

Glenville State College Faculty Senate Minutes

March 16, 2010

I. Call to Order and Roll

President Dennis Wemm called to order the Glenville State College Faculty Senate at 12:20 p.m. on March 16, 2010 in the Mollohan Center Multipurpose Room, Room 315.

Senators present: Dennis Wemm, Liza Brenner, Jonathan Minton, David O'Dell, Fred Walborn, Jill Haasch, J. Morgan, Rick Witte, Larry Baker, Lisa Castle, George Hoshell, John Taylor, Cinda Echard and Connie Stout

Senators absent: Dorman Batson, Paul Peck

Others present: Richard Weldon, Garry Morris for Paul Peck, Beth Oppe for Dorman Batson

II. Approval of Minutes and Ongoing Reports

Motion to approve minutes of March 02, 2010 Faculty Senate meeting. Motion passed and minutes approved.

Reports:

Dennis Wemm (President's Report):

- Nothing to report at this time.

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

- Did not send a report.

Larry Baker reports: (Vice President)

- After researching various electronic voting systems, Survey Monkey will work for GSC. Larry will be sending a select few a link for the faculty to test the program. The new system will be anonymous but it will tell David O'Dell who has turned in their vote and who has not.
- O'Dell will be sending out paper ballots in the meantime this week for the Faculty Senate election process.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Series 51 (textbook policy) discussion:

- Wemm asks the Senate if GSC can deny entire publisher sales of their textbooks? If the publisher does not show the price of the textbook before the college purchases it can GSC terminate or penalize the publisher?
- Baker states the administration could work with Follett to put this in the renewed contract.
- Castle motions to endorse the comments from WVU regarding this matter. (see below)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

GSC Inclement Weather Policy:

- Wemm distributes language for a procedure for weather related cancellation of classes.
- Baker states that GSC has two options: 1. When class is on a 2 hour delay the campus opens at 10 am. Or 2. If the campus is on a 2 hour delay and opens at 10 am, then classes that should have started at 8 am will start at 10 am, 9 am will start at 11 am, and so on.
- Taylor feels that the 2nd option is confusing. GSC's current policy is clear. WVU would never cancel class because of the weather until a student got killed. He does not want to be responsible for the death of a student.
- O'Dell asks why do we have to have a policy to say that the school is closed? What actually happened? What was the actual incident that made the need for a policy to be created?
- Haasch thinks we need a policy in writing to halt future problems with professors requiring students to show up when school is closed.
- Castle states there is a big problem with students thinking that if a day is cancelled that in turn the test will be pushed back another day. This is not the case.
- J Morgan states a possible solution would be to have students refer each instructor's syllabus. Each situation would be treated on an Ad Hoc basis.
- O'Dell motions that the administration should handle faculty who require students to come to school and attend class while the campus is closed on a case by case basis. J Morgan/Castle (m/s).

Liberal Arts Roadmap:

- Wemm asks the Senate if GSC is a liberal arts college?
- Castle states GSC is not a liberal arts college. GSC has excellent programs in Land Resources, Business and Education but does not have a liberal arts curriculum.
- O'Dell states the President doesn't want us to change the program we have just make it better.
- J Morgan states GSC is classified as a comprehensive college.

- Richard Weldon states that the term “best” Liberal Arts College isn’t written down. He believes the President’s emphasis is on communicating that GSC is the best small public college in the country.
- Taylor suggests we take the phrase liberal arts out of the mix.
- Wemm states the next meeting is April 6th. An open invitation will be given to the President for the next meeting.
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V. Adjournment

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



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Office of the Provost

February 24, 2010

MEMORANDUM

To: Brian Noland, Chancellor
West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission

From: Russell K. Dean
Senior Associate Provost

Subject: Comment on *Series 51: Bookstores and Textbooks*

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The following represent suggested changes that we think will strengthen the document. Some of these suggestions are merely editorial while others are more substantive. In general, we are suggesting removal of some of the language that is more prescriptive and detailed while including more general expectations. We suggest that, based upon the guidelines in this policy, institutions submit to your office their proposed textbook policies for review for consistency with Series 51. This step would assure compliance with the overall affordability goals HEPC is trying to achieve. In the following suggestions, I have underlined proposed additions to text.

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