

Glenville State College Faculty Senate Minutes

September 15, 2009

I. Call to Order and Roll

President Dennis Wemm called to order the Glenville State College Faculty Senate at 12:30 p.m. on September 15, 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, Randy Unger

Senators absent: Jonathan Minton (excused), John Taylor (excused)

Others present: Dr. Peter Barr, Mike Smith, Suzanne Speelman and Tara Cosco

II. Approval of Minutes and Ongoing Reports

Motion to approve minutes of September 1, 2009 Faculty Senate meeting. Motion passed and minutes approved.

Reports:

Dennis Wemm (President's Report):

- Wemm has nothing to report at this time.

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

- Board of Governors' have an upcoming meeting Thursday in Charleston. On the agenda: 1. Secure right for faculty to run for legislature. Peck requests the Senate's overall consensus regarding this issue. "Is the right to serve in the Legislature worth the sacrifice of the annual increment?"
- O'Dell agrees in principle but not practice.
- Baker states that it would be hard on the college and students having the faculty absent.
- Wemm asks the overall consensus of the Senate. None are for faculty representation in the legislature.

Larry Baker (Vice President's Report):

- Baker reports progress of the Tuition Waiver Committee. (see appendix)
- Dr. Barr addresses the issue of tuition fee waivers and states that the issue can become tricky when defining who is a spouse, who is a dependent, act.

J. Morgan Reports:

- J. Morgan reports GSC has two options in regard to handling privacy issues. One, develop a comprehensive master plan to guide all future construction, and include acoustical privacy within this master plan. This option is cost prohibitive for a school of our size. Or, two, make a simple recommendation to the President and Board that in future construction or renovation projects the need for faculty and staff to have acoustical privacy be considered.

Dr. Peter Barr Presents:

- Dr. Barr states that salary increases will be unlikely after he read a recent letter from the governor. WV is going through rough financial times the governor stated.
- Dr. Barr states he talks about GSC all of the time, but sometimes loses track of what he's told to whom, and reminds the Senate we are here for the betterment of the students, staff, college and community. Let's be open. There are no secrets.

Dr. Peter Barr Answers Prepared Questions from the Faculty, Staff and Senate:

Question 1: The Senate has discussed the status of the Professional Development funds donated by you and Mrs. Barr. How and when do the funds get distributed?"

Barr: 2,500 dollars is currently on rotation in a separate fund from the current Professional Development funds. The Provost will soon be requesting applications for the funds. A committee will be established to determine who deserves these funds. An announcement will be coming out soon.

Question 2: The Senate has voiced concerns about the image presented to students and parents by the use of prison labor in grounds keeping. There's a real possibility that students might be pulled from the college by parents. Is this likely to be an ongoing practice?

Barr: The extra help is not a regular occurrence. Because of the ribbon cutting ceremony, we needed the workers from the jail. They are not the murderers or rapists, they are people who are on their way out.

Question 3: Is the rumor that Teacher Education is moving to Clark Hall true? The department faculty really do not want to move. Would they have the same size offices up there that we currently have (Clark Hall offices being smaller than the current ones)? Is the college going to install technology in the classrooms in Clark Hall because they do not have anything there now?

Barr: The Provost will seek input from the faculty and decide who is best suited for the space. It's really up to you the faculty. We want to keep you happy.

Question 4: The parking lot beside the MCCC will not be available once demolition of the the old physical plant begins, but the lot is currently closed with no apparent reason. There have been no signs of activity, and essentially nothing parked in that lot.

Question 5: Four spaces in the Clark Hall parking lot have been given to the Regional Jail Authority, and vehicles from the RJA are often parked in the few remaining unreserved spaces of that lot. This can give the appearance that the RJA is receiving preferential parking. What can be said to contradict that impression?

Barr: Some of these spaces will be free when Jail Authority moves to the new facility.

Question 6: Students are often parking in reserved spaces for which faculty and staff pay a premium, and as of the third week of classes, these cars do not appear to be receiving tickets. There have also been cars with commuter or Pioneer Village permits parking in faculty/staff parking lots, with no apparent ticketing taking place. At what point in the semester will restricted parking be enforced?

Barr: Next year freshmen will be required to park at the football field. They will have to have a special colored decal.

Question 7: Cars are often parked in "no parking" areas that are clearly designated because of safety issues. The area at the top of the hill by the PE building is a common example, and the vehicles are often repeat (or even routine) violators. If faculty are so accustomed to seeing a red Dodge pickup (with no decal) parked in the road that they take notice, why does Public Safety not seem to notice?

Barr: Doesn't know why cars are not getting ticketed. He will look into it.

Additional Questions from the Senate:

Larry Baker: Are there any plans to put an honors wing in the new dormitory?

Barr: He will have to look into it. It's a good idea. He will look to the Senate for input. The focus should be on finding resources to recruit top quality students.

Larry Baker: What is going to happen with Pickens Hall?

Barr: Joe Wilmoth is chairing a committee to deal with this issue. The Hall will be available in 2011.

O'Dell: Do we have plans to create more parking spaces as we grow as a college?

Barr: There has been a proposal to buy a new lot, possibly the Carr property between campus and downtown. He is looking into forming a committee to study the parking issue. Enrollment is up 7-10% and we have added 3 new faculty.

Cinda Echard: Are faculty moving to the 4th floor of Clark Hall or is this just a rumor? She was told to look at the space and pick out an office.

Barr: Nothing is final yet and he promises to have better communication in the future.

Haasch: Wonders if student workers should go to the stadium and pick up all of the trash?

Barr: He is looking into it.

Wemm: Could you explain the JASON Project?

Barr: The project involves NatGeo/NOVA/NASA. The idea is to develop curriculum for 7-8th grades to get them excited about Math and Science. Congressman Mollahan has earmarked a grant for this project. Seventy-five K-12 teachers will implement this curriculum. The JASON Project has created positions that are currently being filed.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m; motion to adjourn by Echard/Morgan (m/s). Motion passed unanimously.