

# **Glenville State College Faculty Senate Minutes**

March 17, 2009

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

President Dennis Wemm called to order the Glenville State College Faculty Senate at 12:22 p.m. on March 17, 2009 in the Mollohan Center Conference Room, Room 319.

Senators present: Dennis Wemm, Arthur DeMatteo, Liza Brenner, Jonathan Minton, Connie Stout, Joe Evans, David O'Dell, Sara Sawyer for Lisa Castle, Fred Walborn, Charles Batson, John Taylor, Larry Baker, Paul Peck, Joseph Musolf and Jill Haasch

Senators absent: Cinda Echard (excused)

Others present: Kathy Butler

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

**Motion to approve minutes of February 17, 2009 Faculty Senate meeting.** Motion passed and minutes approved.

### **Reports:**

Dennis Wemm (President's Report):

- Physical Plant has no plan for handicapped students trapped on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor if there is a fire. The faculty are not responsible for saving the student from the fire. The firemen are responsible.
- Wemm has been invited to speak at the Board of Governors meeting in April. He is to report on faculty accomplishments at GSC. He is sending out an email to faculty asking them to include any recent accomplishments that were not included in their FRM.
- President Peter Barr will present at the next faculty meeting.

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

- ACF Legislative Committee will meet with State Legislatures. The Board of Governors will meet April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. The agenda is not set yet, but 2 issues they will be discussing: 1. Construction of new student residence hall. 2. Increase in student tuition and fees.

## **III. Unfinished Business:**

**Discussion Issue: Reports from ad Hoc committees.**

**Constitution Committee Reports:**

- Paul Peck reports for the Constitution Committee. They have reviewed the existing constitution. The constitution is in compliance with the state code section covering faculty senates at State colleges. The committee is recommending some changes in the description of Senate membership, some changes due to obsolete language, and some improvements in language related to communication of Senate activities. The committee has assigned individuals to work on revising amendments and sections.

#### **Faculty Role Model Committee Reports:**

- John Taylor reports for the Faculty Role Model committee. The senate needs to vote on whether the process will take place in the fall or spring. He asks Kathy Butler to explain the hiring process.
- Kathy Butler states anyone hired after 2003 must be notified by March 1<sup>st</sup> whether or not they will be teaching the next year. The dilemma is if we moved the FRM to the fall, you would have to wait a whole year to let that individual go.
- John Taylor states he's in favor of the academic year, Joe Evans, the English Department and the Business Department agree. Social Sciences state they are half and half. Fine Arts do not have any preference. Land Resources has no preference.
- John Taylor would help out if the senate election committee conducted an election a campus wide vote to settle the issue. Wemm and O'Dell will assist.
- O'Dell asks if the FRM is used solely to let someone go.
- Kathy Butler states it is used as part of the process.
- Wemm states he will have the results for the FRM time frame issue at the next meeting in April.

#### **Online Course Committee Reports:**

- Kathy Butler reports that the current policy of faculty development and compensation is good. Two issues called into question: What classes would be online and what content would be included in those classes?

#### **Teacherease Committee Reports:**

- Kathy Butler states the issue proposed: if you are using WebCT do you have to use Teacherease? It was decided that as long as students can read their grades online then it doesn't matter. Jeff Walker is also testing programs and further development of WebCT.

#### **Attendance Committee Reports:**

- Paul Peck reports he sent out a draft policy. Much of the draft policy is based upon the 1982 policy. The committee will meet again on March 18.

#### **Academic Support Center Hour:**

- Joe Musolf reports the agreement of the committee is to get rid of the required hour. The committee would like to see the location change; each department should recommend

student tutors to Amy Fidler and the committee is looking for funding to bring in a new faculty member to tutor students. Should the student tutors have more training? Possible locations of the tutoring services were also mentioned (Library and Mollohan Center).

#### **Online Evaluation Committee:**

- John Taylor asks how valid is the current system we have? It seems to be skewed and the student online evaluations have great weight with the FRM.
- Kathy Butler states that the committee is working on these issues. The committee meeting will take place this week

#### **Electronic Devices Committee:**

- Kathy Butler states that the new proposal they are working on is all most the same as the one distributed on campus at the beginning of the semester.

#### **Distance Learning Committee:**

- Kathy Butler states the committee is looking at different ways to deliver instruction. They are checking with locations in different states and looking into GSC's technology capabilities.
- Wemm asks about the recent WIMBA presentation.
- Larry Baker stated he, along with Paul Peck, Kevin Cain and Kathy Butler are looking into new wireless software that enables students to answer questions from their seats by pushing a button. Up to 250 people can respond. The WIMBA system enables professors to use traditional methods of teaching, very versatile. Marshall University is testing it now. Very expensive and not very user friendly.

## **IV. New Business**

#### **Post Retirement Plan:**

- Kathy Butler states the plan keeps retirees of GSC active on campus. The retiree would teach 6-7 hours per semester and mentor new faculty.
- GSC can afford to maintain them. The retirees would earn up to \$30,000 per year.
- The retiree can work up to 3 years and then file for an extension.
- Fred Walborn states that the retirees could potentially abuse their position. Teach and leave immediately and not help students.
- John Taylor asks if hiring these retirees would replace full time positions?
- Kathy Butler states this is not the intention.
- Wemm states that the Senate will consider this proposal during the next Senate meeting, it being Senate practice to allow a waiting period between receiving an item and voting on that item.

**Local Phone Calls on Campus:**

- Chuck Batson asks the Senate why he is no longer allowed to use the campus phone to make local phone calls.
- Wemm states he will look into this matter for the next meeting.

**V. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m; motion to adjourn by Chuck Batson/John Taylor (m/s). Motion passed unanimously.