

Glenville State College Faculty Senate Minutes

April 10th, 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 April 10th, 2012, in the Mollohan Center Multipurpose Room, Room 319.

Senators present: Joseph Wood, David O'Dell, Larry Baker, Jared Wilson, Greg Cronce, Dennis Wemm, Kevin Evans, Cinda Echard, Paul Peck, Brian Perkins, and Shelly Ratliff.

Absent: Liza Brenner, Ida Mills, J Morgan, Jonathan Minton, Art de Matteo, and George Hoshell

Others present: Dr. John Peek, Dr. Peter Barr

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of March 27th, 2012 meeting (Wemm/Evans). Motion passes and minutes approved.

III. Quarterly Meeting with President Barr

One question was submitted in advance for Dr. Barr:

On February 21st information was reported to faculty senate from the meeting on February 17th of WVHEPC and ACF. The HEPC Senior Director of Finance commented on the report given at the HEPC meeting in the morning to ACF 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. He also reminded those in attendance of a projected 4% reduction in next year's state appropriation for higher education. This information led to faculty discussions and the need to further research what WVHEPC reported.

Based on the WVHEPC website and the following URL

https://www.wvhepc.org/commission/Agendas/AMENDED_Web_Ready_Agenda_2-17-12.pdf

Glenville State is the only WV institution with a rating of Baa2 (moody) and our composite financial index is low according to this report. Do you feel this data is correct? Would you provide the Faculty Senate with your interpretation of our rating of Baa2 and our composite financial index as stated in the WVHEPC documentation? Has the college provided the Board of Governors with a cash progression report over time? How is the GSC Board of Governors positioning the college to address these issues?

Dr. Barr responded with the following points:

- The data are correct, but convoluted.
- The rating of Baa2 applies to the time of refinancing Pioneer Village. Moody's did not issue a rating, since this was a private refinancing. However, if we were to apply for public refinancing, the rating would be Baa2.
- It is not always prudent to have excessive cash on hand, as this is invested at low interest rates. The goal is to have enough money to carry the college through the summer when state money is not coming into the college.
- The retirement of the OPEB liability will help with the total composite financial indicator score.
- The budget cut is projected to be \$480,000 ± \$100,000. This is significant but not unmanageable.
- The college is entering the second and final stage of faculty/staff pay increases, which will take effect for the 2012-2013 academic year.

When asked about progress on the Pioneer Center, Dr. Barr stated that construction is to resume May 21st. The gym should be ready for basketball games by December 2013, with the completion date projected as May 2014.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Promotion and Tenure Committee Bylaws

Perkins/Wemm (m/s) to endorse the changes to the Promotion and Tenure Committee Bylaws which were distributed at the March 27 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

V. New Business

Developmental Coursework Policy

Baker/Wemm (m/s) to endorse the following foundations coursework policy:

Students who require remediation in math or English must enroll in the appropriate developmental courses in their area(s) of deficiencies in their first semester. If unsuccessful in satisfactory completion of the developmental course(s) in their first semester, they must enroll in those same course(s) in the subsequent semester. Once the student is successful in passing the developmental course, the student must enroll the following semester in the next developmental course or in the college level course required in that deficient area, i.e. MATH 102, MATH 105, MATH 110 or ENGL 101.

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.