

# **Glenville State College Faculty Senate Minutes**

October 7, 2014

## **I. Call to Order and Roll**

President Dennis Wemm called to order the Glenville State College Faculty Senate at 12:31 p.m. on October 7, 2014 in the Mollohan Center Conference Room, Room 319.

Senators present: Heather Allman, Larry Baker, Adam Black, Angela Cline, Cinda Echard, Kevin Evans, Megan Gibbons, Carmine Grieco, Ida Mills, David O'Dell, Paul Peck, John Taylor, Kelly Treece, and Dennis Wemm

Senators absent: Liza Brenner, Alan Daniel, Art DeMatteo

Others present: President Peter Barr

## **II. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes from September 23, 2014 by Baker/Gibbons (m/s). Motion approved unanimously.

## **III. ACF/BOG Report**

Paul Peck reported that the ACF meets on Thursday, and the Board meets next Wednesday.

## **IV. Other Reports**

Dennis Wemm reminded the Senate that the subcommittees need to consider the Principles of Shared Governance document, and the Analyst Subcommittee should post their comments by e-mail regarding which principles are working and which are not. As the Synthesist Subcommittee is smaller, they will be meeting face-to-face prior to the next Senate meeting.

## **V. Questions to President Barr**

The following questions had been submitted for Dr. Barr to address. His responses are in italics.

What percentage of the school's budget is allocated for athletics?

*Typically between six and eight percent, varying with staffing.*

Has the College been advised by HEPC to anticipate a mid-year budget cut due to reduction in State funds?

*Not so far.*

People have been saying that the fitness center is moving to the Lilly Building. The space provided for the equipment will be the same size or less square footage. If a person goes to the present center after 3 PM it is closed and it is difficult to get access to the various machines and weights. It seems that if we plan for GSC to expand enrollment we should have more room available. Private corporations know the need to provide adequate exercise rooms for their employees. If our students/faculty/staff are provided adequate exercise rooms then they will not only be physically healthier but mentally healthier.

*The square footage of the new facility will need to be examined.*

Will the walking track around the basketball court be open to the public?

*Yes, but the hours are currently limited until another custodian is hired.*

Regarding the Hours of Operation document: Since the residence halls and other campus facilities close when students are not present, why should department secretaries be required to work on holidays? Most secretaries are 11 month employees. If they don't take their vacation time during "down times" at the college, then they have to take vacation when students are here and we need them. If the secretary is not in, then the department chair or designated faculty must be expected to be in the office during breaks or over the summer. Is this the case?

*Secretaries are not expected to work on holidays, but departments and buildings are expected to be open when the College is open. Days on which classes do not meet are not necessarily holidays. If no one is available in a department, then calls to the department could be forwarded to another department or to the Academic Affairs Office. Every effort should be made to keep departments open when the College is open.*

Dr. Barr then took the following questions from the Senate floor:

Can departments get an exact number for their departmental budgets? When the exact number is not known, it is difficult to plan for student workers, etc.

*The Provost should have access to an absolute number.*

Does the percentage of the budget allocated for athletics include scholarships?

*No, the figure includes payroll but not student scholarships.*

Is the cost to revenue ratio for athletics favorable?

*Revenue is much greater than cost. The athletic programs are important for recruiting students. There are approximately 315 student athletes, of which 250 are residents, with approximately 85 of those students being juniors and seniors.*

What are the plans for the Mineral Road area near the stadium?

*Basketball and tennis courts will be constructed just past Pioneer Village, and the area just past the football field will be filled and used for additional parking.*

What is the status of the electronic sign at the North Entrance?

*The sign will be very expensive to replace. We are currently waiting to see if the College keeps all of that land in the potential re-design of the intersection.*

Are there plans to budget for faculty raises?

*This is a problem with all West Virginia institutions and impacts faculty retention. The state will need higher taxes in order to fund salary increases. We can't necessarily count on the legislature to fund salary increases, so the budgeting must be done from within. We need to increase enrollment by 100 full time students.*

Are there plans for another tuition increase?

*Yes, probably a five percent increase for the coming year.*

Would it be possible for faculty to have free memberships to the Fitness Center?

*This would be worth looking at, and if granted would apply to both faculty and staff.*

## **VI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Baker/Taylor (m/s) Motion approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 1:27.