

4 **PRESENT:** Bareford, Bhat, Bing, Boroznoff, Catarina, Chung, Coomes, Cunningham,
5 Edelstein, Ekmekjian, Goldstein, Hartley, Joslin (for Hayden), Kearney (for Duffy), Kelly,
6 Kim, Levitan, Liu (for Burns), Maheshwari, Makerec, Miller, Morganstern, Mukherjee,
7 Overdorf, Parras, Principe, Rabbitt, Robb, Sesay, Strasser, Sreenivas, Swanson, Tardi,
8 Villar, Wagner, Wahrman, Weisberg (for Garcia), Weltman

9 **ABSENT:** Dye, Murphy, Rothman, Steinhart, Torres-DiMaio

10 **GUESTS:** Agard-Jones, Bolyai, Bower, Carbona, Chalmers, De Young, Dunlap,
11 Evangelista, Fountakidis, Gillette, Gulbranson, S. Hahn, Hill, Hourigan, Jaber, Jemmott,
12 Lelyveld, Martone, Miller, Nag, Phadia, Reiss, Schaeffer, Seal, Tirado, M. Williams,
13 Zeman

14 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairman Edelstein called the Senate to order at 12:36 pm.
15 Goldstein and Kim moved and seconded that the agenda be adopted. This was
16 approved unanimously. Strasser and Goldstein moved to accept the minutes of the May
17 7, 2000 meeting. This, too, was approved unanimously.

18 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Edelstein remarked that his recent meeting with Provost Sesay had
19 gone well and he was looking forward to a productive year of work between the Senate
20 and Provost's office. Edelstein welcomed the new and returning senators, distributed a
21 binder containing the Senate By-Laws, Constitution, roster, meeting schedule, and
22 progress report on items passed by the Senate. He asked everyone to introduce himself
23 or herself. Edelstein announced that Joanne Cunningham had been elected by AAACS
24 to represent them at the Senate. He announced that David Weisberg is replacing
25 Donald Garcia, from Music, for the duration of Garcia's sabbatical. He announced that
26 Chris Hourigan has been nominated to replace Iris DiMaio during her leave of absence.
27 Edelstein pointed out that Garcia's absence created a need for a new Vice-chair and
28 that the Executive Committee nominates Wahrman and also nominates Maheshwari to
29 fill the resultant vacancy on the Executive Committee. Morganstern asked if
30 nominations from the floor were acceptable. Overdorf moved to suspend the By-laws
31 and allow these vacancies to be filled now. Levitan seconded the motion. Morganstern
32 called for a point of order, that this matter be discussed, nominations made and an
33 election duly held at the next regular Senate meeting. Overdorf said that the Vice-chair
34 needs to provide leadership to the Councils and attend their initial meetings and that
35 this important office needs to be filled. Weltman added that the Vice-chair often
36 encourages the Councils' convener to schedule meetings. Kelly called the question and
37 there were no objections. The motion to suspend the By-laws passed 28 to 3 with one
38 abstention. Edelstein announced that the Executive Committee nominates Miryam
39 Wahrman to serve as interim Vice-chair of the Faculty Senate. No other nominations
40 were heard. The Secretary was asked to cast one vote for Wahrman and she was thus
41 elected. Wahrman moved that the vacancy in the Executive Committee be filled, and

42 Levitan seconded this. Weltman spoke against this, saying that the urgency to elect a
43 Vice-chair did not apply in this case, that we could wait until the next meeting. Wahrman
44 countered, saying it was important to have a full Executive Committee. Overdorf said
45 that it would be valuable to have more time to consider nominees and called the
46 question, to which there were no objections. Morganstern nominated Marj Goldstein.
47 Principe nominated Ed Burns. The motion to vote on a replacement to the Executive
48 Committee failed. The election will occur at the next Senate Meeting. Edelstein asked
49 that nominations be sent to the Senate Discussion List via e-mail or communicated to
50 anyone on the Senate Executive Committee. Morganstern asked if the motion to
51 suspend the By-laws was meant to be limited to the Executive Committee election or a
52 more general suspension. Edelstein clarified that the suspension was meant to be for
53 the purpose of filling the vacant Vice-chair position and that the By-laws were restored
54 after that election. Overdorf moved and Tardi seconded that nominations to fill the
55 vacancy on the Executive Committee be open until the election is held at the next
56 meeting. The motion passed with two nays and one abstention. Edelstein distributed a
57 list of Senate liaisons to Board of Trustees' Committees. He said that Ed Burns and Sue
58 Godar would continue as liaisons to the Educational Policy and Finance & Audit
59 committees. He said that Mark Ellis has agreed to serve as liaison to the Minority Affairs
60 Committee, replacing Maria Villar, and that Kate Makarec has agreed to serve as liaison
61 to the Student Affairs Committee, replacing Lisbe. Edelstein moved and Wahrman
62 seconded these liaisons. The motion passed with one nay and one abstention. Tardi
63 moved and Levitan seconded that Stuart Lisbe, Department of Community Health, be
64 commended for his long service as liaison to the Student Affairs committee. The motion
65 passed unanimously. Edelstein said that on October 10 a Senate/Provost sponsored
66 forum on Advisement of Students will be held, and that more information would be
67 forthcoming. He added that in the spring a forum on Retention of Students will be held.
68 Edelstein remarked that at the next Senate meeting the report of the evaluation of the
69 President, Provost and Vice-presidents will be discussed. Edelstein asked the Senators
70 to consider important topics that the Senate should deal with this academic year and
71 send these suggestions to him by September 24. Edelstein reported that although all
72 the New Jersey academic faculty senates passed resolutions in support of full funding
73 of the state's salary program, budget cuts negated any real gains. Edelstein also
74 mentioned his letters to Senators Corzine and Torricelli on the subject of ensuring civil
75 liberties with respect to homeland security. Edelstein reported that both Senators
76 expressed support of civil liberties at all times. Provost Sesay reported that the
77 recommendations of the Admissions and Academic Standards Councils have been
78 approved and that a written statement of implementation will be out soon. He said that
79 likewise, implementation of the revisions to the GE program will be summarized in the
80 form of a notification to the campus soon. Sesay said that a University Budget and
81 Planning Committee will be formed with representation from the Faculty Senate and
82 other campus constituencies. He said that a Director of First Year Experience has been
83 appointed and that Ginny Overdorf has agreed to serve as Coordinator of Freshman
84 Seminar. Sesay said that he is working on forming a committee to develop
85 recommendations for a Student Honor Code and will be asking the Senate Chair to
86 recommend member. He said that he plans to attend departmental meetings as often as
87 is possible in order to gain faculty insight and input on University issues. He said that he

88 is forming a committee to develop institutional links with the Valley Road campus. He
89 reported that the final Plan of Excellence for Student Success is nearing completion,
90 and that the input from the Senate's subcommittee was instrumental. Sesay concluded
91 his remarks by saying that his office will act in a timely manner on Senate resolutions
92 and recommendations and will consult with the Executive Committee on a regular basis.
93 Edelstein thanked the Provost for his update and thanked Jackie Hill for her work as
94 Chair of the Admissions and Academic Standards Council. It was moved and seconded
95 that she be officially commended for her work on the Council, and this motion was
96 approved unanimously.

97 **VICE CHAIR'S REPORT:** Wahrman reported that there are two vacancies in the
98 Council/Committee membership. A librarian is needed to serve on the Elections Council
99 and a professional staff member is needed on the Research Council. Wahrman asked
100 that nominations be sent to her. She read a list of the conveners of the Councils and
101 Committees.

102 **REPORT FROM THE GRADUATE COUNCIL:** As Kaplan was not in attendance,
103 Levitan moved and Kim seconded postponement of this agenda item, and this passed
104 unanimously.

105 **REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE COUNCIL:** Morganstern moved and Tardi
106 seconded to emend the Senate By-Laws Article 1, Section 2, Part B, Subheading 1 to
107 wit: "Candidates for all elected positions shall be nominated from the floor and, after a
108 15 minute interval for caucusing, be elected by secret ballot". The proposed change
109 "...caucusing when any position is contested, be elected by secret ballot. If the election
110 is uncontested, the caucus is waived." Morganstern remarked that the original language
111 was a holdover from times when there was more contention in the formulation of the
112 Executive Committee. There was discussion over the difference between the words
113 emendation and amendment. The motion passed with 32 ayes.

114 **PRESENTATION BY STEVE BOLYAI, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION**
115 **AND FINANCE:** Bolyai reported that the bookstore was under new management and
116 that operations and policies have been revised to improve operations. He introduced
117 Scott Dunlap, the new bookstore manager and John Carbona the district manager from
118 Follett. Dunlap remarked that a textbook coordinator has been added to the staff and
119 that this person will communicate with faculty about their textbook needs, order status,
120 arrival notification and availability information. He said that he welcomes input from the
121 faculty and students and is available to meet to discuss concerns. Edelstein
122 commended Dunlap for these efforts. Liu said that students frequently bypass the
123 bookstore. Bolyai said that the bookstore will order 100% of the numbers of textbooks
124 required for each course. Carbona discussed how trends and history are used to create
125 book orders.

126 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:50 PM. The next meeting will be
127 Tuesday, September 24 at 12:30 PM in SC 203, 4 & 5.

128 Respectfully Submitted, [Kurt W. Wagner](#), Secretary

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