

Glennville State College Faculty Senate Minutes

February 21, 2012

I. Call to Order and Roll

President David O'Dell called to order the Glennville State College Faculty Senate at 12:30 p.m. on February 21, 2012, in the Mollohan Center Multipurpose Room, Room 319.

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

Absent: Liza Brenner, Art de Matteo

Others present: Dr. John Peek, Fred Walborn, Diana Milam

II. Approval of Minutes and Ongoing Reports

Motion to approve minutes of February 7, 2012 meeting (Secretary Liza Brenner). Motion passes and minutes approved.

ACF/Board Representative Paul Peck:

- The Board of Governors met on February 8, 2012. A representative from the auditing firm had discussed highlights of the College's audit report for the last fiscal year. Professor Lloyd Bone made a presentation concerning the Fine Arts Department. Professor Gary Morris will discuss the Science and Mathematics Department at the Board's April meeting. Vice President James Spears discussed the Open Source Intelligence Exchange (OSIX) initiative. Provost and Senior Vice President John Peek presented an NCATE accreditation update from Teacher Education. Eleven GSC education programs have been reviewed by their respective Specialized Program Associations (SPAs). One of these programs was "recognized", six were "recognized with conditions", two were "recognized with probation", and two were identified as requiring further development.

After the meeting, the Board of Governors toured the college's radio and television studios.

- On February 17, Professor Peck attended an HEPC meeting at the HEPC Technology Park in the morning. The ACF made a presentation to HEPC near the beginning of the agenda. One of the highlights of the meeting was a presentation by representatives from three publishers and a publishers' trade organization representative touting the technological resources available from textbook publishers and advocating more "top-down" pressure from state higher education groups such as HEPC to promote faculty use of these resources. Various progress reports from HEPC staff were given including a report on the results from the audit of HEPC's consolidated financial report. The GSC program in Art was approved after Professor Peck left the meeting.

- There was a meeting of the ACF which started at 2:00 p. m. on the 17th. Interim Chancellor Paul Hill expressed his appreciation to the Advisory Council of Faculty for its work. After some comments about his adjustment to his position, he asked for the ACF members' reactions to the presentation by the textbook publishers at the HEPC meeting in the morning. The ACF members critiqued the publishers' presentation, characterizing it as a "sales pitch." Kathy Butler said that Series 20 was to be out for an informal comment period before public comment; the revised Series 20 will increase HEPC control over all colleges in the state in keeping with 2011 legislative action. Bruce Walker reported on bills pending in the legislature which affect higher education. He did not see any possibility of pay raises based upon State funding. The only major bill to pass both houses at that point was the OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) bill which will have a positive impact on the financial positions of the colleges since the State has assumed the responsibility of paying off the OPEB liabilities over time. Dr. Ed Magee, HEPC Senior Director of Finance, answered questions concerning the OPEB legislation. He was also asked to clarify remarks he made in his report at the HEPC meeting in the morning concerning some of the state schools "living on the edge" financially. He noted that at some of the schools the number of days of "cash on hand" might not be sufficient if there were an abrupt negative change in the financial conditions of the schools. He also reminded us of a projected 4% reduction in next year's State appropriation for higher education. [The number of days of "cash on hand" for GSC is below the target which Dr. Magee recommends.]

Other officers

Larry Baker (Vice President Reports):

- Fitness Center faculty pays by semester \$40, community \$30 per month; money comes from Student Life

Dennis Wemm (Parliamentarian Reports):

- No report at this time.

Cinda Echard (Treasurer Reports):

- No report at this time.

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

- No report at this time.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Textbook Affordability Committee

- Fred Walborn; Diana Milam in to report; meeting since 1/2011. Committee bringing word to faculty about more information. Psychology book from \$170.
- Series 51 requires report to Chancellor, Milam presented report with information up to spring terms, handout shows timeline.

- Out of 17 bookstores Glenville gets orders in quickly
- Numbers on rentals: increase of 43000 this year, as of April 1/ 2011, students have saved 146,000
- Review from thousands of textbooks ; customized publishing possible custom lab or textbook digitized
- Call for questions. Renting a text 55% of cost of new text. Can rent through week of finals. Buyback value; in store gets 50% of used value. 2nd used price same as 1st resale, then goes for the same rates. If going off campus the buyer sets resale price.
- Overload questions pay from Ida Mills: Could we prevent withholding tax from being so high; Debbie Spence has a form to fill out to change withholding for a pay period. Can we have it spread out over a period, or present as a separate check (Bob Hardman will be requested to comment)
- Check out rent-a-text

III. NEW BUSINESS

Election of Faculty Marshal

- Cinda re-nominated for Faculty Marshal:
In addition Peck (turned down) Mike Smith, Cheryl McKinney, Chuck Batson, Cinda Echard; paper ballots distributed vote take.
- Counted by Baker
- Four candidates, one position.

Academic Policy Bylaws

Motion to approve Baker/Mills m/s

- One typo in article one (Glenville Sate College)
- Quorum for meeting, reduced by one person (students often don't show)
- Vice chair issue, Vice Chair added. Removed the Academic Support Center
- Change membership anytime they wanted, was removed
- Approved unanimously
- Morgan asked about student committee member attendance, do we need them?
- Does it cause a problem with quorums? Not actually.
- Could appoint at large student, do they have to be on SGA? They are going to change constitution so that at large students can join as interested

Compensation for High Contact Hour Courses

- Inequity; Peek and O'Dell met 1/20 to compare needs. Some were science and music classes Perkins (Land Resources) Are labs similar to Science classes? Is there a set formula for courses? Would a rule that works for science work for this as well.
- Music, applieds and ensembles (addressed under the same formula?)
- PED activities classes; meet for longer than 1 contact hour per credit hour
- Senior Seminars: do other departments have it? Social Science has one; English has a seminar-entry level grad research; sometimes it grows into research project-not a common project
- Independent studies students (should they be included in regular course load?)
- In math, labs in developmental but in regular only 4 credit hours as 4 hours of lecture
- In Education, informal formulas for student teacher vs. class
- Megan Gibbons for Language & Literature; Lecture/lab numbering (4 hours and 0 hours)
- What type of labs are we talking about?
- No policy in place that defines overload above full-time load
- Music has large numbers
- Biology had 1 class with 60 students and 4 lab sections
- Nothing in policy
- Who needs to represent on the committee?
- Gibbons Teacher Ed but in specialization areas (integrating this in)
- Asking for departmental input in the issue; ask if programs are affected; how many
- Could run a report in Banner? Nope
- Committee membership as small as possible
- Numbers a week from today to form committee later

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p. m; motion to adjourn by Perkins/Hoshell m/s. Motion passed unanimously.