

4 **PRESENT:** Agard-Jones, Andreopoulos, Antoniou, Basu, Becker, Bliss, Bhat, Bolyai, Boroznoff, Cho, Davis, Duffy, Ekeocha, Ferris,
5 Finnegan, Fry (for Diaz), Godar, Grodner, Hahn, Jemmott, Kashyap, Kaufman, Korgen, Levitan, Liu, Lorenz, Mbogoni, Martinez, Martus,
6 Mulrine, Natrajan, Pavese, Perez (for Kim), Potacco, Rivela, Sing, Speert, Steinhart, Stroppel, Tardi, Tesfaye, Tirado, Van Boerum,
7 Verdicchio, Wagner, Wahrman, Weil, Weisberg, Werkley (for Peterson), Xu, Yildiz
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9 **ABSENT:** Pagano, Thiuri
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11 **GUESTS:** Betts, Boucher, Ciliberti, Daniel-Robinson, S. Goldstein, Gonzalez, Griswold, Miller, Pardi, Peterman, Pumar, Scala, Schaeffer,
12 Schwartz, Seal, K. Swanson, Weiner
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14 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Duffy called the meeting to order at 12:32 PM. The proposed agenda was moved
15 and seconded by Martus and Rivela and approved with one nay. The Minutes of the April 24, 2007 meeting were
16 moved and seconded by Rivela and Martus. Martus asked that line 40 be corrected to read "...of a faculty member
17 **in Arizona,**" Martinez asked that line 127 be amended to read "...minutes **and year end reports.**" Pavese asked
18 that line 118 be amended with "Marcone said that the problem has been on going for many years. He commented
19 that he and David Demsey often say they should wear hard hats when going on stage because of the occasional
20 falling debris." With these corrections and amendments the minutes were approved. Duffy welcomed those newly
21 elected and reelected to the Senate, including new members Martin Becker from Environmental Science and Elaine
22 Lorenz from Art.
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24 Duffy said that a situation exists where newly elected at-large members have been seated in violation of the Senate
25 Constitution. He said that it is a matter of interpretation whether Godar and Kim, being from the same College,
26 should cast lots to decide which takes the one and two year term in order to have staggered terms. Duffy
27 recommended that we proceed under past practice, which did not strictly follow this rule. He said that there is no
28 malign intent at play, and that the Governance Council should be urgently charged to clarify this issue and propose
29 any needed constitutional revisions. Martus said that the four-four staggered terms reflected the number of schools
30 at the college some years back. Tesfaye said that he closely reviewed the matter and the choice of either to make
31 past practice consonant with the constitution via an amendment, asking for another election, or letting the current
32 arrangement stand until a thorough review could be done. Tardi said that she does not have a problem with letting
33 the election stand, but that it needs to be reviewed as soon as possible. She said that the published rules override
34 past practice if there is strict enforcement, and clearly there is a need to restructure and clarify. Duffy said that this
35 part of the Constitution was written many years ago and needs revision. Rivela moved and Martinez seconded that
36 the new Executive Committee be directed to draft an appropriate charge for the Governance Council in this matter
37 and report back to the Senate at the first meeting of the fall semester. Tardi said that the current situation should not
38 constitute a precedent. The motion passed.
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40 Duffy called for approval of the proposed Senate meeting schedule for the 2007-2008 academic year. Potacco said
41 that the December 18 meeting conflicts with finals week. Rivela moved and Godar seconded moving that meeting
42 to the Thursday of the preceding week or deleting it if possible. This was approved. Tardi requested that the Senate
43 and Union secretaries prepare future calendars in collaboration. Duffy said that a corrected calendar will be
44 distributed. Duffy said that May is not yet able to schedule meetings in the Student Center. Bolyai said that he will
45 make sure that future meetings can be booked in Student Center spaces. This drew a round of applause.
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47 Duffy said that the honors GE issue has raised the call for overall GE reform and that several proposals are being
48 circulated. He said that the first step will be open fora to collect input and then further Senate discussion. Provost
49 Weil [spoke to the Senate](#), voicing concerns over the split vote approving the Honors GE resolution. He said that
50 there is no consensus on this and that he will work with the new Executive Committee to move forward.
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52 **VICE CHAIR'S REPORT:** Weisberg said that council and committee membership applications continue to come
53 in. He asked everyone to remind their colleagues to volunteer to serve.
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55 **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Wagner reported that the *ad hoc* committee to revise the administrators/deans
56 assessment did not complete its work to bring the survey revisions to the Senate this semester. He said that he
57 believes that this will be on the agenda first thing in the fall. Duffy thanked everyone on the committee for their
58 work thus far.
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60 **ELECTION OF NEW SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Duffy thanked everyone for electing him to two
61 terms as chair and that he enjoyed the service but not the abundance of e-mail. He thanked everyone who served on
62 the Executive Committee with him. He thanked Lois Wolf for all that she taught him about faculty governance. He
63 thanked Lou Rivela and Sue Tardi for the valuable things he learned from them. He thanked the President, Provost
64 and University Administration for the positive attitudes and collegial atmosphere of our shared work. Wahrman
65 remarked that Duffy is a gentleman and scholar, a shining example of integrity, dignity, grace and humor and that
66 he represents excellence in leadership. Ray Schwartz and Aaron Tesfaye ran an election for the new Executive
67 Committee. Bliss nominated Godar for chair. Steinhart nominated Finnegan for Chair. Each spoke on their own
68 behalf. Ballots were distributed and collected via roll call. Schwartz announced that the winner was Sue Godar. He
69 called for nominations for vice-chair. Ferris nominated Martus. Cho nominated Finnegan. Pavese nominated
70 Weisberg. Each spoke on their own behalf. Ballots were distributed and collected via roll call. Schwartz announced
71 that there was no majority winner, but that Finnegan was elected with the most votes. Schwartz called for
72 nominations for secretary. Wahrman nominated Wagner. As there were no other nominations, Wagner was elected.
73 Schwartz called for nominations for three at-large members. Potacco nominated Martus and Duffy. Both declined.
74 Davis nominated Andreopoulos. Singh nominated Levitan and Ferris. Ferris declined. Rivela nominated Potacco.
75 Andreopoulos nominated Davis. Ferris nominated Wahrman. Each spoke briefly on their own behalf. After
76 balloting, Schwartz announced that Davis, Potacco, and Weisberg were elected.
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78 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL – EMERITA RESOLUTION – PAULA ROTHENBERG:** Governance Council
79 Chair Potacco read the emerita resolution for Professor Paula Rothenberg. Scala spoke in favor of the resolution,
80 praising Rothenberg’s contributions to education about racism and sexism. Scala said that Rothenberg’s work
81 inspired many students. Peterman said that Rothenberg was a strong force within the Department of Philosophy and
82 that her work on behalf of the New Jersey Project made her a colleague of the state and the nation. Peterman said
83 that his department supports this resolution. Levitan praised Rothenberg’s work to educate about sexual
84 harassment. The resolution was approved unanimously.
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86 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL – LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES:** On behalf of the Undergraduate Council,
87 Pumar moved a resolution to change the Latin American Studies program to Latin American and Latino Studies.
88 He said that the program will be broadened to incorporate the experience of latinos in the U.S. and New Jersey. He
89 said that the changes to the program are small and will make use of existing faculty experience. Scala suggested
90 that the term “latino” be replaced with “latino/a” throughout. Tirado said that, grammatically, this is not necessary.
91 Martinez said that since the title of the program is in English, this Spanish grammar protocol does not apply. The
92 resolution passed unanimously.
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94 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL – ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE:** On behalf of the Undergraduate Council,
95 Pardi moved a resolution to create a new program – BA in Earth Science. He said that its purpose will be to service
96 those seeking certification to teach science and those desiring to enter earth science professions. Pardi said that
97 there is a demand for this program and that New Jersey lacks programs in this area. He said that the state is not
98 producing enough middle school and high school teachers with this teaching ability. Ferris said that it is a nicely
99 done proposal. The Provost was asked about the status of the MS in Environmental Science and he replied that this
100 is under review. Duffy said that May is updating the status flow chart. The resolution passed unanimously.
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102 **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11,
103 2007 in the Valley Road Auditorium at 12:30 PM.
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105 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary
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