

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES –December11, 2012
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4 **PRESENT:** Andreopoulos, Barrow, Bhat, Bliss, Chabayta, D’Haem, Diamond, Dinan, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-
5 Romaine, Finnegan, Garfinkel, Godar, Kearney, Kelly, Kim, Korgen, Lee, Liu (for Nyamwange), Martus,
6 Mathew, Mbogoni, McNeal, Natrajan, Nyaboga, Parras, Pavese, Perez, Rosar, Sabogal, Schwartz, Slaymaker,
7 Snyder, Steinhart, Swanson, Tardi, Verdicchio, Wagner, Waldron, Walsh, Weil, Wicke

8 **ABSENT:** Bernstein, Cruz Paul, Healy, Ndjatou, Sheffield,

9 **GUESTS:** Adineran, Ambroise, Bolyai, Burns, Cohen, Daniel-Robinson, Fanning, Frierson-Campbell, Gritsch,
10 Hahn, Jones, Kubeyinje, Liautaud, Malu, Martone, Miller, Noonan, Olaye, Potacco, Rabbitt, Refsland,
11 Rosengart, Seal, Sherman, Teirnan, Trelisky, Wolf

12 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Parras called the Senate to order at 12:32 PM. Pavese and Martus moved
13 acceptance of the Agenda. Tardi and Martus moved to amend the Agenda by adding a new Item #7, Submission
14 of Grades. The amended Agenda was then approved unanimously.

15 The draft Minutes of the November 13, 2012 meeting were moved and seconded by Martus and Slaymaker.
16 Tardi noted that she, not Godar, had moved the motion at line 84. She clarified her remarks at line 86. McNeal
17 suggested that standard replace sophisticated at line 102. The amended Minutes were accepted unanimously.
18 Natrajan noted that several past minutes have not yet been posted on the Senate homepage. Parras said it would
19 be updated. Tardi asked if the Minutes were open to all, and Parras replied that they are. Pavese asked why
20 historical Minutes were no longer posted. Parras said there were no plans to put them back. Pavese reiterated
21 that it would be good to do so. Martus and Wicke moved the draft Minutes of the November 27th meeting,
22 which were approved without comment.

23 **CHAIR’S REPORT:** Parras reported that the Executive had named Jason Ambroise to be its representative to
24 the Senate representative to the Strategic Task Force. He mentioned that the Provost Search Committee planned
25 to make its recommendations by Friday. The Provost has announced that all program proposals must be
26 accompanied with a budget form from now on. At the November 30th Board of Trustees meeting more than a
27 dozen faculty spoke regarding advising, especially the issue of advising students with multiple majors. Vice-
28 President Martone’s e-mail mentioned that some of the students currently being handled by the Advisement
29 Center will be transferred to academic department in the Spring

30 Godar asked when data from the Blue Ribbon Task Force will be available. Waldron replied that Associate
31 Provost Schrader will report to the Senate in the Spring.

32 **VICE-CHAIR’S REPORT:** Falk-Romaine announced that she will soon be asking for volunteers to serve on
33 the next Ad Hoc Committee on Administrative Evaluations.

34 **SUBMISSION OF GRADES:** Tardi stated that the January 2nd date for submission of final grades is
35 burdensome, especially since faculty extended the time for term papers to be due. She asked that the date be
36 moved to January 5th so faculty be able to evaluate students properly. She said that the administration refused
37 without giving a reason. Weil noted that the Spring semester starts earlier next year and that there are
38 scheduling, financial aid and other processing issues to be considered. McNeal said that Christmas vacation
39 days should not count toward the five working days after the end of the exam period, and that the due date
40 should be January 7th. Finnegan noted that both students and faculty need the extra time due to Sandy.
41 Garfinkel pointed out some reasons why the Registrar needs the earlier date. Snyder didn’t remember things
42 being so tight previously. Godar and Tardi moved that grades be submitted by January 4th. Bliss noted that
43 delaying grades may affect course cancellations and closures. Trelisky mentioned legal, academic and financial

44 aid implications. Levitan urged faculty to submit grades as early as possible. Refsland added that there are Basic
45 Skills issues that require early submission of grades. The motion passed by voice vote.

46 **GRADUATE COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:** Diamond and Bliss moved the Council's resolution calling for
47 the use of an online application system. Kelly, Falk-Romaine, Diamond, Finnegan, Kubeyinje, Bhat and Lee
48 discussed the needs and problems. After the question was called, the resolution was approved unanimously.

49 Diamond and Nyamwange moved the Council's resolution calling for graduate assistantships be awarded
50 earlier. After very brief discussion, the resolution was approved with one objection.

51 **ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT:** Over Kim's and Tardi's objections, Parras permitted Cohen to continue
52 her presentation of the Strategic Enrollment Management Plan. He said questions could be raised later. After
53 Cohen finished, Lee asked if subsidized housing were an option, and Bhat suggested that it be piloted during the
54 Summer. Verdicchio addressed the need for strategies for increasing graduate enrollment, and suggested that we
55 have an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss graduate studies to come up with operational strategies. Cohen called
56 that an excellent idea, and would include a number of constituents such as student development and financial
57 aid. Pavese noted socio-economic factors that influence enrollment decisions by students, and called for more
58 and better marketing in South Jersey. He also asked what was the justification for the decline in talented groups.
59 Cohen noted some work being done in Ocean and Monmouth counties. Kelly recalled the University's core
60 values, and cautioned against too much emphasis on purely quantitative metrics. She noted that diversity,
61 citizenship, and other values are important. If we rely too much on the SAT, we will lose diversity. Kim
62 reiterated his questioning of some of the enrollment data presented in Cohen's report. She responded. Tardi
63 asked for comparative data with other institutions. Cohen said it will be provided. Andreopoulos urged honesty
64 and not recrimination in analyzing what WPU did wrong in the past to cause a decade of relative enrollment
65 stagnation. Cohen admitted that there were missed opportunities. Waldron noted some of the things that we did
66 wrong – our pricing was off, we were late to the gate on advertising, the 128 credit graduation requirement, and
67 we offered too few undergraduate degree programs compared to our competitors – but we have addressed or are
68 addressing all of those points. Cohen hopes that the conversation will keep going.

69 **ADJOURNMENT:** Upon Levitan and Quicke's motion, the Faculty Senate went into adjournment at 1:50 PM.

70 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held on **THURSDAY** January 17, 2013 at 12:30 PM in
71 University Commons Ballroom C.

72 Respectfully submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

73 THIS AND OTHER SENATE DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: www.wpunj.edu/senate