

GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

04 November 2021

- I. President McVaney called the meeting to order at 12:31 PM
- II. Public Comment
 - i. None
- III. Swearing in of new members
 - i. Swore in Renee Varnell, welcome to SGA!
- IV. Review Last Week's Minutes
 - i. SGA Minutes for October 28, 2021 was approved.
 - a) Senator Knopp motioned for Approval.
 - b) Senator Helton seconded the approval.
 - a. Was approved by the Senate.
- V. President's Report (Only the President May Speak During This Time)
 - i. President McVaney reached out to Thomas Ratliff regarding the middle elevator. It passed inspections in April 2021 was closed the first time due to vandalism and the other times were electrical problems.
- VI. Executive Reports
 - i. Vice-President – Myrtle Copen's Recital is tomorrow; it should be fun and exciting for everyone who goes.
 - ii. Parliamentarian – There is now a brand-new roll system and advocated for senators to send excuses before meeting are conducted.
 - iii. Treasurer – Our \$6,000 budget remains; however, there will be things discussed later into the meeting.
 - iv. Secretary – I will be redrafting the Universal Calendar and updating the Presidents of each Organization on how to utilize it. We can use it alongside another system that will be introduced to help with marketing of all Student Organizations.
 - v. Public Relations – The Woman's Soccer Team won last night, please do give your congratulations towards them.
- VII. Committee Forum
 - i. Academic Policy Committee: Senator Chambers stated that Academic Policy Committee was in favor of students receiving credit and being paid for it. Trying to make sure it covers all disciplines of study. We show favor of discontinuing the 6-credit hour suspension policy. Senator Morgan brought up the issue was that students did not receive financial aid because of the credit hours. Wanting to add disciplinary notes in transcripts.
 - ii. Co-Curricular Committee: We reviewed the criteria of committee and thought about how the committee can impact the campus.
- VIII. Congressional Forum
 - i. Senator Helton addressed the problem with Academic Policy's report and the grace period before having to repay loans. Considering the idea that a student is given six

months before having to pay. There is also currently a lack of notification before Health and Safety Inspections in Pickens.

- a) Senator Chambers stated that the changed was towards Academic Suspension and not Academic Probation.
 - b) Liaison Ferguson added that when placed on Academic Probation and typically has requirements sent on how to get out. The worst-case scenario is Academic Suspension and there are systems in place to help.
 - c) Senator Helton brought up that that he is on Academic Suspension and brought up how the current system that Academic Suspension operates on. Further explaining as to why he is concerned.
 - d) Liaison Rexroad added a student must be degree seeking to receive a portion of financial aid with a max of 6 credit hours.
 - e) Senator Morgan then explained that students have an option to repeal and there was data that 1 or 2 students out of 37 will come out of Academic Suspension.
- ii. Senator Chambers addressed that Parking Lot J has a noticeable lack of light.
 - a) President McVaney stated that he will address that to Thomas Ratliff.

IX. Old Business

- i. SGA Bubble Room: President McVaney explained that currently the Coordinator of Diversity and Culture is being moved into. We were originally promised this room to become the new Office for SGA. This was approved by all the constituent groups and granted by the President of the College. Going through the proper channels and discussed directly.
 - a) Senator Helton motioned for discussion.
 - b) Senator Vidal seconded the motion.
 - a. Approved to enter discussion.
 - b. Liaison Ferguson requested that the board explain their plans for that room, then President McVaney to do so.
- ii. Senator Helton asked about who exactly promised the coordinator?
 - a) It was not quite known about beforehand, however President Manchin stated that he promised the coordinator. This was with even all the constituent groups approving this and going through the proper channels.
 - b) Senator Helton stated that we should discuss this with President Manchin and tell him that it was wrong for him to promise that space. We did go through all the proper channels for that.
- iii. Senator Knopp stated that having the “Bubble Room” would be advantageous towards organizations and marketing. It looks bad when a promise has more value compared to the proper procedure.
- iv. Senator Bradburn asked how long the has this been going on?
 - a) President McVaney and Senator Knopp stated that this has been an ongoing process and went through the proper channels.
 - b) Senator Bradburn then stated that they believe is wrong to do that. Especially since it has been an ongoing process for a month or two.

- v. Senator Jarosz stated that it would be advantageous for students and student organizations. Since it was a big space and was able to be viewed from the cafeteria, it would be great for tours.
- vi. Public Relations Kelley asked what should the board do about it?
 - a) Senator Helton stated that we should reach out and talk with President Manchin. Addressing how everyone feels about the situation at hand.
- vii. Senator Morgan asked if the Board, Council, and Senate knew of SGA's plan for that room?
 - a) President McVaney answered that all constituent groups knew about SGA's plans and rationality as to why the room was wanted.
- viii. Senator Vidal asked if there was any office space in Louis Bennett Hall?
 - a) President McVaney did confirm that there are offices, however the coordinator wanted an office near the cafeteria. We are wanting to give him our old office which still is fulfilled.
- ix. Senator Helton wanted to continue off what Senator Knopp said, he believes it would be amazing for new students to get introduced to SGA.
 - a) President McVaney agreed with the statement and believed that we should have shared governance. Considering we pay to utilize facilities and our education.
- x. Secretary Bonds brought up there was a plan to print out a physical calendar with events sent from Student Organizations. Placed against the glass to help advertise and promote student made events.
- xi. Senator Knopp stated that it was weird that students do not have a lot of facilities to begin with.
 - a) President McVaney added that the building was renovated in 2007 and that room was designed/labeled for SGA.
- xii. Senator Bradburn asked how long President McVaney knew about the promise.
 - a) President McVaney stated that he did not know until it was said in front of him during a Board meeting.
- xiii. Treasurer Watts also stated that there were plans to put up pictures of Senators to create more ownership for Senators.
- xiv. Liaison Ferguson called for a 5 Minute Recess for the Board to receive consulting from their advisors.

- xv. The meeting resumed and quorum was met to continue at 1:11PM.
- xvi. Treasurer Watts motioned to approve a Resolution of Student Support for Student Government Association to Occupy the Bubble Room.
 - a) Unanimous Vote for Approval. Resolution passed.
- xvii. Parking was tabled as per request of President McVaney due to time constraints and motioned by Vice President Spinks.
 - a) Unanimous Vote for Approval. Parking tabled for next time.
- xviii. President McVaney appointed Senator Jarosz to Facilities Committee Student Representative.

a) Unanimous Vote for Approval. Senator Jarosz is now Facilities Committee Student Representative.

X. Advisor and Administrative Liaison Updates/Comments

- i. Advisor Moore stated that he is then BOG of Staff Council and found it ridiculous that they even had to vote for SGA to reclaim a room that was never meant to be taken away.
- ii. Liaison Rexroad agreed that it was something that should have been always the SGA Office Space.
- iii. Liaison Ferguson commended everyone for participating in the discussion and said that this is what SGA is about. This has been a fight since 2015 so hopefully this gets done soon. There will be lunch provided at next week's meeting via Foundations. And there is going to be a book created soon that will help the President of each organization that has advice.

Senator Waggoner motioned to adjourn.

Senator McBee seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 1:16 PM