

4 **PRESENT:** Adeniran, Agard-Jones, Andreopoulos, Basu, Bliss, Bhat, Boroznoff, Cho, Davis, Diaz, Duffy, Ferris,
5 Finnegan, Fuller-Stanley, Goldstein, Grodner, Gulbranson, Hahn, Jemmott, Kalish, Kaufman, Kim, Korgen, Levitan,
6 Makarec, Marcone, Marshall, Mbogoni, Martinez, Martus, Pagano, Pavese, Peterson, Pollak, Potacco, Rabbitt, Rivela,
7 Rothman, Singh, Speert, Steinhart, Stoppel, K. Swanson, P. Swanson, Swingle, Tardi, Thiuri, Tirado, Verdicchio, Wagner,
8 Wahrman, Weil, Weisberg, Xu, Yildiz
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10 **ABSENT:** none
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12 **GUESTS:** Benno, Boucher, Daniel-Robinson, Dinan, Evangelista, Goldstein, Gonzalez, Griswold, Gritsch, Miller, Mir,
13 Nemeth, Peterman, Pinkston, Seal, Schaeffer, Weiner, Zeman
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15 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Duffy called the meeting to order at 12:37 AM. The proposed agenda, moved
16 and seconded by Korgen and Levitan, was approved unanimously. The minutes of the December 12, 2006
17 meeting were moved and seconded by Martus and Ferris. Pavese offered the following revisions: on line 88 he
18 said that the intent of his comment was to say that in the British Parliament voting as individuals and as
19 representatives co-exists vis-à-vis the House of Lords members vote as individuals and the House of Commons
20 members vote as representatives of their constituencies. Pavese said that on line 91 his name was misspelled. He
21 said that on line 123 the statement attributed to Ginsberg was made by Goldstein. Pavese said that on lines 131-
22 132 his comment was “not all voting faculty can vote on all issues.” Thus amended the minutes passed
23 unanimously.
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25 **CHAIR’S REPORT:** Duffy welcomed Kate Makarec back to the Senate from sabbatical leave, and thanked
26 Fengya for her service in Kate’s absence. He said that three colleges have not nominated a representative to the
27 University Sabbatical Leave Committee. He urged members from the Colleges of Arts & Communication,
28 Business and Science & Health to urge faculty step forward to participate. He said that nominations will be
29 accepted until noon on Friday, January 26, 2007. Duffy reported that at the next Senate meeting Len Bogdon,
30 Sandie Miller and Anne Ciliberti will present the new WPUNJ Information Technology Plan.
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32 **VICE-CHAIR’S REPORT:** Weisberg reported that the Governance Council needs a representative from the
33 College of Arts & Communication.
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35 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT – RAZA MIR:** Raza Mir reported on
36 meetings of the Board of Trustees Finance and Audit Committee held in August and November, 2006. He
37 covered the items found at
38 <http://www.wpunj.edu/senate/MeetingPacket070123/BOTFinanceCommReport070123.pdf>. He stated that the
39 University possesses net assets of \$193.5 million along with our revenues and operating expenses. He said that
40 there was a \$2.3 million budget shortfall and that President Speert speculated that there could be a 10% cut in
41 state appropriations next fall. Mir said that KPMG, the auditor, said that this was a very ‘clean’ audit, with no
42 elements of concern.
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44 **WINTER AND SUMMER SESSIONS:** Provost Weil reported that there were 409 paid enrollees for the
45 Online Winter Session, which comprised 30 course sections from all the Colleges. He called it an unqualified
46 success with only minor glitches that were quickly rectified. He said that there was a slight Blackboard problem
47 and that in future such sessions they will loosen the restrictions on students who are late to pay so that they will
48 not be too quickly disenrolled. He said that there also was a problem with the bookstore not being open during
49 the holiday break. He said that this sort of session represents a new revenue stream and is a welcome addition to
50 our academic offerings. Associate Provost Hahn reported that he intended to elicit feedback from faculty who
51 taught winter session to further improve the program for next year. President Speert complimented everyone
52 involved in making Winter Session a success, and noted that Sue Tardi had long pushed for a Winter Session.
53 Hahn reported that there will be some alternate modes available for summer 2007 sessions, detailed at
54 http://www.wpunj.edu/senate/MeetingPacket070123/SummerSession2007_final.pdf, namely: short, split
55 sessions during Summer I and Summer II along with a set of three sessions spanning the usual Summer I and II
56 interval. He said that there are currently over 350 courses offered and about 5100 students enrolled during the
57 summer sessions. Goldstein asked whether an overall shift to a trimester system has been considered.
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59 **UPDATE ON CODE OF ETHICS-ED WEIL & ALLSION BOUCHER:** Weil discussed a bill currently
60 being considered by the NJ State Senate that contains academic exemption from some tenets of the “New Jersey
61 conflicts of interest law.” He said that it effectively smoothes out many of the points of tension created by the
62 Ethics Commission’s recent policies. Weil noted that the Commission has crafted the phrase “scholarly
63 capacity” to distinguish activities of faculty from other state employees subject to the code of ethics. He added
64 that, until this bill becomes law the current requirements are still in force. Boucher said that the report of outside
65 employment and that the documentation of receipt of the current policy on ethics still needs to be completed.
66 She promised to keep the campus abreast of all changes as soon as they are finalized.

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68 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL AND GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE – RESOLUTION ON**
69 **HONORS PROGRAM IN GENERAL EDUCATION:** Wahrman provided an overview of the current Honors
70 Program and its relationship to the GE program. She said that the required GE course offerings do not challenge
71 our honors or high-achieving students, forcing some to seek other institutions. On behalf of the Undergraduate
72 Council, GE Committee and Honors Program she offered a program proposal giving Honors College students
73 more flexibility in course selection. Dinan said that this change would only affect approximately 80 students.
74 Finnegan said that the proposal is opposed by the History Department because it allows students to access upper
75 division History courses without completing HIST 101. Vigorous discussion ensued over the proposal.
76 Goldstein called for a total review and revision of GE, and said she would oppose the motion. Levitan said that
77 she supports the revision of GE and supports the proposal in principle but was concerned about it leaving some
78 classes over capacity due to the creation of small classes for honors students. Verdicchio voiced support of the
79 proposal. Finnegan said he favored some of the things in the proposal, but reiterated that only departments can
80 change prerequisites, etc. Wahrman responded that History could require that the one history course be 101.
81 Kaufmann said she supported the resolution but wanted computer science coursework to be a part of the
82 program. Korgen strongly supported the proposal and pointed out that it addresses the great need for WPUNJ to
83 do more to attract and retain strong students. Xu strongly supported the proposal. Steinhart began to say that the
84 option to skip PHIL 110 sidesteps crucial coursework in critical thinking.

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86 **ADJOURNMENT:** Tardi moved to adjourn, and the Senate was adjourned at 1:47 PM. The next meeting will
87 be held on Tuesday, February 13 at Valley 1016 at 12:30PM.

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89 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary

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