

Glenville State College Faculty Senate Minutes

January 24, 2012

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 January 24, 2012 in the Mollohan Center Multipurpose Room, Room 319.

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

Senators absent: Jonathan Minton

Others present: Janet Bailey

II. Approval of Minutes and Ongoing Reports

Motion to approve minutes of December 6th—Faculty Senate meeting. Motion passes and minutes approved.

Reports:

David O'Dell (President Reports):

- O'Dell met with the Faculty Role Model (FRM) timeline committee. The committee suggested moving FRM due date to the third Friday in September. The committee also recommended that first-year faculty hired in the fall complete an evaluation near the beginning of the spring semester. These recommendations will be forwarded to the FRM committee once that committee is formed.

ACF/Board Representative Paul Peck:

Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF) Report January 24, 2012 GSC Faculty Senate Meeting

The Advisory Council of Faculty met at the HEPC Office Friday, January 20. Most members were in attendance, as well as Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs Kathy Butler and HEPC Counsel Bruce Walker. See the highlights from the meeting below. Approved ACF minutes are located at the ACF website, as are position papers, studies, reports, and letters: <http://www.wvacf.org/wvacf/home.aspx>.

I. Upcoming Events and Dates:

- 1) **February 10**, Higher Education Day at Legislature;
- 2) **February 17**, HEPC Meeting and ACF Meeting;
- 3) **March** Legislative Watch;
- 4) **April 12**, CTCC and ACF Meeting.

II. Legislative Preview by Bruce Walker, HEPC Counsel:

Bruce Walker said that there were no specific legislative initiatives in the works from the HEPC. He also noted that there would not likely be legislative funding for **salary raises** this year since funds were provided last year, though there are several hold-over bills that do increase incremental pay (**HB 2029**, from \$60 to \$100) and **HB2934** proposes a \$1000 annual salary increase for all state employees. Walker said that “hold-over” bills rarely go anywhere, but the increment raise may be something the ACF will work on, along with advising the Legislature about the importance of providing funding for higher education raises. Walker spoke about **SB330**, last year’s mammoth personnel bill. (Please request a hardcopy of the faculty portion of that bill if you are interested, as it contains a compilation of those rules and laws affecting higher education faculty—i.e., mandated salary increases upon promotion, rules regarding sabbatical leave, academic tenure and rank rules, and guidelines concerning retention/non-retention of faculty). Due to a proposed change in the starting point for measuring progress in meeting staff salary goals, some schools may have more difficulty in making satisfactory progress toward fully funding the staff salary schedule. The colleges and universities cannot award salary increases to other employees if they are not making satisfactory progress toward fully funding the staff salary schedule. Walker said, however, that there are several bills that bear watching, particularly those involving **Teacher Education: SB218 & SB197** and **HB4122 & HB4101**. These bills relate to Teacher Education alternative certification routes. Likewise, Delegate Fleischauer has introduced a bill protecting the academic speech of professional educators (**HB2394**). **HB2445** will require the Legislature to approve changes in PEIA costs (the history of this issue will likely keep this bill from passing, Walker noted); however, there are some very important talks happening now in the legislature concerning PEIA and OPEB. If you are interested in following the bills online, see the legislative website at <http://www.legis.state.wv.us/>; or look for updates from Paul Peck, your ACF representative.

III. College Completion and Developmental Studies Task Forces:

Betty Denison (Mountwest CTC) reported on the **College Completion Task Force**, the work of which will be shared with institutions soon. The task force report will center on five recommendations: 1) making graduation a priority on each college campus; 2) reducing the time to achieve certification or degree; 3) improving developmental education; 4) increasing adult completion rates; and 5) connecting funding to results. Deidre Morrison (Blue Ridge CTC) reported on the **Developmental Studies Task Force**, which among other things is utilizing a million dollar grant for improving developmental instruction and delivery. The GSC developmental mathematics faculty are participating in these efforts.

IV. Report from Academic Vice-Chancellor Kathy Butler:

Dr. Butler reported on the following:

- 1) The first classes of **Transitional Math** and **Transitional English** have been taught in West Virginia high schools to improve college readiness. The junior year WestTest now determines whether high school students go into regular English and math classes or “transitional” English and/or math (developmental English and math). Upon conclusion of these transitional or remedial courses during the senior year of high school, students will take the COMPASS placement exam for college entrance. If the student achieves the minimum score or higher on COMPASS set by the HEPC placement standards, the student will not have to take a developmental course in that subject in college. [The colleges will recognize the COMPASS score even if COMPASS is not one of the placement tests they are currently using.]

- 2) **Degree Works**, a college credit auditing system, will be useful in determining approval of student credits.
- 3) A series of workshops, scheduled by Sarah Beasley, will train those working with **Adult Learners**.
- 4) Powers granted to HEPC by SB 375 for **reauthorization of degree granting institutions**, both private and public institutions, will shortly go into effect. The new rule will be presented for HEPC approval at the February 17 meeting in Charleston. It is anticipated that all colleges will have to submit documentation for annual reauthorization to operate in West Virginia.
- 5) Dr. Butler noted that all **institutional compacts** have been received and only one is being rewritten prior to approval. [The "one" is not GSC.]
- 6) **New programs presented at the February 17 HEPC meeting** include a BA in Art (studio and digital art) at Glenville, a new Social Work program at Concord, and a new program in Athletic Training at West Liberty.

V. **Textbook Issue and HEPC Policy:**

Sylvia Shurbutt shared some of the Shepherd Faculty Senate concerns about implementing the HEPC policy on textbooks. That discussion led to others' sharing problems associated with the rule and its interpretation. [It was a "hot" topic at several colleges.] Dr. Butler invited the ACF to study the rule and make suggestions about improvement. The rule can be found at http://wvhepcnew.wvnet.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26&Itemid=0; click on **Series 51** at the bottom, Discussion of the textbook policy will be an agenda item at the ACF's February 17 meeting.

Submitted by Paul Peck, GSC's ACF Representative; based heavily upon the report submitted by S. Bailey Shurbutt, ACF Legislative Advisory Coordinator, to the Shepherd University faculty.

- Peck requests the Senate to put together an ad hoc committee to compile concerns regarding the book policy.

Other Officers

Larry Baker (Vice President Reports):

- Baker states the results for the FRM committee election will be compiled this week.

Dennis Wemm (Parliamentarian Reports):

- Radio station web stream will begin February 8th.

Cinda Echard (Treasurer Reports):

- No report at this time.

J. Morgan. (Director of Self Study - Self Study Report)

- No report at this time.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Attendance Policy:

- Edited version and clean version presented to Senate.
- O'Dell opens the floor for comments and recommendations regarding these documents.
- Comments were primarily stylistic; O'Dell will forward Senate's comments to College Leadership Council.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p. m; motion to adjourn by Baker/Evans (m/s). Motion passed unanimously.