

# Glenville State College Faculty Senate Minutes

October 22, 2013

## 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 22, 2013 in the Mollohan Center Conference Room, Room 319.

Senators present: Larry Baker, Liza Brenner, Art DeMatteo, Cinda Echard, Joe Evan, Rico Gazal, Megan Gibbons, Ida Mills, David O'Dell, Paul Peck, Shelly Ratliff, Rebecca Swisher, John Taylor, Kelly Treece, Milan Vavrek and Dennis Wemm

Senators absent: Kevin Evans

Others present: Dr. Barr and Dr. Peek

## II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Taylor / Baker (m/s). Mills corrected Board of Governors in her report to Board of Directors GSC Foundation. Motion passed unanimously.

## III. Reports

### Dr. Barr's Quarterly Meeting with Faculty Senate

*Question #1: A house was torn down on College Street just off campus, the area was leveled and gravel spread on what we assumed would be a new parking lot. It currently has a semi trailer parked in that area. What are the plans for this area? When will it be available for student parking? Will students need parking stickers for the lot?*

The semi is there as a staging area for the window replacement that is ongoing in the Administration Building. The area will be used for student parking in the spring, although it will still be a gravel lot. A general permit will be required to park there. The plan is to asphalt during the summer.

On a side note, the city/county is trying to demolish a few other houses in that area which are also in serious disrepair.

A guard rail will be put up in the parking area. We expect this lot to give us 15-20 additional spaces. This will help in the short term, but we know that for the long term parking will still need to be addressed.

*Question #2: What has happened, and what are the plans for Java City and the Small Business Development Center?*

They are implementing a new concept with Java City. They may not want to keep the same franchise, but they do want to remain a place where one can get a drink or a sandwich. It will expand into the back of the building, creating more space than was there previously. A student focus group is currently meeting and discussing what they would like to see happen down there, and perhaps this is an area that GSC 100 classes can use in the future. The physical plant has been extremely busy which is why work has yet to get underway. The Small Business Development Center will still be there. The search for a new director will commence soon.

*Question #3: Can you give an update on the projected effects of SB 330?*

Senator Plymale doesn't want anything done to 330 until the studies are completed. My biggest fear is that HEPC, Marshall, and WVU will be written out but it will continue for the rest of us. One aspect is the push to have no more than 20% non-classified versus classified. Some non-classified could move into classified if necessary. The 5% salary differential will also pose a significant problem. Perhaps this part will be modified. Ultimately, 330 comes down to budget. There are no additional monies to resolve the issue. At this point in time, the more people that get involved, the better. Classified staff want more equitable wages, and I understand this. But as far as how those salaries relate to faculty salaries, I'm not so sure.

When Dr. Barr was asked if he had checked recently the SREB faculty salary comparison, he said that we have been comparable to peer institutions but that, no, he hasn't looked recently. Dr. Peek runs these numbers every spring.

Dr. Barr was also asked about the state budget. Again this year a 7.5% budget cut is likely, which would mean 8.9% for us.

This led to a discussion of the state budget and "rainy day funds." Dr. Barr said that the state of West Virginia has a good history of setting aside these funds, but it doesn't have a good history of using them. He believes it is probably time to mend the holes in the budget, if possible.

Dr. Barr concluded his remarks by expressing his appreciation to the faculty and staff for all that they do on a daily basis.

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

The Board of Governors met October 16, 2013. Kevin Evans gave a presentation about student research at the college and pointed out that the productivity of the research corresponded to the amount of financial support given to the summer research efforts. He also mentioned that we are in danger of losing some instrumentation, because we do not have a technician available. Students Judith Urbanic and Randy Smith presented their research findings to the Board members, and they were well received. President Barr then gave his report. Establishing 24/7 medical care issue in the new Waco Center is still a pressing matter. He also stated that the termination date for the Waco project was pushed back a little. Dr. Peek provided a summary report of the previous institutional compact cycle with HEPC, and then the Board adopted new goals for the 2013-2018 compact cycle.

The ACF meeting on October 17 at Bridgmont CTC in Montgomery began with the morning meeting of the Council for the Community and Technical College System. The ACF's interim report to the Council will be treated as an annual report this time. The ACF's report focused largely on concerns related to Senate Bill 330 and on how to seek a more realistic salary relationship between the faculty, classified and non-classified groups than the 5% differential called for by SB 330.

The afternoon ACF meeting commenced with a report from Kathy Butler. There will be a meeting on October 28 to discuss college readiness (specifically, how to define it). A \$60,000 grant was secured to help revise policies related to college readiness, and this is certainly a catalyst for discussions on how to move forward.

There was also discussion of the re-authorization reports. This year three institutional reports to HEPC are due at once, and there is a great deal of duplication. This reauthorization data must be submitted every year. It is then supposed to be made public, so that parents can see if a child's school is meeting expectations.

A student success academy is scheduled for January in Morgantown.

The PEIA question did not make the agenda this time.

## **IV. Old Business**

### **Compensation for higher than normal contact hours**

Have departments look over the draft of the document and make suggestions. For example, should we add compensation for research to the list?

## **V. Announcements**

Larry Baker mentioned that within K-12 there is a new push for AP classes instead of dual credit. The problem, although they have not stated this explicitly, is that the dual credit

courses are often not up to par with standards. AP classes offer a little better quality control. This could potentially impact our college, so it is something to have in mind moving forward.

Cinda Echard wondered how to access the recording of the Faculty Achievement Report meeting held last spring. Dennis Wemm responded that Gary Arbogast has it.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.