

Glenville State College Faculty Senate Minutes

March 25, 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 March 25, 2014 in the Mollohan Center Conference Room, Room 319.

Senators present: Liza Brenner, Art DeMatteo, Joe Evans, Kevin Evans, Rico Gazal, Megan Gibbons, Ida Mills, David O'Dell, Paul Peck, Sara Sawyer (proxy for Larry Baker), John Taylor, Kelly Treece, Milan Vavrek and Dennis Wemm

Senators absent: Cinda Echard, Shelly Ratliff, Rebecca Swisher

Others present: John Peek

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from March 4, 2014 by K. Evans/Treece (m/s). Noted that other groups may use the Waco Center prior to the Create WV conference. Motion approved unanimously.

III. Reports

ACF/Board of Governors Representative Paul Peck

The next Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2014.

The next ACF meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2014 at Fairmont State University (the last meeting of the year). It will follow up on the legislative session. There may also be some discussion of whether or not there will be additional funds for salary increases.

Faculty Senate President, David O'Dell

Please remind your colleagues to vote for Faculty Senate members by this Friday. There will be one more meeting of this year's Senate (April 8, 2014) followed by the last meeting of the year with the new Senate (April 22, 2014). Dr. Barr will attend the April 8, 2014 meeting, so please send any questions to David O'Dell that you wish Dr. Barr to answer.

Others—Dr. Peek

Dr. Peek wished to provide an update on SB 409. It did not make it out of the legislature. There is a joint resolution of the CTC and the HEPC to try to ensure a smooth transfer of credit process, but this resolution does not use the language from the previous bill that was cause for concern.

COIL Award—Megan Gibbons

In November of 2013, Glenville State applied for the SUNY COIL-ACE Advancing Internationalization Through Collaborative Online International Learning Award. We were notified in late January of this year that we had been selected as one of just three institutions across the nation to receive this award. The award requires that two pilot courses that include a COIL element be introduced on campus in the next academic year. When thinking about establishing a collaboration with a partner institution, we selected the University of Oviedo in northern Spain, because in the early 20th century, a group of northern Spanish immigrants (Asturians) immigrated to Shinnston, WV. This historical and cultural connection is the backbone of our COIL project. We selected Mike Gherke's West Virginia and the Appalachian Region course and Megan Gibbons' Spanish Conversation and Culture course as the pilot courses that will launch in Spring 2015. Each course will be partnered with a course at the University of Oviedo, and during the month of March in 2015 our students will collaborate virtually with students in Spain. Among other tools, they will use Facebook, Skype, Blackboard and/or Moodle to facilitate the collaboration. Two members from SUNY-COIL, one member from ACE (The American Council on Education) and one member from the University of Oviedo will visit Glenville State in September 2014 for an on-site three day training workshop. This training is valued at \$16,000. If these pilot courses are successful, we hope that other faculty members from across campus will also consider introducing a collaborative online international learning element in their courses. The HEPC fully supports this initiative and is prepared to use Glenville State as a model for the state system. Anyone interested in learning more about the SUNY-COIL/ACE Award should see Megan Gibbons, who will serve as project coordinator here at Glenville.

IV. New Business.

Emeritus Recommendation

Motion to grant emeritus status to Dr. Mike Smith by J. Evans / Peck (m/s). Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Aid Appeals Committee Bylaws

Motion to approve bylaws by Taylor / Wemm (m/s).

There was discussion of voting members. The Registrar IS a voting member. There was also discussion of the unclear language about the Chair's absence and whether any student could request to be present at the appeal. It was decided that three changes could be made:

1. In Article VI Section 2, the third sentence can be moved to the end of Section 3. Section 3 should be modified slightly and then read as: Access to the meetings will be restricted to the committee members and students requesting an appeal. The student may request to attend the meeting by indicating this option on the appeal form.
2. Strike "present" from the second sentence in Article V, Section 2.
3. The header on page 2 needs to read Bylaws of the Scholarship and Financial Aid Appeals Committee

V. Other

Mills requested that Faculty Senate agenda items be sent out earlier if possible. K. Evans suggested that the Senate's Constitution could be amended to state that the agenda and agenda-related items be distributed at least 48 hours before a scheduled meeting.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.