

William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – September 25, 2007

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PRESENT: Andreopoulos, Becker, Bliss, Bhat, Boroznoff, Cho, Davis, Diaz, Duffy, Ekeocha, Ferris, Finnegan, Godar, Grodner, Kaplan, Kashyap, Kaufman, Kim, Korgen, Lawrence, Levitan, Liu (for Thiuri), Lorenz, Mbogoni, Martinez, Martus, Mulrine, Natrajan, Pavese, Potacco, Robinson (for Mariano – SGA), Rivela, Rosar (for Antoniou), Singh, Speert, Stroppel, Tardi, Tesfaye, Thompson (for Steinhart), Van Boerum, Verdicchio, Wagner, Wahrman, Weil, Weisberg, Werkley (for Peterson), Xu

ABSENT: Liu

GUESTS: Anderson, Ciliberti, Daniel-Robinson, De Young, Ellis, Feola, Goldstein, Gonzalez, Gritsch, Hahn, Horton, Jemmott, Makarec, Matthew, McCoy, S. Miller, O'Connor, Overdorf, Peterman, Polding, Rabbitt, Rosengart, Scala, Schaeffer, Schuhmann, Seal, Sherman, Tirado, Varron, Zeff

PRELIMINARIES: Chairperson Godar called the meeting to order at 12:32 PM. Duffy moved and Mbogoni seconded acceptance of the agenda. Davis moved that the agenda item concerning suspension of the Athletics Council be removed from the agenda and Duffy seconded this. The revised agenda passed unanimously. Duffy moved and Martus seconded acceptance of the Minutes of the September 11, 2007 meeting and this, too, passed unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Godar announced that there will be an Assessment Forum on Friday, September 28 to be held at Valley Road. The forum will begin with breakfast at 8:30 AM. She invited everyone to attend. Godar introduced John Polding, the new Associate Vice President for Human Resources. Godar announced that the Center for Teaching Excellence will present a seminar on Interactive Teaching and Learning on September 27, 2007 at 12:30 PM in the Paterson Room, Cheng Library. She announced that the Cheng Library, Pi Lambda Theta and Friends of the Cheng Library will hold a used book sale on October 2 and 3 from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM in the University Commons Multi-Purpose Room.

Ferris reported on the Board of Trustees Minority Committee meeting held on September 25, 2007. She said that seven of the new tenure track faculty appointments are members of an ethnic minority and that four of the new other faculty appointments are members of an ethnic minority. Ferris reviewed the gender and ethnicity of full time freshmen as of July 31, 2007 and diversity in recipients of Presidential & Trustees Scholarships. This report is available at http://www.wpunj.edu/senate/BOT_minority_070925.pdf.

Wahrman reported on the Board of Trustees Education Policy Committee meeting held concurrently with the Minority Committee. She said that CSAT scores have dropped slightly and that the goal is to increase them to 1053 by 2009. She reported on a new model for awarding scholarships that has the goal of increasing the number of students to whom awards are given. She said that in the past students have turned down partial scholarships offered by other institutions in favor of full scholarships offered by WPUNJ, but that a full scholarship is no longer going to be offered.

Makarec reported on the Board of Trustees Student Affairs Committee meeting held at the same time as the preceding two committee meetings. She said that they discussed the Alcohol Social Norms Campaign spearheaded by Glen Sherman. She said that the committee heard a report on the emergency communication and notification system soon to be in place on campus.

Duffy commented on Wahrman's report, saying that he understood the Office of Enrollment Management was planning to offer a range of scholarships including a full one. Anderson responded that a variety of options are available. Godar said that discussion of enrollment management is subject to the 1:15 pm Order of the Day. Kim asked how many scholarships are awarded to international students and if the Blaustein scholarship is available to out-of-state students. Ferris said that there are five to seven undergraduate international students. Anderson said that Zeff can provide more information about this.

Godar distributed a "Summary of Dashboard Targets" that serves as a representation of WPUNJ administrative performance for the Board of Trustees. Godar asked for Senate approval of Senate liaisons to the Board committees: Raza Mir, Finance and Audit Committee; Kate Makarec, Student Affairs Committee; Pixy Ferris, Minority Affairs Committee; Ginny Overdorf, Education Policy Committee; and Bill Duffy, Institutional Development Committee. Levitan moved and Martus seconded approval. Martinez offered an amendment to make sure these liaisons are selected by the same mechanism that is used for Councils and Committees. Tardi seconded this. Godar reviewed the selection process. Tardi stressed the importance of the process and that it be shared. Verdicchio spoke in support of transparency. Martinez said that she does not oppose those who are nominated, but would like the process reviewed for next year. Wahrman pointed out that the names have been placed on the floor as a motion. Tesfaye ruled that the first motion must be addressed. Duffy said that the amendment would still have to be referred to the Governance Council. The

51 original motion to approve the liaisons passed. Martinez then moved that the selection process for these liaisons be
52 reviewed and aligned with that used for the councils and committees, and that this be sent to the Governance Council.
53 Tardi seconded and this motion passed.

54 Godar announced that Departmental Retention Committees are requested for Women's Studies and Professional
55 Sales, and since the departments need to add members beyond their departments to the committee, Senate approval is
56 required. She asked approval for Levitan and Perry to join Scala in Women's Studies and for Matthews to join Reid and
57 Peterson in Professional Sales. Duffy seconded this and it was approved unanimously.

58 Godar moved that an *ad hoc* committee to develop charges for a Senate Planning and Budget committee is to be
59 formed. She said that the group will present recommendations and a draft of charges to the Senate. Weisberg seconded
60 the motion and it was approved unanimously.

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62 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Finnegan reported that Mulrine is nominated by the Executive Committee to the Admissions &
63 Enrollment Management Council representing the College of Education. Tardi moved and Kim seconded this, which was
64 approved unanimously. Finnegan said that a number of vacancies still exist on the Councils and Committees and that the
65 updated list can be viewed at www.wpunj.edu/senate/commit.htm. Finnegan said that the Athletics Council has been
66 charged with working with the Governance Council to determine its future role. Pavese withdrew himself from the
67 Research Council. Finnegan said that the *ad hoc* Technology Committee approved last year did not convene and that it
68 needs to be reapproved in order to continue. Kaplan asked for an explanation of how this committee would differ from
69 TAC. Finnegan explained that the *ad hoc* committee's work would focus on matters of policy rather than pedagogy.
70 Martus spoke against the committee, saying that it was redundant. Weisberg said that there is no conflict or overlap
71 with TAC. Bliss said that she hoped that TAC might become a Senate committee. Tardi spoke in favor of the *ad hoc*
72 committee, saying that a Senate-sponsored technology committee has a role. Ferris asked how this would differ from
73 the IT Advisory Committee. The motion to reapprove the committee passed.

74 Finnegan moved on behalf of the Executive Committee to accept nominations for the Assessment Committee.
75 Korgen seconded the motion and the committee was approved unanimously. Wahrman said that there are supposed to
76 be two at-large members. Finnegan said that there were insufficient applications. Wahrman suggested that Finnegan
77 solicit at-large members. Duffy and Davis moved and seconded that Matthew replace Holcombe as Library
78 representative on the committee.

80 **PROPOSAL FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO EXPAND GE COMMITTEE TO WORK ON THE CORE CURRICULUM**

81 **PROJECT:** Godar said that the action taken on this matter at the last Senate meeting was, in the judgment of the
82 Parliamentarian, in violation of the Senate Bylaws. She said that for this to be valid it must be in the form of a motion to
83 amend the Bylaws. She said that the work envisioned over the next two years requires additional committee members
84 and that the Executive Committee felt that doubling the membership of the GE Committee is appropriate. She said that
85 the GE Committee will deliver a report to the Senate at the end of this year discussing learning outcomes, structural
86 guidelines, size and credit levels and will involve discussions at every level of and with all members of the University.
87 Godar said that she asked the Governance Council to draft a resolution to amend the Bylaws accordingly, and that this is
88 a part of today's Senate materials. Pavese seconded the motion. Rivela asked how the Senate can discuss this without
89 knowing who applied. Martus suggested splitting the resolution into two parts: expanding the committee and
90 structuring its work. Rivela seconded this. Wahrman added that those currently on the committee should not be
91 displaced. Tesfaye called the Order of the Day. Rivela moved to extend the order to 1:25 PM. Tardi seconded this and
92 the motion passed. The first resolution: amending the Bylaws to restructure the General Education Committee,
93 expanding it by one member in each of its constituencies and increasing at-large membership by two passed. Martinez
94 said that the Senate expressed its will at the last meeting to expand the committee only by one member per college.
95 Martinez moved that the resolution be amended to expand the committee only by one member per college. Ferris
96 seconded the motion, but said that this would work against the faculty. Pavese said that the same holds true for the
97 adjunct faculty: that they deserve expanded representation in this discussion. Potacco said that the professional staff,
98 likewise, have a stake in this matter. Boroznoff said that staff in his area will be doing much of the implementation of
99 new GE policies. Grodner asked how the other offices are as involved in general education as are the teaching faculty.
100 Levitan called the question to amend. The amendment was defeated. The second resolution, involving the organization,
101 communication, reporting, and eventual reversion to its previous size and composition was approved. Potacco asked
102 that the Order of the Day be extended another ten minutes and this passed. Godar distributed a slate of GE Committee
103 nominees assembled by the Executive Committee. Pavese said that there was no announcement made to the adjuncts

104 about the availability of positions. Diaz asked if there was a list of those who had applied. Godar said that the Executive
105 Committee had this information and used it to create a list that they nominate. Pavese nominated himself for election to
106 the committee. Diaz seconded Pavese. Wahrman said that members can be elected. Martinez asked if the nominees'
107 rationale for selection could be distributed. Wahrman nominated Scala. Martus also asked that the Executive Committee
108 share its selection rationale with the Senate, and added that he felt uncomfortable with the process employed and the
109 inauspicious start to the reform process. Kaufman asked that there be a balance between social sciences and humanities
110 on the committee. There was a paper ballot process to select the Adjunct Faculty and HSS representative. The following
111 were elected to serve on the expanded GE Committee:

112 Arts & Communication: He Zhang & Jerry Beal

113 Business: Giuliana Andreopoulos & Mahmoud Watad

114 Education: Burt Weltman & Hilary Wilder

115 HSS: Mark Ellis & Evelyn Gonzalez

116 Science & Health: Kathy Silgailis & Jean Levitan

117 Library: Nancy Weiner & Kathy Malanga

118 Professional Staff: Deborah Sheffield & Jonnine Deloatch

119 Adjunct: Jack Feldman & Margaret Schultz

120 At-large: John Peterman, Rob McCallum, Peter Griswold, & Aaron Tesfaye

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122 **REPORT ON ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT FOR FALL 2007:** Colleen O'Connor, Director of Undergraduate Admissions,
123 spoke about efforts to recruit better quality students. She said that it is a holistic effort, more than simply numbers. She
124 said that Admissions has increased its outreach to potential students, its events to promote the University, its mailings
125 to eligible candidates and other, related activity. She said that there is a decrease in the number of part-time admits in
126 favor of full-time ones and that there is a continual balancing act between the two. O'Connor said that she would
127 appreciate the opportunity to do a more complete presentation on her office's efforts.
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129 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:50 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 12:30
130 PM at Valley Road room 1007-8.

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132 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary

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