PRESENT: Aktan, Alon, Andreopoulos, Bernstein, Bhat, Bliss, Broome, Chabayta, Diamond, Dinan, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Finnegan, Furst (for Korgen), Garfinkel, Godar, Kearney, Kelly, Ku, Lee, Levitan, Maganuco, Makarec, Matthew (for Wagner), Martus, McNeal, Natrajan, Novak, Nyaboga, Nyamwange, Parras, Pavese, Perez, Rosar, Sabogal, Schwartz, Sheffield, Slaymaker, Smith, Snyder, Steinhardt, Swanson, Tardi, Verdicchio, Waldron, Wallace, Weil, Wicke

ABSENT: Barrow, D’Haem, Kothandaraman,

GUESTS: Bolyai, Burns, Cauthen, Cohen, Daniel-Robinson, DeDeo, Ferguson, Fuller-Stanley, Goldstein, Gritsch, Hahn, Hong, Jemmott, Liautaud, Martone, Mathew, Moore, Olaye, Rabbitt, Refsland, Sandford, Wolf

PRELIMINARIES: Chairperson Parras called the Senate to order at 12:33 PM. Pavese and Wicke moved acceptance of the Agenda. Martus’ motion to move the election up after the Vice-Chair’s report failed for lack of a second. The Agenda was then approved unanimously.

The draft minutes of the April 23, 2013 meeting, moved and seconded by Godar and Sheffield, were approved unanimously.


CHAIR’S REPORT: Parras praised outgoing Provost Weil for his important role at WPU. He also recognized Senate Office Secretary May Chabayta.

He noted that the University will receive approximately $30,000,000 as its share of the recently approved bond referendum, and noted that the new health sciences academic building will add 16 new classrooms to the inventory.

Parras briefly discussed the Senate budget, currently approximately $3,900, and requested that it be increased to $6,900. He added that the Senate needs $3,500 more each year to conduct elections and administrative evaluations. Requests have been made to the Administration and Board. The Union is willing to help out if necessary, but normal channels will be pursued first.

The incoming Provost, Warren Sandmann, will select the new UCC Director.

Former Governor Thomas Kean will be the Commencement speaker.

CIO Rosenberg briefly reported on some new improvements to reporting and solving problems.

The three Faculty Recognition Award honorees this year are: Maria Villar (teaching), Vincent Parrillo (scholarship/creative Expression) and Steven Shalom (service).

VICE-CHAIR’S REPORT: Falk-Romaine (with Perez seconding) presented the council memberships for next year, which were approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF 2013-2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: L. Mathew, Chair of the Elections Council presented Parliamentarian Kearney’s memo concerning election procedures. After brief discussion, she moved on to describe the election procedures the Council would follow. Since the By-Laws have not been amended to supersede Roberts in cases where there is only one nominee, complete roll call votes were taken for each position.
Election of Chair: Ellis nominated Levitan; Kelly seconded. There were no other nominations. Levitan made a brief speech. 40 valid votes were cast (there were two abstentions); Levitan received all 40 votes and was declared the winner.

Election of Vice-Chair: Godar nominated Lee, who declined the honor. Kelly nominated Ellis, who also declined. Makarec and Bliss nominated Martus. Swanson and Kelly nominated Dinan. Martus withdrew. Dinan made a brief speech. 39 valid votes were cast (there was one abstention and two illegible votes). Dinan received 37 votes. Martus and Duffy each received one write-in vote. Dinan was declared the winner.

Election of Secretary: Duffy and Verdicchio nominated Martus, who gave a brief speech. 39 valid votes were cast (there was one abstention and three illegible votes). Martus received 37 votes and Duffy received one write-in vote. Martus was declared the winner.

Election of three at-large members of the Executive Committee: Verdicchio and Sheffield nominated Lee. Steinhart and Furst nominated Broome. Ellis and Wicke nominated Duffy. Matthew and Falk-Romaine nominated Wagner. Andreopolous and Sheffield nominated Slaymaker. Finnegan and Wicke nominated Andreopolous, who declined. As time was short, there were no speeches. Slaymaker received 30 votes. Lee received 22 votes. Duffy received 20 votes. Broome and Wagner each received 18 votes. There were neither abstentions nor illegible votes. Slaymaker, Lee and Duffy were declared the winners.

ADJOURNMENT: The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:58 PM.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held on Tuesday, September 10th at 12:30 PM in Ballroom C.

Respectfully submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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