

1 WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – April 12, 2005

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4 **PRESENT:** Agard-Jones, Bhat, Bolyai, Bone, Charlebois, Cunningham, De Young, Gazzillo-Diaz, Duffy, Ferris, Godar,  
5 Gulbranson, Gundling, S. Hahn, Heluk, Kalish, Kaplan, Kaufman, Kim, Korgen, Lelyveld, Levitan, Nag, Newton, Northington,  
6 Overdorf, Pagano, Pavese, Plank, Potacco, Principe, Rivela, Ryan (for Kovaleski), Scala, Sesay, Stern, Stroppel, Swanson,  
7 Swanson (for Martus), Tardi, Torres-DiMaio, Wagner, Wahrman, Weisberg, Weltman, B. Williams (for Mukherjee), Xu  
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9 **ABSENT:** Robb, Rothman, Thompson

10 **GUESTS:** Boucher, Coletta, Daniel-Robinson, Gelfer, S. Goldstein, S. Miller, Perry, Schaeffer, Slaymaker, Strasser, Vicari,  
11 Weiner, Zeman  
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15 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Wahrman called the meeting to order at 12:37 PM. Bone  
16 moved and Godar seconded adoption of the agenda and this passed unanimously. Duffy and  
17 Ferris moved and seconded approval of the March 29, 2005 minutes. Korgen asked that line  
18 #81 be amended to reflect that the Provost agreed with Korgen's request that faculty be  
19 permitted to teach two online courses in each summer session. With this correction, the  
20 minutes were approved.  
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29 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Wahrman announced a successful completion of the Senate elections and  
30 congratulated all of those newly elected, those re-elected, and those completing their Senate  
31 terms. She thanked Nancy Weiner and the Elections Council for their work in conducting another round of  
32 electronic balloting. Wahrman announced that on April 14 the Research Council is holding a forum and  
33 encouraged everyone to attend. She reminded all Senators and members of Senate Councils and Committees  
34 to attend the Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by the Provost and Deans on April 21 at Hobart Manor.  
35 Wahrman announced the upcoming Senate and Provost sponsored Quality of Life Forum to be held April 28 in  
36 Science 200A at 12:30 PM. She reported that the feedback from the Taskforce on Campus Security meetings  
37 has been reviewed by the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees and will be reviewed by the full  
38 Board at their next meeting. Wahrman concluded her report by thanking those Senators who are retiring from  
39 service. She praised their service to the University.  
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43 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Principe asked everyone to consider service on Senate Councils and Committees  
44 and asked everyone to speak to their colleagues and announce at meetings that the Senate seeks their  
45 participation on these bodies. Principe said that those interested in serving should contact Barbara Liput at  
46 the Senate Office (x2136) and state their preferences. Principe remarked that he very much enjoyed his  
47 service as Vice-Chair and that his work with the people on the Councils and Committees was particularly  
48 rewarding.  
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50 **ELECTIONS COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON ADJUNCT FACULTY ROSTER:** On behalf of the Elections  
51 Council, Nancy Weiner moved that a system be implemented to produce and maintain an accurate roster of  
52 adjunct faculty for the purpose of elections. Wagner asked who would implement this. Weiner said that that  
53 was unclear, but it needs to be at a central location so that it can be updated generally. Potacco said that it  
54 should include and combine input from departmental lists. Williams said that the list will need to  
55 accommodate hires made several weeks after the beginning of the semester. Tardi recommended  
56 involvement of the administration, not just departmental chairs, and asked whether the Banner  
57 implementation would help in these efforts. Weltman advised framing the resolution as a statement of  
58 principles and said that the implementation will have to be left to others. Kaplan spoke of the difficulties faced  
59 in getting new adjuncts onto such lists and said the University Help Desk should be involved. Wagner  
60 suggested sending the resolution to Information Systems. Tardi suggested that the resolution be sent to the  
61 administration with a recommendation that it be forwarded to the appropriate technology office. The  
62 resolution passed unanimously.  
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64 **ANTHROPOLOGY PROGRAM CHANGE:** Evelyn Gonzalez, of the Undergraduate Council, moved  
65 acceptance of changes in the Anthropology program. Gundling explained that the change is primarily the

66 addition of ANTH490 (capstone course) and an increase of one course to the requirement list and one course  
67 to the set of required electives. The resolution passed unanimously.

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69 **BIOLOGY CORE COURSE GRADE REQUIREMENT:** Gonzalez, on behalf of the Undergraduate Council,  
70 moved acceptance of the proposal for core course grade minimums in Biology. Slaymaker said that this  
71 proposal requires students in the program attain a grade of C minus or better in the five core courses. Levitan  
72 asked if the intent is to say that it's acceptable to have a C minus average in the core courses. Kaplan asked  
73 why below average is acceptable. Rivela said that other programs, including Chemistry, should adopt the  
74 standard, which actually raises standards, since currently students can proceed with D grades in these  
75 courses. Kim asked how many students are in the program. Slaymaker said that currently about 250 students  
76 are enrolled. Kaufman warned that the system currently doesn't do an adequate job assuring that students  
77 pass required courses. Tardi said that any improvements in academic standards should be endorsed. Potacco  
78 and Tracey discussed whether C minus grades can be dropped if the course is retaken. Slaymaker says  
79 University policy is followed. The proposal was approved unanimously.

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81 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL NOMINATION FOR EMERITUS – PROFESSOR J. JORDAN:** Potacco, on  
82 behalf of the Governance Council, moved that the nomination of J. Jordan for emeritus status be accepted.  
83 Donna Perry, Department of English, spoke in favor of the nomination, saying that Jordan's students called  
84 him "tough but wonderful" and that he had an overwhelmingly positive effect on the lives of many students.  
85 DiMaio remarked that Jordan uplifted the lives of many students that she has worked with. Wahrman spoke in  
86 favor of the nomination and of Jordan's 31 years of service to the institution. Schaeffer said that, if approved,  
87 the nomination will go to the May 7<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting. The nomination was approved unanimously.

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89 **MINOR IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS:** Gonzalez, on behalf of the Undergraduate Council, moved  
90 acceptance of a proposed minor in Communication Disorders. Carol Gelfer, Department of Communication  
91 Disorders described the minor as rigorous, and composed mostly of existing courses plus two new ones.  
92 Levitan said that the minor would strengthen the College. Gelfer said that the minor would complement many  
93 liberal arts major programs. The proposal was approved unanimously.

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95 **P3 TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM:** Gonzalez, on behalf of the Undergraduate Council, moved  
96 acceptance of the undergraduate teacher preparation program for preschool to grade 3 certification. Strasser  
97 spoke on behalf of the proposal, saying that its purpose is to meet standards set by the New Jersey  
98 Department of Education and align with NCATE accreditation requirements. The proposal was approved  
99 unanimously.

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101 **SUPERVISOR'S ENDORSEMENT M.Ed. PROGRAM:** Dorothy Feola, on behalf of the Graduate Council,  
102 moved to accept the new M.Ed. program in the Department of Educational Leadership. Naomi Pagano  
103 described the program as a professional preparation for school administration. Kalish noted that there is no  
104 mathematics content in the course listings for the proposed program. Kaplan said that the program assumes  
105 certification that includes math, and focuses on pedagogy and curriculum. Weltman said that students will not  
106 be in the program without the necessary math certification. Agard-Jones said that the program is not meant  
107 to have a particular disciplinary focus. The proposal passed with one abstention.

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109 **NEW BUSINESS:** Kim said that the College of Business's recent AACSB accreditation is announced in the  
110 current Business Week. Stern announced Earth Day celebration and activities to be held on April 22, including  
111 a film fest, speakers, and food and he thanked the Provost for his support of this. Provost Sesay remarked  
112 that Dick Pardi recently received a \$400,000 grant to study environmental issues and congratulated him on  
113 this accomplishment.

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115 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:29PM. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 22 at  
116 12:30 in Raubinger 101.

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118 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary