

4 **PRESENT:** Adeniran, Agard-Jones, Andreopoulos, Basu, Betts, Bliss, Bhat, Carter (for Levitan), Cho, Collins,  
5 Davis, De Young, Duffy, Ekeocha, Ferris, Finnegan, Flores-Marti (for Diaz), Gonzalez, Grodner, Gulbranson,  
6 Jemmott, Kalish, Kaufman, Kim, Korgen, Makarec, Marcone, Marshall, Mbogoni, Martinez, Martus, Mulrine,  
7 Owusu (for Thiuri), Pagano, Pavese, Pollak, Potacco, Pumar, Rivela, Rothman, Singh, Speert, Steinhart, Stroppel, K.  
8 Swanson, Tardi, Tesfaye, Tirado, Verdicchio, Wagner, Wahrman, Weil, Weisberg, Werkley (for Peterson), Xu,  
9 Yildiz

10 **ABSENT:** Boroznoff, P. Swanson  
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13 **GUESTS:** Boucher, Fanning, Griswold, Godar, Hill-Brisbane, Leung, Peterman, Pinkston, Scala, Sherman, Zeman  
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15 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Duffy called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM. He welcomed everyone to the final  
16 meeting of the current Senate and said that the next meeting will consist of the newly elected Senators. Korgen and  
17 Kim moved and seconded adoption of the agenda and this passed unanimously. Potacco and Makarec moved and  
18 seconded approval of the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Potacco asked that line 63 be amended to include (after "...to  
19 full time faculty.") "Potacco noted that the bracketing of the full-time membership clause denoted that it had been  
20 deleted." Potacco asked that line 67 be amended to include the Assessment Committee along with the Governance  
21 Council as sponsors of the resolution. With these changes the minutes passed unanimously.  
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23 **REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT ON CRITICAL INCIDENTS:** Duffy drew attention to the current article  
24 on the Virginia Tech shootings in US News & World Report and President Speert addressed the Senate on the  
25 subject. He said that the university's critical incident plan is under review and that the discussion involves  
26 consideration of perceived vulnerabilities on campus. He said that there can never be complete elimination of the  
27 possibility that such an incident could occur at WPUNJ. He voiced concern that Virginia Tech did not close or lock  
28 down immediately following the early morning shootings, and that they did close down for the week after the second  
29 incident. Speert said that he felt that the campus community here benefited after the 9/11/2001 attacks by the  
30 University remaining open. He said that the University does not handle its security only by itself, but relies on local  
31 law enforcement for assistance when needed. Speert said that Campus Police have a higher profile on campus since  
32 the recent shootings in Virginia and that this will continue. Speert said that Tim Fanning and Michael Horvath would  
33 take questions. Kim asked how many policemen are on campus at any given time. Horvath replied that there are 10 to  
34 15, depending on the evening and which locations are involved. He said that Oldham Pond and its dam are also  
35 regularly checked. He said that the residence halls are given special attention after 9 p.m. and that there are security  
36 personnel at each hall. Speert said that entrance to each hall is controlled. Basu asked if mental health counseling is  
37 being provided. Speert said that unless a need is made evident, this is not yet being done at a statewide level. Speert  
38 added that a state-level group of educators is being formed to discuss ways to prevent such incidents. He said that  
39 everyone should remain vigilant and that there is no panacea. Martus asked that, in response to a shooting of a faculty  
40 member here, has a mechanism for reporting students who act out in class been put into place. Speert said that any  
41 report of a troubled student is acted upon. Sherman said that no report form is provided because it is preferable to  
42 deal with this over the phone or in person. He promised to make the procedures and methods for reporting such  
43 incidents more clear. Tirado spoke of a recent student incident that was handled quickly and professionally. Scala  
44 said that reports of "domestic incidents" sometimes are not given the level of attention that they deserve. Speert  
45 acknowledged that such incidents have the potential to escalate violently and are indeed taken seriously. Scala  
46 suggested that some form of intercom system for reporting student problems might be helpful, and Speert said that  
47 this is being investigated. Ferris said that an aggressive student was not removed from a class in her College and that  
48 campus police had to be present during class sessions. Speert said that any circumstance where a person is made to  
49 feel threatened deserves a response. Griswold asked if the vehicular traffic from a mass exodus from campus in  
50 response to a critical incident could be handled. Speert said that in the event of an emergency, steps would be taken  
51 to discourage people from coming to campus. He said that putting closed signs on buildings would be the best way  
52 on campus to deter traffic. He said that the fire wardens would also help communicate during any incidents. Collins  
53 asked if the posts that block some driveways could be removed to let traffic pass. Speert said that certain posts are  
54 removable. Collins said that she has had students who seemed, by their writings, to be psychotic and that her report  
55 to the counseling center met with no response. Sherman said that the Counseling Center will take all such reports  
56 seriously and will respond. Duffy asked that Sherman make a presentation to the Senate on this topic.

57 **GRADUATE COUNCIL – EXERCISE & MOVEMENT SCIENCE:** On behalf of the Graduate Council, Gordon  
58 Schmidt moved acceptance of a proposal to create a new program: Master of Science (Exercise and Sport Studies)  
59 consisting of three concentrations: General Studies, Exercise Physiology, and Sport Pedagogy. Schmidt said that  
60 most students taking this program of study intend to become PE teachers. He said that the program consists of 36  
61 credits, with research and non-research options. Wahrman asked if the creators of the proposal had considered a joint  
62 BS-MS program and Schmidt said that this has received serious consideration, but that there is no discussion of this  
63 ready to become a part of the proposal. Kim said that the proposal was good and asked if additional faculty are  
64 required. Schmidt said that the department has 460 majors and resources are tight and that additional teaching faculty  
65 are needed. Kim asked about the expected enrollment in the program and Schmidt said that he hoped for 20 majors.  
66 Kim said that in other institutions' similar programs there was focus on sports marketing. Schmidt said that he hoped  
67 courses in this important area would be developed later. The proposal passed unanimously.  
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69 **GRADUATE COUNCIL – POLITICAL SCIENCE – MASTERS IN PUBLIC POLICY AND**  
70 **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:** On behalf of the Graduate Council, Sheila Collins moved acceptance of a proposal  
71 to change the aforementioned masters program, primarily to increase the program's attractiveness to potential majors.  
72 Collins discussed the program's two tracks: public policy and administration and public policy and international  
73 affairs and that students will have a choice of completing a thesis or a six-credit internship with an applied policy  
74 paper. Wahrman asked how many undergraduate majors there are in political science and whether a joint BS-MS had  
75 been considered. Collins said that there are discussions about the joint major and that there are about 150  
76 undergraduate majors. She added that two certificate programs are also being considered as additional ways to attract  
77 students. Bhat asked how the program's research and statistics courses relate to one another. Collins said that there  
78 are plans to allow students to stretch their thesis over two semesters. Bhat asked how faculty will mentor such a large  
79 potential cohort and Collins said that not everyone will be doing a thesis and that the work can be allocated out to  
80 existing advisors. The proposal passed unanimously.  
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82 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL - B.A. IN MUSIC:** On behalf of the Undergraduate Council, Steve Marcone said  
83 that for a long time the B.A. in music has served as a lesser program to that of the Bachelor of Music. He said that the  
84 revised program proposal allows students to couple coursework in music with that of another discipline, opening up a  
85 variety of possible career tracks. The proposal was approved unanimously.  
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87 **THE ORDER OF THE DAY FOR DISCUSSION OF THE HONORS G.E. PROPOSAL:** Duffy called the  
88 Senate to return to the discussion of the Honors G.E. proposal. Wahrman said that she has great respect for her  
89 colleagues during this extended discussion. She said that the proposal on the floor was carefully conceived and  
90 constructed and was approved by three campus bodies. She confirmed that it is bold and different and that it confirms  
91 a commitment to liberal arts education. She said that it allows students to explore and think and learn in new places  
92 than the previous program allowed. Wahrman called the question. The vote to call the question passed. Potacco asked  
93 for a closed ballot, which was conducted via roll call. There was a 19-to-19 tie and Chairperson Duffy cast the  
94 deciding vote in favor of acceptance of the proposal.  
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96 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL – B.M. IN MUSIC MANAGEMENT:** Marcone, on behalf of the  
97 Undergraduate Council, moved acceptance of the proposal, patterned after that of Western Illinois University. He  
98 said that the objectives of the program were being done up to now by way of course waivers. Kim asked for the  
99 number of business courses required. Marcone said that 18 business credits are required. Kaufman said that the  
100 proposal eliminates COMP SCI 201 in favor of business courses that cover the same ground and that she would like  
101 assurance that if the program changes, that the principles contained in these courses are retained. The proposal passed  
102 unanimously.  
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104 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL – SOCIOLOGY GRADE MINIMA:** On behalf of the Undergraduate Council,  
105 Korgen moved acceptance of a proposal to change the minimum GPA requirement of the four core courses from D to  
106 C-. Bliss pointed out that if majors expect to transfer to a graduate program then a C- grade will not be transferable.  
107 Wahrman said that the Biology Department has adopted this minimum. Grodner said that you cannot retake a course  
108 with a C- grade. Bliss said that in the Nursing program, students can proceed with one C- but not multiple C- grades.  
109 Duffy said that this may need a broader discussion. Ferris said that the Department of Communication was told that  
110 their minimum has to be C-. Provost Weil said that he was unsure of the logic behind this requirement, and would  
111 encourage a C grade requirement. Martus recommended that the Academic Standards Council take up this issue, as a

112 C- in physics core courses can jeopardize a student's academic career, as they cannot retake the course and cannot  
113 move forward. With one abstention the motion passed.

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115 **NEW BUSINESS:** Pavese asked for a discussion of the recent ceiling collapse in the Shea Center. He asked why this  
116 was allowed to deteriorate to this extent. Provost Weil said that the situation is unacceptable and that an outside firm  
117 will study its cause and recommend a solution. Weil said that it's possible that the air-conditioning startup may be  
118 part of the cause. He said that he is optimistic that the upcoming awards ceremony will be able to continue. Marcone  
119 said that repairs are under way. Martus asked if the renovation of Shea is planned. Kaufman said that she was using  
120 her own dehumidifier to relieve dampness in her office and asked if the university could provide one for her. Fanning  
121 said that he would discuss this with her. Ferris asked to hear from the counseling center regarding handling of  
122 aggressive or disturbed students. Sherman said that a video on this topic is posted on WPCConnect. Kim asked when  
123 the Student Center will be available for Senate meetings. Duffy replied that they will be scheduled there as soon as  
124 it's available. Steinhart said that there is a student code of conduct, but that it's hard to find online. Sherman said that  
125 he will make all pertinent documents easier to find. Martus said that he prefers having some documents available in  
126 print, such as the campus telephone directory. Martinez asked if all the Councils and Committees could have their  
127 minutes posted on the Senate web page and Duffy said that he hopes to have all documents available there.

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129 **ADJOURNMENT:** Pollak moved to adjourn and the Senate meeting ended at 1:41 PM. The next meeting will be  
130 held on Thursday, May 3 at 12:30 PM in Raubinger 101.

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132 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary

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134 THESE MINUTES AND OTHER SENATE DOCUMENTS ARE POSTED ONLINE AT  
135 <http://www.wpunj.edu/senate/default.htm>  
136 <http://www.wpunj.edu/senate/minutes.htm>  
137 <http://www.wpunj.edu/senate/packets.htm>