 2026*