

# **Glenville State College Faculty Senate Minutes**

February 18, 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 February 18, 2014 in the Mollohan Center Conference Room, Room 319.

Senators present: Larry Baker, Liza Brenner, Art DeMatteo, Cinda Echard, Kevin Evans, 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: Joe Evans

Others present: Dr. Barr, Ross Conover (for Joe Evans), Dr. Peek

## **II. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes from February 4, 2014 by Baker / Taylor (m/s). Gibbons informed Senate that minor revisions/clarifications had been suggested by Paul Peck since draft had been emailed to everyone. Motion passed unanimously.

## **III. Quarterly Meeting with Dr. Barr**

*What proposed legislation for this session of the legislature are you watching with interest?*

SB 409

HB 4513

SB 330

*Are there any pending bills which would benefit GSC considerably?*

No, not really. Most have potential negative aspects. SB 409 materialized in response to complaints about the lack of transparency in the transfer credit process. What is proposed right now, however, would require that all AA or AS courses be accepted and counted towards the four-year degree. This means that all general education courses would be accepted, as would all discipline specific courses towards the major. It is hard to believe that all general education or discipline specific courses are the same across the state. This is ultimately a faculty issue, and it is one that most faculty will likely be interested in following. It is possible that Chair Poling may sit on it, given that it impacts K-12 in ways she may not like.

Closely related to this discussion is HB 4513's proposal to force everyone into the same numerical system. Chem 101 would have to be numbered as 101 across the state. This has raised many concerns. Other considerations related to this bill are the mandated increase in graduation rates and performance-based funding. Chair Poling is going to send this one to subcommittee for study, and we are hopeful that it will not move forward from there.

As many people know, the only completed part of the study conducted for SB 330 is that of Classified Staff. We hope that they will wait to release revised scales until all three groups have been studied. Additionally, WVU has put in a bill requesting exemption from SB 330.

A question was asked of Dr. Barr about the concealed weapons bill. He replied that the Council of Presidents hasn't discussed this yet, but he will speak to them about it in the next meeting.

Dr. Barr also added that they are watching closely funding and the budget. The Senate passed a resolution that requested the Governor to exempt Higher Education from further budget cuts. As it stands now, however, there will be an additional 3.75% budget cut for each institution.

*During the faculty senate meeting on 1/21/14 many members commented about issues with technology work orders not being completed in a timely manner. In lecture rooms this is hampering the educational progress of our students. Professors feel technology repairs in lecture areas should be an extremely high priority. Professors also commented that they were trying to do their own repairs on computer equipment because they felt work orders are not being addressed. Would you please address how we, as a college, can help eliminate down time especially with technology repairs in lecture areas?*

Dr. Barr has checked with Jason, and we are fairly current at the moment with work orders. Please feel free to contact my office directly if you need something handled quickly or if you feel something has not been handled in a timely manner. We can make this a priority and we will. I was not aware that this had turned into a problem. I can assure you that the IT office is now back to full capacity. They, of course, may wish to have an additional hire (to replace Bill Church, for instance), but this is a funding issue.

*Although you addressed this issue a year or two ago would you remind us about the plan to replace outdated office computers for professors?*

The oldest computers are replaced first and for those who have the greatest need for a new one. This happens yearly. Naturally, more money would allow for more purchases. This often boils down to funding.

*Question about Waco and the Health Center.*

April 21<sup>st</sup> is the completion date. The Foundation has signed a lease with Minnie Hamilton. The Foundation also completed a loan application to the USDA. The facility will not be 24/7 initially, but the hope is that it will be eventually. They will have new equipment they can finally use, because up until now, they have not had the space. Using Waco will also allow Minnie Hamilton to expand Physical Therapy services, as well as diagnostic services. Essentially, they will have twice as much space as what they had previously (in Waco they will have 9,534 square feet). Two new doctors are supposed to join the group. One will not be here until August of 2014.

*Question about rumors that we are hosting a major conference this fall.*

Yes, we are. We will be hosting the Create West Virginia conference. This will be an opportunity for us to highlight the college, the town and the community. 350 people will be attending, and the conference is to be held in late October. The goal of this conference is to inspire entrepreneurship within communities. It will be great for us to get as much involvement as possible in this venture.

*Question about the Parking Lot.*

The Foundation doesn't have a set plan yet. We need outdoor tennis courts and basketball courts, so it may not be all parking lot. An offer for the college to purchase the small house near the stadium has been accepted but no deed has been consummated as of yet.

We would also like to purchase the old, red house near the Administration Building. Although we would demolish the house, we would like to use the garage. The Capital Campaign includes a \$1 million beautification project, but sometimes it is difficult to raise funds for beautification.

*Question about the status of the Small Business Development Center.*

We are still trying to find a replacement for Rob Hinton. The report from students (on what they would like to see housed there) has not been submitted yet either.

Thank you all as always for all that you do for the college.

## **IV. Reports**

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

There is a meeting this Friday, February 21. Peck will participate in the teleconference in the afternoon. Many of the issues being discussed by the ACF are the ones President Barr just mentioned related to legislation. Peck has emailed to the Faculty and Staff a draft of Series 56 as well as information on House Bill 4513. Comments are welcome up until March 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Board of Governors met last Wednesday, February 12, 2014. They listened to a presentation by Jeff James, who is the driving force behind the Create West Virginia conference. The dates are tentatively set for October 25-28, 2014. This will run from Saturday through Tuesday. Jeff James presented an award from Create West Virginia to President Barr.

There was also a student research presentation by Morgan Scarpellini.

The Auditor's report revealed that some areas look a little better than last year and some look about the same. The college's position has improved on the HEPC consolidated index (largely due to capital assets like the Waco Center). But there has also been some growth in private grants, too. In terms of cash on hand, there are also slight improvements. Nonetheless, our enrollment did decline, which means less money generated from tuition and fees. For Fall 2013 there was an 8% reduction in full time enrollment, and the reduction in head count was just 2.6%. It should be noted that head count is down pretty much across the state. West Virginia State and WVU Tech are the only two institutions that saw increases in head count. The same is true for full time enrollment.

The tuition and fees schedule was adopted for next year. There will be a 4.89% increase for residents, a 5% increase for non-residents, and a 5.08% increase for Metro students. These increases will not require HEPC action.

Revised goals for the Compact were also adopted. The percentage of those passing developmental math was changed to 29% and for developmental English, 55%. The percentage for the retention of first time, low-income students was adjusted to 62%.

The President delivered a report of his activities. Of note is the kickoff on April 25, 2014 of the Capital Campaign. He has also been busy with Jason Project meetings, seeking to raise funds for Jason Project activities from private sources.

The Board was introduced to Greg King who will be in charge of recruiting and admissions.

Finally, Dr. Peek submitted an update on the strategic planning process.

**V. Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**VI. New Business**

Peck asked the Senate if there was any interest in discussing again designing a compressed schedule for the 2-hour delay days. He acknowledged that it happens infrequently, but he was wondering if it is worth revisiting? Senate agreed to add this to New Business for next meeting.

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:25.