

Glenville State College Faculty Senate Minutes

November 18, 2008

I. Call to Order and Roll

President Dennis Wemm called to order the Glenville State College Faculty Senate at 12:23 p.m. on 2008 in the Molloy Center Conference Room, Room 319.

Senators present: Dennis Wemm, Randy Unger, Arthur DeMatteo, Liza Brenner, Larry Baker, Ed Wood, Jonathan Minton, Connie Stout, Joe Evans, David O'Dell, Paul Peck, Lisa Castle, Fred Walborn, Joseph Musolf, Charles Baston, Cinda Echard, and John Taylor.

Senators absent: 0

Others present: Dr. Peter Barr, Dr. Kathy Butler, Mr. Duane Chapman and Mrs. Amy Fiddler

II. Approval of Minutes and Ongoing Reports

Motion to approve minutes of October 16, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting. Motion passed and minutes approved.

Reports:

Wemm:

- College Leadership Council approved parts I and III of the revised faculty role model. The CLC changed the language regarding the faculty appeal process. A faculty member must now request an appeal in which a committee made up of 2 other chairs from different departments reviews the decision that has been made by the faculty member's chair. In the CLC version, the Provost would carry out the review unless a committee review was specifically requested by the faculty member. The Senate's version stated that the formation of the committee would automatically follow the decision to appeal.
- Calls faculty for recommendations for the Faculty Marshall Position. Dr. Butler recommends 2 candidates: Dr. Kevin Cain and Dr. Sherry Jones. Dr. Kevin Cain was elected as Faculty Marshall. Paul Peck recommended that the Senate reappoints John Taylor. Motion passed.

Joe Evans ACF and Board Report:

- PEIA is proposing to increase co-pay, decrease premiums, and decrease financial assistance for use of out of state doctors. The WVU Faculty Senate objects and questions the need for a 9% increase for current employee premium and 11% for retirees, proposed increase in prescription co-pays 60%, and an increase in out-of-pocket premiums. Evans states there will be 3 public hearings regarding this issue, in Beckley, Charleston and Huntington.

- Larry Baker states that the current coverage cap of \$1,000,000/person needs to be investigated if it is not comparable to other insurance programs. Regarding the PEIA lifetime cap of \$1,000,000.00/person it has been found that some employees with young sick children have exhausted their policies as stated in the article provided by Paul Peck. It's also a concern that a \$1,000,000.00 cap/person may not be enough coverage if you are a lifelong educator with the potential of working for the state system for 30 to 35 years. With the increase in health care in the last few years you or your covered spouse may run out of coverage before retirement. When PEIA first started a \$1,000,000 cap/person was the norm, according to the article shared by Paul Peck the norm coverage cap/person is now between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000.

Dr. Peter Barr Reports:

- Saturday's Gala for the kick-off of the Capital Campaign was a huge success. The goal is to raise 12 million. The Campaign needs 8.2 million to reach its goal. The President reminds the Senate there are 3 parts to the Campaign: 1. The Pioneer Center 2. The Promise Scholars 3. Faculty Development. Regarding the Pioneer Center, there is a Capital Bonds Bill that might be available for GSC. GSC would like to tap into it to help pay for the Center.
- BBL Carlton Residence Hall building has been approved by the board of governors. Project is on time and ready to start construction.
- Enrollment is up by 4.5%. GSC is trying to obtain more dual enrollment students. GSC currently has 1600 students including dual enrollment students.
- Retention is still a major issue. It's difficult for 1st generation college students. Dr. Barr would like to keep GSC as a student centered campus.
- Correctional Officers are conducting training and advanced classes on campus. GSC is ready for the 1st phase of the renovation of the former Kinny Shoe Factory building. By next summer the officers will move from Clark Hall new facilities in the renovated building. Officers will still be housed in Louis Bennett Hall.
- Wemm reports Dr. Barr has recently donated \$50,000 of his own \$ to GSC Faculty Development.
- QUESTIONS for Dr. Barr? Fred Walborn asks the status with the TKE house and the Daycare center in the Wesley Foundation. Barr tells the Senate that the TKE house has been approved and the Daycare located in the Wesley Foundation is a tricky situation. Lisa Castle asks whether we will have new classrooms for the growing number of students attending GSC. Barr states that Clark Hall will have space eventually; Land Resources will be located in the Pioneer Center. Paul Peck states that Pickens Hall might have space since it will be empty. Joe Evans asks Dr. Barr the status of the GSC Student Housing Mandate? Dr. Barr has asked Burkhammer to approach the student groups on campus and ask what their solutions and opinions are re: the GSC Student Housing Mandate.

III. Unfinished Business:

Hour in the Academic Support Center.

Vice President Duane Chapman presents:

- Chapman handed out recent statistics re: ASC hour. As of November 16 – 700 more hours of student service/tutoring has been provided from fall 2007 – fall 2008.
- The Senate asked how the ASC hour has been advertised to the student population. Chapman responded: Emails were sent at the beginning of the semester to all students, 4 wks into semester, and again Mid-Semester.
- Chapman feels the hour is a success. The statistics state that most students return for more tutoring. This is helping with retention which at the moment is 51% for new freshmen. Some incoming students have low self esteem and fear the ASC. Faculty should walk the students to the ASC.
- Lisa Castle stated that she tells students to go to the ASC but they do not come.
- Chapman apologized that they are not showing up.
- John Taylor stated he has no students show up and he has lost an hour of his day that he could have worked.
- Lisa Castle asked how we are supposed to pass the students off to the ASC if they need help.
- Amy Fiddler stated they must sign up and check tutoring schedules.
- Joe Musolf stated he thinks the location is the issue. Needs to be in a place more accessible.
- Fred Walborn stated that it is clear now that the true mission of the hour in the ASC is for faculty to get the students in the ASC so they can hand them off to the tutoring services.
- Dennis Wemm stated that out of the 50 hours of faculty time that is used per week in the ASC, only 5 hours is utilized by students. The system needs to be restructured.
- Duane is open to any suggestions.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned due to loss of quorum at 1:21 p.m.