

# **Glenville State College Faculty Senate Minutes**

January 13, 2009

## **I. Call to Order and Roll**

President Dennis Wemm called to order the Glenville State College Faculty Senate at 12:21 p.m. on January 13, 2009 in the Mollohan Center Conference Room, Room 319.

Senators present: Dennis Wemm, Randy Unger, Arthur DeMatteo, Liza Brenner, Ed Wood, Jonathan Minton, Connie Stout, Joe Evans, David O'Dell, Paul Peck, Lisa Castle, Fred Walborn, Charles Batson, John Taylor, and Jill Haasch, Garry Morris (for Paul Peck), Kevin Evans (for Larry Baker), Joseph Musolf

Senators absent: Larry Baker, Paul Peck

Others present: Kathy Butler

## **II. Approval of Minutes and Ongoing Reports**

**Motion to approve minutes of December 2, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting.** Motion passed and minutes approved.

### **Reports:**

Dennis Wemm (President's Report):

- Jill Haasch is the new member of the Senate. She represents the Social Sciences division.
- Wemm stated that the Faculty Senate is in violation of a couple of items according to the Faculty Senate Constitution. A committee needs to be formed to address these issues. Arthur DeMatteo, Paul Peck (chair), Dennis Wemm and David O'Dell agreed to be on this committee.

Joe Evans (ACF and Board of Governors Representative Report):

- The Chair of the ACF recently met with legislative committees.
- The Student Off-Campus Housing Policy issue has been taken off the Board of Governors table with no action taken. A new policy must be written for this issue to be reconsidered by the Board of Governors.

## **III. Unfinished Business:**

**Discussion Issue: Hour in the Academic Support Center (ASC)**

- Kathy Butler stated that eleven (11) faculty are interested in the ASC ad hoc committee and several are Faculty Senate members. She is waiting for one department to turn in

sign-up sheets. Ten (10) faculty have expressed interest in serving on the ad hoc committee studying Teacherease.

- Dennis Wemm opened discussion to the Senate regarding the ASC Plan A and B (distributed to Senators).
- Jonathan Minton likes Plan B. It follows Duane Chapman's need to hand off students to ASC.
- Garry Morris asked, "What is the accountability for the students if they don't follow through with tutoring?" He pointed out that if you are tutoring someone in your office for an hour, you are unable to help other students who come in to see you. You lose an office hour.
- Lisa Castle pointed out that there is a whole other committee working on this. She suggested that the Senate hand over the issue to them.
- Fred Walborn agreed and stated that took his class of students to the ASC and this was a big help because only 3 students in his class were aware of the ASC location.
- Wemm requests a motion handing over the ASC issue to the ad hoc faculty committee. Motion is passed. Fred/Lisa (ms)

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **Discussion Issue: Annual Faculty Evaluation Process**

- Speaking on behalf of Paul Peck, Joe Evans requested that the current faculty annual evaluation process be looked into once again. (The academic year vs. the calendar year.) He asked that a committee be formed to discuss this issue further.
- Kathy Butler agreed and stated that we need several individuals to work together on this issue.
- Dennis Wemm requested that a committee be formed to look into the issue. John Taylor (chair), Dennis Wemm, and Liza Brenner volunteered for this committee. Joe Evans and Paul Peck will also serve on the committee.

##### **Discussion Issue: Attendance and 4-week Grading Proposals**

- Fred Walborn stated that he has not written a proposal for the 4 week grade issue because he has found that the majority of professors turn in their 4 week grades. Therefore, there is no need to pursue the issue. Also, he has not written a proposal regarding the attendance issue because there is now an ad hoc committee being formed to explore this issue.

##### **Discussion Issue: Disability Safety Situation**

- Chuck Batson asked the Senate what happens if there is fire and he is with a student in a wheel chair on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Administration Building. What should he do if he cannot take the elevator?
- Kathy Butler stated these issues are not uncommon across campus.

- Wemm states he will look into it and the Senate will talk about it next time.

#### **Discussion issue: Student Absences**

- David O'Dell asked if a form from Campus Health Services constitutes as an official GSC absence. He feels that “institutional absences” are the only official ones.
- Kevin Evans stated students are confused about what is official.
- Lisa Castle asked if the Senate should request the Student Attendance ad hoc committee to look into this issue.
- Chuck Batson asked if faculty should hold it against students if they sign up for a class after the first day of class.
- John Taylor stated that would almost be like ending open registration.
- Fred Walborn stated that the instructor should decide, on an individualized basis, whether or not to penalize each student.
- Cinda Echard stated that too much policy leads to no academic freedom.

#### **V. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m; motion to adjourn by Joe Evans/Fred Walborn (m/s). Motion passed unanimously.