Glenville State University Faculty Senate – minutes

Meeting Date: August 12, 2026
Meeting Place: Mollohan Ballroom
Meeting Time: 1:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

a) Acting President Greg Lieving called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Lieving was serving as Vice President and presided due to the vacancy in the President position.
   i. Senators in attendance:
      - Dave McEntire, David Lewis, Jeff Bryson, Maureen K. Gildein, Schuyler J. Chapman, Patrick McMunn, Jacob Petry, Brian Johnston, Gregory Lieving, Isaac Johnson, Scott Beatty, MacKenzie Petry, Nikki Kirk
   ii. Administrators in attendance:
      - Mari Clements, Kevin Evans
   iii. Others in attendance:
      - Mike Callihan

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Previous meeting minutes (April 28, 2026) presented for approval.
   i. Motion
   ii. Second
   iii. Discussion:
      - Minutes amended to reflect that Jacob Petry was present at the previous meeting and was elected Treasurer.
   iv. Minutes approved as amended by unanimous vote.

III. REPORTS

a) Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF) – Jeff Bryson
   i. ACF met once during the summer.
   ii. The Council discussed returning its focus to its legislatively mandated advisory role rather than functioning primarily as a lobbying body.
   iii. ACF represents faculty from state institutions and advises the HEPC, Legislature, and Governor on higher education matters.
   iv. The ACF retreat will be held in the Clarksburg area in late October.
   v. Bryson currently serves as ACF Vice Chair.
b) Board of Governors – Maureen K. Gildein
   i. The most recent BOG meeting was held in late June.
   ii. A summary of the meeting was distributed by email.
   iii. The meeting included updates on construction, maintenance planning, events, and new programs.
c) Academic Affairs – Dr. Mari Clements
   i. Yielded report time to allow the Senate to address pending business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a) SurveyMonkey Renewal

   i. Motion made to approve renewal of the SurveyMonkey instrument.
   ii. Second: Maureen K. Gildein.
   iii. Opposed: None.
   iv. Abstentions: None.
   v. Motion carries.
   vi. It was clarified that the renewal is handled through Academic Affairs and does not require expenditure from a Faculty Senate budget.

b) Nursing Program

   i. The Curriculum Committee approved the proposed nursing program.
   ii. Mike Callhian stated that the program will differ from the previous arrangement in that nursing faculty will be state employees, maintain office hours at GSU, and be fully invested in the university program.
   iii. Dr. Clements clarified that the Faculty Senate Constitution states that Senate oversees institutional programs, while the Curriculum Committee bylaws assign the Curriculum Committee responsibility for the review, study, and approval of academic programs.
   iv. The Senate's role is to endorse or not endorse the Curriculum Committee's approval before the matter proceeds to ULC.
   v. Discussion identified potentially conflicting language in the Faculty Senate Constitution regarding the Senate's role in "review and comment" versus "approval" of academic programs. The Constitution may need to be reviewed and revised for clarity.
   vi. Motion made and seconded to endorse the Curriculum Committee's approval of the nursing program.
   vii. Opposed: None.
   viii. Motion carries.

c) Faculty Senate Officer Elections

   i. President
      - Greg Lieving and Scott Beatty nominated.
      - Election conducted by secret ballot.
      - Parliamentarian counted the votes
      - Greg Lieving – 7 votes.
      - Scott Beatty – 5 votes.
      - Greg Lieving elected Faculty Senate President.
   ii. Vice President
      - Motion by Jeff Bryson made to elect Scott Beatty, runner-up in the presidential election, as Vice President.
      - Motion seconded.
      - Motion carries.
      - Scott Beatty elected Faculty Senate Vice President.
   iii. Secretary
      - Jacob Petry nominated by Jeff Bryson and accepts nomination.
      - Motion made to close nominations.

- Opposed: None.
- Abstentions: None.
- Motion carries.
- Jacob Petry elected Faculty Senate Secretary.

iv. Treasurer

- MacKenzie Petry nominated by Jeff Bryson and accepts nomination.
- Motion made and seconded to close nominations.
- Opposed: None.
- Abstentions: None.
- MacKenzie Petry elected Faculty Senate Treasurer.

d) Officer Responsibilities and Meeting Minutes

i. Schuyler Chapman noted the following:

- that the Vice President is responsible for gathering reports from Faculty Senate committees.
- The Secretary is responsible for preparing and distributing meeting minutes. Per the Faculty Senate Constitution, meeting minutes are to be distributed within seven days of the meeting. Future minutes should focus on motions, seconds, actions, and decisions rather than detailed accounts of discussion. Significant disagreements should be summarized when relevant.

e) Committee Vacancies and Appointments

i. The University Leadership Council position is filled by the Faculty Senate President (Greg Lieving).

ii. Promotion and Tenure Committee elections will be conducted in September.

- No more than two members of the Promotion and Tenure Committee may be from the same department.

iii. The Faculty Marshal vacancy will be addressed after nominations are received from the appropriate department chair.

iv. Academic Assessment Committee

- Hunter Lemon will serve as the Land Resources representative on the Academic Assessment Committee to fill the remaining vacancy.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a) Faculty Web Pages

i. Senate revisited the previously tabled discussion regarding standardization of faculty web pages.

ii. The concern centered on inconsistencies among departments in the information available on faculty web pages, including faculty photographs, CVs, areas of study, and other professional information.

iii. PR and Marketing are now responsible for website content, while IT is responsible for the technical backend.

iv. Because the matter is informational rather than actionable, a motion to remove it from the table is not required.

v. President Lieving will invite a representative from PR to the next Faculty Senate meeting to discuss faculty web pages and possible standardization.

VI. SENATE PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULING

a) Parliamentary Procedure
   i. The Parliamentarian (Jeff Bryson) reminded the Senate that motions should generally precede discussion.
   ii. Reports are limited to three minutes under the Faculty Senate Constitution.
   iii. A countdown timer may be used when necessary to maintain report time limits.
   iv. Members were encouraged to allow presenters to complete reports before questions and discussion.

b) Fall Meeting Schedule
   i. Faculty Senate and Curriculum Committee will generally meet on alternating weeks.
   ii. Meeting dates will be coordinated to avoid conflicts between Faculty Senate and Curriculum Committee meetings, including scheduling around university breaks.
   iii. Calendar invitations will be distributed for the semester, with agendas and supporting materials provided before each meeting.

c) Agendas and Meeting Materials
   i. Agendas and meeting materials must be posted and distributed to faculty at least 24 hours before each meeting.
   ii. Any faculty member may propose an agenda item by contacting the Faculty Senate President.
   iii. The President will determine whether late agenda items are added to the upcoming meeting or placed on a subsequent agenda.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

a. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:55 PM.