

4 **PRESENT:** Adeniran, Agard-Jones, Andreopoulos, Basu, Bolyai, Bliss, Bhat, Boroznoff, Cho, Diaz, Duffy, Ekeocha, Ferris, Finnegan, Griswold  
5 (for Goldstein), Grodner, Gulbranson, Hahn, Jemmott, Kalish, Kaufman, Kim, Korgen, Levitan, Makarec, Marshall, Mbogoni, Martinez, Martus,  
6 Pagano, Pavese, Peterson, Pollak, Potacco, Rabbitt, Rothman, Singh, Steinhart, Stroppel, K. Swanson, P. Swanson, Tardi, Tesfaye, Thiuri, Tirado,  
7 Verdicchio, Wagner, Wahrman, Weil, Weisberg, Xu, Yildiz  
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9 **ABSENT:** Davis, Rivela  
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11 **GUESTS:** Boucher, Ciliberti, Cook, Daniel-Robinson, Delasuaree, Dinan, S. Goldstein, Gonzalez, Gritsch, Kearney, Leung, Maduro, Mandik,  
12 Miller, Peterman, Pinkston, Seal, Tajés, Zeff, Zeman  
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14 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Duffy called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM. The proposed agenda was moved and  
15 seconded by Ferris and Boroznoff. Duffy said that item six, presentation of the University IT Plan, will be deferred. With  
16 this amendment the agenda was approved unanimously. The minutes of the January 23 meeting were moved and seconded  
17 by Kim and Makarec. Kaufman said that her name was misspelled on line 81. Kim said that his comments on incoming  
18 students' SAT scores were omitted, and that it should be made clear that our SAT requirements are based on 1600  
19 possible points rather than 2400. The minutes were approved unanimously.  
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21 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Duffy noted that the Philosophy Department has chosen Prof. Eric Steinhart to be their  
22 representative to the Senate. Duffy said that the Provost requested Senate delegates to the new Academic Plan Committee.  
23 Levitan, Weisberg and Duffy have agreed to serve on this committee. Duffy reported that Mbogoni requested that a  
24 DFRAC committee consisting of the already approved members of the department promotions committee: Traore,  
25 McClean and Meaders be approved. Duffy said that as this request came at a time when Senate approval would come too  
26 late for the DFRAC deadline, the committee was approved by the Executive Committee. Pavese announced that a two-day  
27 festival devoted to the life and works of composer Paul Hindemith will be held February 16-17. Duffy reported on the  
28 latest discussions concerning the matter of adjunct representation in departments. He said that the University  
29 Administration and Senate Executive Committee agreed upon a revision of Policy 31 *to wit*: "In each department adjunct  
30 faculty shall elect a non-voting representative to facilitate communication between the full-time and adjunct faculty in  
31 order to strengthen the goals and objectives of the department and the University." This was approved with one abstention  
32 and Duffy thanked everyone for their participation in this discussion.  
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34 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Weisberg said that the Graduate Council will sponsor a Graduate Studies Forum on March  
35 8. He thanked Kaplan and the Council for their work on this. He announced that Research & Scholarship Day will be held  
36 on April 5 and that a more information and a call for abstracts is forthcoming.  
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38 **GRADUATE COUNCIL – EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM CHANGE:** Michael Chirachello, Chair of  
39 the Department of Educational Leadership, discussed the proposal to create a 21-credit Principal Licensure Program. He  
40 said that there are over 100 WPUNJ graduates in school leadership positions in NJ and the surrounding region. He said  
41 that this supervisory endorsement program is an alternative to other programs, allowing experienced educators an  
42 opportunity to move into leadership positions. Chirachello said that this program will attract students who might go  
43 elsewhere for this opportunity and that there are candidates waiting to enter this program this summer. He said that  
44 existing faculty will cover the courses. Kim asked how many local high school principals are WPUNJ graduates.  
45 Chirachello said that he did not have that information and Duffy said that the enrollment management people may be able  
46 to provide this. The proposal passed unanimously.  
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48 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL & GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEES – GE HONORS PROGRAM**  
49 **(CONT):** The Senate returned to the discussion of this proposal, which provides GE alternatives to honors students. Tardi  
50 applauded the efforts of those involved in the honors program, but said that she feels we need to work on behalf of the  
51 majority of GE students before turning to the honors subset. Makarec also commended the work done thus far but said  
52 that it falls short of addressing some real needs. Makarec supported Steinhart's remarks at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting,  
53 saying that although everyone teaches aspects of critical thinking, only in the philosophy courses is it taught in a manner  
54 independent of the course content. Gonzalez expressed concern that the focus on the honors students is overlooking the  
55 needs of thousands of other students in GE. Duffy remarked that this has been a perennial topic for Senate debate during  
56 his 25-year tenure. Wahrman said that this is not a spur-of-the-moment effort, and that it has been in development for six  
57 years. She said that it does not exclude anyone, but rather provides an enhanced experience for those seeking a  
58 challenging academic program. Wahrman said that it is important for this proposal to move forward so that in September

59 students can benefit from it. She said that everyone is asked to give a little to make this work. Clancy expressed deep  
60 concern that the proposal does not deliver anything substantial to our honors students, providing more “opt outs” than true  
61 benefits. He urged us to emulate the similar program at TCNJ. Clancy asked if there was a provision for incoming transfer  
62 students to take advantage of this program. Dinan responded that the proposal’s intent is not to offer a watered down  
63 program to honors students but rather to provide them with more options to create an interesting and challenging program.  
64 Dinan said that, as inaugurated by Marty Hahn, the honors program does allow transfer students with an appropriate GPA  
65 to enter. She said that incoming community college graduates sometimes arrive with insufficient coursework. Peterman  
66 said that this discussion is less about curriculum than it is about advisement. He said that the problem is a lack of  
67 interested advisors and a prevalent attitude among both advisors and students that GE is something that must be endured  
68 and gotten past. He said that this proposal will help retain current students and attract new ones, that we should try it and  
69 see what happens. Boroznoff says that this proposal will result in positive word-of-mouth advertising that is an effective  
70 attractor of more highly qualified students. He said that it will benefit unserved and underserved students. Thiuri asked if  
71 the program is consonant with the overall goals of GE. Does it directly address the issues faced by the program as a  
72 whole? Korgen said that she favors the proposal’s flexibility and that it would be a good thing for recruitment and  
73 retention. She said that it would be a mistake to stop this effort and say that the entire GE program must be reformed first.  
74 Delasuaeree said that the overall GE program is in need of change and moved that the proposal be laid on the table until  
75 departments can individually discuss its merits and shortcomings, particularly the issues of advisement that it raises. He  
76 said that, in particular, students come to the end of their academic program without foreign language requirements met  
77 and that it is a constant problem. Tirado said that there are reasons why philosophy and history are in the GE requirements  
78 and that similar reasons exist for including writing and language arts. When too many opt out it creates problems. She said  
79 that departments might be able to provide insight on how to make this work better. Potacco said that she appreciates the  
80 novel thinking contained in the proposal but fears that it encourages premature specialization. Steinhart said that this is not  
81 about protecting particular courses, but rather that it is about seeing which courses serve the needs of all the students. He  
82 said that the departments need more input into this. He moved that the proposal be sent to the departments for  
83 commentary and discussion and be reconsidered at a later meeting of the Senate. Martus seconded this. Ferris offered the  
84 amendment that the discussion focus on the honors component and not GE in general. Tardi said that this should not  
85 preclude departments from discussing GE as they wish. This will return to the Senate agenda at the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
86 Peterman suggested that the Honors College offer to send representatives to any departmental discussion. Martus called  
87 the question and 21 were in favor, 13 opposed. Grodner asked Dinan to provide contact information to the departments.  
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89 **ADMISSIONS AND ACADEMIC STANDARDS COUNCIL & GOVERNANCE COUNCIL – RESOLUTION TO**  
90 **CREATE TWO NEW COUNCILS:** Stoppel, on behalf of the Admissions and Academic Standards Council, moved the  
91 resolution that this Council be divided into an Admissions Council and an Academic Standards Council due to the  
92 enormous amount of work concerning academic standards that was blocking important work on admissions. Potacco  
93 referred to the Governance Council’s proposed revisions to the Bylaws to accommodate this, saying that underlined  
94 portions represent additions, brackets represent deletions. The motion passed unanimously.  
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96 **NEW BUSINESS:** Finnegan asked that, since Senate documents are being distributed electronically, they be projected  
97 during the discussion. Duffy said that when the equipment and location are suitable that this will be done. Martus said that  
98 he likes having a printed copy of some of the Senate documents. Bhat asked if there had been further movement on the  
99 topic of afternoon classes on the day before Thanksgiving and if there is an official attendance policy. Grodner said that  
100 the residence halls close at 5pm that day. Tardi suggested that it is not a Senate issue and may be a discussion the Union  
101 and Administration may need to take up.  
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103 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:40 PM. The next meeting will be at 12:30 PM, Tuesday, February  
104 27, 2007 in Raubinger 101.  
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106 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Sec.

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