

GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

- I. President Ring called the meeting to order at 12:35pm
- II. Public Comment
  - i. None
- III. Roll call was taken by Secretary Tarman.
- IV. Swearing in of new members:
  - i. Marcus Spinks
  - ii. Brittany Koutsunis
- V. Review of last week's minutes and the minutes of February 6<sup>th</sup> due to Parliamentary Procedure Error:
  - i. Senator Little motioned to accept the minutes.
  - ii. Senator Conrad seconded.
  - iii. Motion passed.
- VI. President's Report (Only the President may speak at this time)
  - i. President Ring relayed a message from Advisor Morris regarding Residential Life applications. The applications are available. If you have questions, email Katie Morris or Trae Sprague.
- VII. Executive Reports:
  - i. Vice-President Barber: Nothing at this time.
  - ii. Parliamentarian: *vacant*
  - iii. Treasurer Lewis: Treasurer Lewis updated on our budget. We have spent \$2,213.18 and have \$3,786.82 left.
  - iv. Secretary Tarman: Nothing at this time.
  - v. Public Relations Officer Cochran: Nothing at this time.
- VIII. Committee Reports:
  - i. Academic Policy:
    - i. President Ring mentioned that the committee spoke about the attendance policy for online courses. The policy has been revamped. He has the policy for anyone who would wish to see it.
  - ii. College Leadership Council:
    - i. President Ring stated that the council discussed and approved the Academic Calendar for the next academic year.
    - ii. They also discussed all of the fees found on campus. He has the list if anyone would like to see it.
  - iii. Presidential Search Committee:
    - i. Secretary Tarman mentioned that the Presidential Search Committee has picked 3 (three) candidates to visit campus. The announcement went out to Faculty and Staff but not students – Secretary Tarman stated that she will check on that with Dr. Nelson.
- IX. Congressional Forum
  - i. None
- X. Old Business:
  - i. None
- XI. New Business:
  - i. Graduation Cords:
    - i. President Ring informed the Senate that at Academic Policy, Dr. Morris brought up the topic of organizations being able to wear a cord at graduation

to represent being involved with organizations. President Ring mentioned that the debate is whether we want cords to represent academic achievements or achievements and involvement overall at graduation.

- i. Secretary Tarman stated that Dr. Morris was supposed to get a policy that Dr. Barr created related to this topic, but he has not gotten it to her yet.
- ii. President Ring mentioned that in the past it has been discussed to have organizations wear white so that they are different from the academic honors and nationally recognized organizations cords, which are various colors but none that are white. He also mentioned that we (SGA) give charms to be put on your tassel, but the organizations wanted something more to signify that they were a part of something.
- iii. Advisor Carr asked if they still include the meaning of the cords in the graduation program.
  - i. President Ring replied that they used to but don't anymore.
  - ii. She said that it could be an idea to have something in the program would alleviate any confusion as to why so many graduates would be wearing a white (or whichever color) cord.
- iv. Secretary Tarman stated that she understands where the Administration is coming from with the issue of honorary organizations and academic achievements to be drowned out if we allow this, but all achievements should be able to be recognized and student organizations are typically more active and involved in the campus than those of honorary/academic.
- v. President Ring restated that it is up to us to determine and bring forth whether we believe graduation should be focused on academic achievement or overall achievement.
  - i. Liaison Duelley replied that it should represent all. If you are involved, you are involved whether academic or not.
  - ii. Senator Koutsunis stated that she works hard to be a part of an organization, she thinks that should be recognized and shown.
  - iii. Liaison Rexroad expressed that graduation is the closing chapter. It's not only about academics; it is a celebration of your achievements.
- vi. President Ring brought up that another concern that was discussed is what if someone joins an organization in the last month of the semester just to receive a cord.
  - i. Advisor Carr said that we would have to include stipulations to receiving it.
  - ii. Secretary Tarman mentioned that we would have a form to be filled out to show that they are meeting the requirements put forth.
- vii. Advisor Carr asked when this topic would be discussed again.
  - i. President Ring mentioned that Dr. Morris stated that it will not be done this semester, but he wants opinions from the college as a whole before deciding.
  - ii. Advisor Carr stated that it would be a good idea to create an official proposal from SGA and outline the specifics that we have discussed.
- viii. The idea behind stipulations was well liked and would be included in said proposal.

- i. Senator Spinks asked who would be determining the stipulations.
        - a. President Ring said that we would be the ones to create them, bring them up and discuss them with the Cabinet, and take it forward as needed.
      - ii. The stipulations mentioned are:
        - a. Must be active for 1 (one) academic year
        - b. Must be active in the graduating semester
        - c. Must be in good academic standing
        - d. Must meet the standards of their organization
    - ix. Advisor Carr said that a solid white cord would show up the best with the gown.
    - x. It was discussed that SGA will be responsible for purchasing and distributing.
    - xi. Secretary Tarman offered to type a proposal to be presented.
  - ii. Constitution Updates:
    - i. President Ring stated that the Board and Advisors have met and finished updating our constitution. We condense it and made it more suitable to how SGA runs now. Secretary Tarman will be sending an email with the document attached for everyone to review. The updates will be voted on at the next meeting.
  - iii. SGA Stickers:
    - i. Secretary Tarman determined that we can purchase 1,000 SGA stickers for approximately \$42.
      - i. Senator Spinks motioned to spend no more than \$50 on SGA stickers to be handed out to students.
      - ii. Senator Koutsunis seconded.
      - iii. Motion passed.
- XII. Advisor and Administrative Liaison Updates/Comments
  - i. Advisor Morris: Not present.
  - ii. Advisor Carr reminded the Senate about the Pioneer Pantry. They recently had a huge donation. HPS and Campus Ministries are holding drives soon. She asked for everyone to spread the word so that it can get cleared some.
    - i. She also stated that staff are wanting to get more involved with the students. If anyone has any ideas on what to do to accomplish that, let her know.
  - iii. Advisor Keene: Not present.
  - iv. Advisor Henline: Not present.
  - v. Liaison Duellely updated on the intramurals that have been going on. They are also planning wiffleball intramurals
  - vi. Liaison Rexroad updated on the upcoming Student Life activities.
- XIII. Adjournment at 1:12pm
  - i. Senator Conrad motioned to adjourn.
  - ii. Senator Spinks seconded.
  - iii. Motion passed.