

# Glenville State College Faculty Senate Minutes

October 18, 2011

## I. Call to Order and Roll

President David O'Dell called to order the Glenville State College Faculty Senate at 12:30 p.m on October 18, 2011 in the Mollohan Center Multipurpose Room, Room 319.

Senators present: Paul Peck, Liza Brenner, David O'Dell, Larry Baker, Ida Mills, Joseph Wood, Arthur deMatteo, Greg Cronce, Jonathan Minton, Cinda Echard, Dennis Wemm, Kevin Evans, Jared Wilson, J Morgan, Brian Perkins, George Hoshell and Shelly Ratliff

Senators absent:

Others present: Dr. Peter Barr, Dr. John Peek and Janet Bailey

## II. Approval of Minutes and Ongoing Reports

Motion to approve minutes of September 20, 2011 Faculty Senate meeting. Motion passes and minutes approved.

### Presenting:

#### President Dr. Peter Barr:

1. Some of our work/desk computers are not dependable and/or very slow due to their age. This is also true of several computer labs on campus. Is there a plan to replace these in the very near future? If there is a plan would you please share the plan with us and where funding will be coming from for these purchases?

**Barr:** I am aware of the situation and have talked to Jason Phares. We are currently developing a plan. Computers depending on who has them or where they are located can last from 3 to 5 years. The funds to update and replace outdated computers will come from tuition and fees.

2. Why was the personal information (home address and phone number) of faculty/staff published without their approval?

**Barr:** The first time faculty/staff information was published there was not enough information. This time around faculty and staff felt there was too much information published. There was a form sent out that people signed and agreed too but the form needs to be clearer next time.

3. A **reminder** to the Administration that some departments have 3 reviews coming up (NCAT, HLC, department review) So on that note...some faculty feel that the committee work needs to be in balance in light of these reviews.

**Barr:** The Faculty Senate President is in charge of handling committee assignments.

**O'Dell:** I do consider who is busy and try to be fair. The problem is that most of the committees need representation from every department and some departments are small.

4. Since other institutions in the conference allow it, what is the reason or the rules regarding a Board of Regents (RBA) degree that prohibits GSC athletes to declare this as their major?

**Barr:** The RBA was created for non-traditional students and has recently been abused. This program was never intended for individuals who cannot make the grade. This program was intended for those students who have had an interruption in their schooling. We need to have a degree program that students can take that would enable them to graduate. Whether we choose the Interdisciplinary program or not we need to find an alternative to the RBA.

**Peek:** I have asked faculty to look into possible Interdisciplinary programs such as Communication Arts.

5. The Department budgets have not increased in 5 years. Departments might be getting more dollars because of increased student enrollment but this is not enough. The cost of living increases, gas prices have increased which affects recruitment, paper costs, getting things repaired, supplies for class.

**Barr:** I am not aware that they have not increased. If you are aware that there hasn't been an increase in your department than you need to let me know.

6. Considering the difficulty of recruiting and retaining quality faculty, what is being done about developing clear guidelines and policies regarding faculty housing? What are the guidelines regarding priority for faculty/staff/students? What are the guidelines regarding houses vs townhouses, for families, couples or single people? What are the rules regarding length of time that a person/family is allowed to remain in faculty housing? How can the waitlist for housing be more transparent?

**Barr:** The Housing Corporation is in charge of housing. We recognize housing is important for recruiting. We try to do a first come first come basis. There will always be a shifting of people. We give priority to incoming faculty. There are no easy solutions. The faculty housing was supposed to be short term (3 years). The Housing Corporation will start enforcing this rule.

**Peek:** We are currently looking into Pickens Hall as an option for temporary housing.

7. Parking? Faculty and staff have noticed that they have had an easier time parking lately. Is enrollment down?

**Barr:** Enrollment is up. I have not had as many complaints. The Firestone building has been removed to make more room for parking. They have encouraged freshmen to park off campus.

**Echard:** The Mineral Rd campus has become very busy. Are they making a walkway for these people?

**Barr:** We are conducting a study on the situation and will get back to you.

**Bailey:** We need a visitor's center. A parent received a ticket for visiting the school.

**Barr:** We need signage directing you towards the visitor's center. Do not have a lot for visitor's parking. We will try to improve this situation.

**Baker:** We need the parking committee to look into this.

#### **ACF/Board Representative Paul Peck**

- There will be an ACF meeting October 19<sup>th</sup>. The ACF will make a presentation to the West Virginia Council of Community and Technical College Education at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College in Martinsburg, West Virginia. The Campus Compact update was reviewed and approved at the October 12 Board of Governors meeting.
- The building housing the College's bell has been named for Roy Clemens.

#### **V. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p. m; motion to adjourn by Perkins/Baker (m/s). Motion passed unanimously.