Glenville State University Faculty Senate – minutes

Meeting Date: October 20, 2026
Meeting Place: AB 212B and TEAMS
Meeting Time: 12:25 pm

I. Call to Order
   a. President Gregory Lieving called the meeting to order at 12:26 pm.
   b. Senators in attendance: Dave McEntire, Jeff Bryson, Patrick McMunn, Jacob Petry, Brian Johnston, Gregory Lieving, Scott Beatty, Nikki Kirk, MacKenzie Petry, Isaac Johnson, Maureen Gildein.
   c. Administrators in attendance: Mari Clements.
   d. Others in attendance: Schuyler Chapman, Noah Miner, Jeremy Kirk.

II. Approval of minutes
   a. The minutes of October 6, 2026, were presented for approval.
      i. Motion: Dave McEntire.
      ii. Second: Nikki Kirk.
      iii. Discussion: None.
      iv. Abstentions: MacKenzie Petry.
      v. Opposed: None.
      vi. Motion carries.

III. Reports
   a. President – Gregory Lieving:
      i. The Faculty and Staff Compensation Committee met to continue reviewing wage compression and compensation concerns. The committee is addressing both phases of its work concurrently.
      ii. Lieving apologized for the late distribution of meeting materials and recommended postponing New Business to allow senators adequate time for review.
   b. ACF – Jeff Bryson:
      i. ACF met October 16–17. Glenville State University was recognized for its international programs, including exchange students, Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL), and the Ireland initiative.
      ii. Delegate Joe Statler, Chair of the House Education Committee, discussed the legislative outlook for higher education, including the state funding formula. He indicated that significant changes to the formula were not anticipated but expressed concerns regarding the legislature's current attitude toward higher education.
      iii. ACF discussed artificial intelligence policies, online education, and faculty evaluations. Some institutions reportedly lack formal artificial intelligence policies.
   c. BoG – Maureen Gildein:

i. The Board of Governors met on October 14. Completion of the Morris Family Community Health and Fitness Complex was delayed until February 2027.
ii. The Glenville State University Foundation received a clean audit and had awarded approximately $980,000 in scholarships.
iii. President Manchin addressed the University's spending restrictions and emphasized that employees should continue requesting resources essential to instruction and University operations.

d. Academic Affairs – Mari Clements:
i. The University will be more aggressive in reviewing and canceling low-enrollment courses for the spring semester. Faculty were encouraged to review course rotations and consider appropriate substitutions to reduce unnecessary overload expenditures while maintaining students' progress toward graduation.
ii. The University is working to reduce overload expenditures. Fall overload costs decreased from approximately $200,000 the previous year to $147,000 this year.
iii. December 2026 will be the University's final December commencement. Beginning in 2027, commencement and related ceremonies will be held in the spring only.
iv. The University will discontinue widespread distribution of lengthy printed commencement programs, replacing them with smaller program cards and digital access through QR codes. Limited printed programs will remain available for graduates and families.
v. Additional cost-saving measures are being considered. Faculty requesting instructional materials should clearly explain their necessity to department chairs so Academic Affairs and the Chief Financial Officer can make informed purchasing decisions.
vi. Faculty development funding requests will be evaluated individually. Clements indicated that professional development essential to academic programs, professional qualifications, or institutional representation would continue to receive consideration.
vii. The Higher Learning Commission panel recommended approval of the proposed nursing program. The program was scheduled for review by the West Virginia Board of Registered Nurses on October 30, with final HLC action anticipated in January 2027.

IV. Old Business
a. No formal action was taken on previously postponed business.

V. New Business
a. Postponement of New Business
i. Due to the late distribution of meeting materials, the Senate considered postponing all New Business until the next meeting.

1. Motion to postpone all New Business until the next meeting: Jeff Bryson.
2. Second: Dave McEntire.
3. Abstentions: None.
4. Opposed: None.
5. Motion carries.

VI. Adjourn
    a. Meeting adjourned at 1:14 pm