

Glenville State College Faculty Senate Minutes

December 02, 2008

I. Call to Order and Roll

President Dennis Wemm called to order the Glenville State College Faculty Senate at 12:23 p.m. on December 2, 2008 in the Mollohan Center Conference Room, Room 319.

Senators present: Dennis Wemm, Randy Unger, Arthur DeMatteo, Liza Brenner, Ed Wood, Jonathan Minton, Connie Stout, Joe Evans, David O'Dell, Paul Peck, Lisa Castle, Fred Walborn, Joseph Musolf, Charles Batson and John Taylor.

Senators absent: Cinda Echard, Larry Baker

Others present: Dr. Kathy Butler

II. Approval of Minutes and Ongoing Reports

Motion to approve minutes of November 18, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting. Motion passed and minutes approved.

Reports:

Wemm:

- Report on College Leadership Council Election: Replacements have been elected: Ed Wood and Cinda Echard.
- Special election for Social Science Representative: Election committee needs to reconvene before break.

Joe Evans ACF and Board Report:

- Board of Directors meeting this month. No agenda set yet.
- ACF made PEIA aware of the coverage cap of \$1,000,000/per person issue.

III. Unfinished Business:

Hour in the Academic Support Center.

- Wemm has put 2 plans together and passed them out to the Senate. Plan A and B. He would like the Senate to pick a plan. It's time for a solution. He opens the floor to the Senate.
- Lisa Castle asks if the tutors at the ASC are capable of providing "basic skills" assistance to students. She has had several students' state that the tutors were inadequate. She wonders if GSC students are getting help with basic study skills.
- Wemm states there are full time tutors for Math and History.

- John Taylor questions why students are going to tutoring. Is it because they miss class?
- Fred states the key issue is the motivation of the students. Are there any consequences if the faculty can't get them to tutoring?
- John Taylor states we can't spoon feed these kids. Tutoring should be exposed to students during the Gen Ed 100 class.
- Joe Evans states that GSC is more interested in retaining students than the students actually wanting to attend GSC. GSC programs are becoming watered down to keep students in school.
- John Taylor states that not every kid is college material.
- Fred asks what % of faculty turn in 4 week grades?
- Kathy Butler states that they have documentation which will provide that information.
- Joe Musolf states that students should have to take remedial classes over the summer. Students are lacking basic skills.
- Joe Evans states that the college needs to change its admissions standards. He proposes that it should be a matter taken up by the Senate and the ACF. We need to get serious about having college ready students. The Senate could put a proposal together to change policy. GSC has some tough issues to deal with. These issues will come up again.
- Fred states this is a good idea. 70% of California colleges put their students in remedial classes. GSC should form a committee to tackle this issue.
- Wemm asks who's willing to chair the committee. Joe Evans agrees. Joe Musolf, Fred Walborn and Lisa Castle volunteer for this committee.
- Wemm asks the Senate to look over the 2 plans he presented today. They will be discussed during the next meeting.

IV. New Business

- Fred states that faculty handing in 4 weeks grades is a must for retention. He feels it should be required of all faculty to turn the 4 week grades in and it should be added to the Faculty Role Model.
- Wemm feels that students lose academic standing between 4 weeks and midterm.
- Fred disagrees and counters that we need to grab the students in the 1st 4 weeks.
- Fred states the 2nd issue is attendance. Every faculty member needs to take attendance and it should be included in the Faculty Role Model.
- Ed Wood disagrees and states that he is not a babysitter. Students should come to class on their own accord.
- Arthur DeMatteo states that students should be rewarded for just coming to class.
- Joe Musolf feels the students should be rewarded for perfect attendance.
- Wemm asks Fred to come up with a proposal for 4 wk grades and the Attendance Policy for the Jan. 13th meeting.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m; motion to adjourn by David O'Dell (m/s)