Glenville State College Faculty Senate Minutes

August 18, 2009

I. Call to Order and Roll

President Dennis Wemm called to order the Glenville State College Faculty Senate at 12:20 p.m. on August 18, 2009 in the Mollohan Center Conference Room, Room 319.

Senators present: Dennis Wemm, Arthur DeMatteo, Liza Brenner, Jonathan Minton, David O'Dell, Cinda Echard, Connie Stout, Fred Walborn, Larry Baker, Paul Peck, Dorman Batson, Sara Sawyer, J. Morgan, and Jill Haasch, Rick Witte

Senators absent: Randy Unger (excused), John Taylor (excused),

Others present: Dr. Kathy Butler

II. Approval of Minutes and Ongoing Reports

Motion to approve minutes of April 21, 2009 Faculty Senate meeting. Motion passed and minutes approved.

Reports:

Dennis Wemm (President's Report):

- Wemm requests a motion to approve proposed faculty committee assignments (see appendix). Faculty who are not assigned to a committee will work for committees for the Provost. Motion passed. (Baker/Minton m/s)
- Larry Baker is nominated as the new Vice President of the Senate. Elected by acclamation. (O'Dell, Sawyer m/s)

Paul Peck (ACF and Board of Governors Representative Report):

- Paul attended June 26th ACF meeting. (See Appendix.)
- Issues raised at the June 26th meeting: the elimination of the Praxis II test.
- Connie Stout states the WV standards are changing. She attended a meeting called Tomorrow's Teacher A New Vision for Preparation and it was sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Education. The meeting was to discuss and share the newly created West Virginia Professional Teaching Standards.
- Larry Baker states that the elimination could be an issue because the National Board for Certification is aligned with the Praxis test.
- Echard asks who has been appointed to the board of governors?
- Kathy Butler states there have only been nominations, no appointments yet.

III. Unfinished Business:

Student Housing Policy:

- Wemm offers three possible actions: 1. Leave the issue on the table. 2. Reject it 3. Or approve the proposal and send it on to College Leadership Council.
- Walborn requests we discuss the issue.
- 5 Senators abstained because of lack of info regarding the issue. The issue is left on the table for lack of a majority.

FRM Calendar Issues:

- Wemm asks the Senate for volunteers to form an Ad Hoc Committee to reconcile the recommended revised policy to state law requiring March 1 notice for all non-renewed faculty.
- Wemm, Peck and O'Dell volunteer.

III. New Business:

New Seat for Criminal Justice:

- Senate needs to approve a seat for the new Criminal Justice Department. on campus.
- Paul Peck moves to amend Section 1 of the Faculty Senate Constitution to include the Department of Criminal Justice; and to seat a representative to the new Department on the Faculty Senate. (O'Dell, Peck m/s)
 Motion passed

Identification of Alternate ACF Representative

• Jonathan Minton has been voted as the Alternate Representative by the faculty. The Senate approves the vote. (Baker/Sawyer m/s)

Orange Suited Men on Campus:

- Batson states that is very disturbing to see people from the prison on campus doing lawn work. He also asks if they are taking state jobs?
- DeMatteo states he is also concerned about the state jobs.
- Peck is concerned about the student jobs.
- Kathy Butler states that GSC is short of help because of the Morris Criminal Justice Training Center. The prisoners were also here last year.

Student Privacy Issue:

• Batson states that not being able to close the door of your office when talking to a student could infringe on student privacy.

Tuition Waiver Policy:

• Walborn requests the Senate discuss this tuition waiver policy next time. This is a great incentive for incoming faculty.

Great Teacher Seminar:

- Walborn would like to discuss the Seminar's progress. He would hate to see it go.
- Discussion of support and the past difficulties in scheduling and securing representation from all colleges ensued.

V. Adjournment

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