

Glenville State College Faculty Senate Minutes

January 21, 2014

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 21, 2014 in the Mollohan Center Conference Room, Room 319.

Senators present: Larry Baker, Art DeMatteo, Cinda Echard, Joe Evans, Kevin Evans, Megan Gibbons, Ida Mills, David O'Dell, Paul Peck, Shelly Ratliff, Kelly Treece, Milan Vavrek and Dennis Wemm

Senators absent: Liza Brenner, Rico Gazal, Rebecca Swisher and John Taylor

Others present: Dr. Peek

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from November 19, 2013 by Baker / Treece (m/s).

Motion passed unanimously.

III. Reports

ACF/Board of Governors Representative Paul Peck

There have been no ACF meetings since the last meeting. What has become evident is that Fox Lawson did not conduct the study as stipulated. Faculty across the state were lumped together. This will not impact classified employees or the data collected for them, but for faculty, this is a problem. To date no legislation has been introduced that addresses how to resolve the data collection failure.

The Board of Governors meeting was December 4, 2013. The Governors were visited by Mr. Amos, the commissioner of the Mountain East Conference. There are currently 12 members which is a good number for scheduling; however, if there are opportunities for expansion within West Virginia or neighboring states the Conference would consider them. He hopes to always have an even number of members. Mr. Amos stated that the spring basketball tournament is to be held in Charleston. He wants to make this a more family-oriented tournament, and he wants more civic groups to help as well. He hopes that more conference games will be televised in the future.

Two more students—Carly Caldon and Robert DeWees—presented their research to the Board of Governors.

There was discussion of dual credit and the push for AP classes. Dr. Peek explained to the Board that the standards of these classes often depend on the course itself and the instructor. Glenville State College takes appropriate measures to deal with issues of quality. Dr. Barr added that it is unlikely we will see a shift towards AP classes exclusively, given the cost of the AP exams.

IT is working on a mass communication method to help with notifications in emergencies / inclement weather.

Finally, the Board received a question about the theft at the GSC/Shepherd football game from the Shepherd locker room and how the investigation was proceeding.

David O’Dell, President of the Faculty Senate

Dr. Barr will be invited to the February 4, 2014 Faculty Senate meeting. Please send questions to your department representative or to Faculty Senate President.

Larry Baker, Vice President of the Faculty Senate

Legislation has been introduced that would give K-12 teachers of science from the 7th grade up a 5% raise.

The School Building Authority has asked for Baker to speak to them at its next meeting, since his sabbatical work focused on areas they are currently exploring.

IV. Old Business

Compensation for higher than normal contact hours

It is important to keep in mind that this is practice more than a policy. As such, it will not likely go to the College Leadership Council but rather straight to the administration. Land Resources and Fine Arts have yet to resolve these issues. Motion for the Faculty Senate President to contact the two department chairs in question to request a progress update to be completed by the February 4, 2014 Faculty Senate meeting by Baker / Wemm (m/s). Motion passed unanimously.

V. New Business

Recommendation of members to Assurance Coordinating Team for next HLC visit

Dr. Peek has requested that two faculty members (one seasoned and one “less” seasoned but both familiar with the self-study process) be appointed to this committee. Nominations can be campus wide.

Paul Peck is willing to be recommended if that is the desire of the Senate. Other names mentioned in no particular order were: Allan Daniel, Kevin Evans, Melody Wise, Larry Baker, John Taylor and Sherry Jones. It was decided that Dr. Peek would email the aforementioned individuals and invite them to participate.

Other

The Faculty Senate was asked to look into slow responses from IT.

It was made clear in discussion that work orders campus wide are not being addressed in a timely fashion, although the focus of the Senate discussion was on IT. After citing examples and debating how to proceed, it was determined that Dr. Peek will email Tom Ratliff, Jim Spears and Jason Phares in addition to notifying Dr. Barr of these concerns.

In the short term, please feel free to copy Dr. Peek on email requests/concerns that are not being acted on quickly.

Ida Mills asked a question about security problems in Clark Hall. Speakers have been stolen three times this academic year. What can be done about this? No motions were made nor was anything resolved on this issue.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Baker / Wemm (m/s). Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.