

1 William Paterson University – **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES** – October 23, 2007

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4 **PRESENT:** Andreopoulos, Antoniou, Becker, Bliss, Bhat, Cho, Davis, Diaz, Duffy, Ekeocha, Ferris, Finnegan, Godar, Grodner,
5 Kaplan, Kashyap, Kaufman, Kim, Korgen, Lawrence, Levitan, B. Liu, T. Liu, Lopez (SGA), Lorenz, Martinez, Martus, Mulrine,
6 Natrajan, Pavese, Peterson, Potacco, Rivela, Scala (for Singh), Speert, Steinhart, Stroppel, Tardi, Tesfaye, Van Boerum,
7 Verdicchio, Wagner, Wahrman, Weisberg, Xu

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9 **ABSENT:** Boroznoff, Mbogoni, Peterson

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11 **GUESTS:** Anderson, Basu, Bolyai, Daniel-Robinson, De Young, Fanning, Feola, Fuller-Stanley, Goldstein, Gonzalez, Gritsch,
12 Hahn, Horvath, Jemmott, Liautaud, Marcone, Martone, McCoy, Polding, Schaeffer, Seal, Tirado, Varron, Zeff, Zeman

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14 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Godar called the meeting to order at 12:32 PM. Duffy and Rivela moved and
15 seconded adoption of the proposed agenda and this passed unanimously. Duffy and Martus moved and
16 seconded approval of the minutes of the October 9, 2007 meeting. Finnegan said that line 35 should be
17 amended to include Eileen Gardner on the ad hoc Budget and Planning Committee and Martus noted that he
18 was present but not recorded as such. With these amendments the minutes were unanimously approved.

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20 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Godar asked for Senate approval of a promotions committee for the Department of Secondary
21 & Middle School Education to consist of Dee Catarina, Millie Dougherty, Marion Turkish, Bruce Williams and
22 Althea Hylton-Lindsay. Duffy seconded this and it was approved unanimously. Godar asked for Senate approval
23 of a promotions committee for the Department of Women's Studies to consist of Arlene Scala, Donna Perry, and
24 Jean Levitan. After discussion Scala withdrew herself and nominated Alice Deakins. Duffy moved and Davis
25 seconded approval and this passed unanimously. Godar announced that a webinar on dealing with disruptive
26 students will be held on Wednesday, October 24 in the Hobart Hall Martini Room and at Valley Road room 3065.
27 She said that the Center for Teaching Excellence will present a seminar on preventing plagiarism on October 25,
28 2007 from 12:30 to 1:45 PM in the Cheng Library's Paterson Room. Godar announced that there will be a GE
29 Forum on Thursday, November 29 and an Academic Integrity Forum on November 8. She said that the GE
30 meeting times and locations are being posted to the general university announcements. Kaufman asked if these
31 are open meetings and Godar said that they are.

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33 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Finnegan announced that Bil Matthews and Krista O'Donnell have been nominated to
34 serve on the *ad hoc* Budget & Planning Committee. Moved and seconded by Tardi and Scala, the motion was
35 unanimously approved. Stroppel distributed a flyer and announced that the Department of Communication and
36 Hunziker Black Box Theatre will present a play running from October 23rd to 28th entitled "Roosters" about a
37 Mexican-American family in Southern California.

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39 **REPORT ON BUDGET AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS – S. BOLYAI:** Bolyai said that despite slightly decreased
40 enrollment, there are good overall signs. He said that new student enrollment is up and extrapolates similar
41 figures for Spring 2008. He said that budgets remain tight and spending must be controlled. He said that utility
42 costs are also being curtailed where possible. Speert said that he is concerned about a report from Trenton
43 seeking to reduce the autonomy of state colleges and universities. He said that the President's Council was
44 informed that next year's budget looks bleak and that a 20%-30% overall budget cut is anticipated. He said that
45 reductions in the EOF and Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) program are coming. He said that the Governor's goal of
46 overall budget control will affect William Paterson. Speert said that he will maintain an open dialog with the
47 Union in order to forestall inaccurate news and panic over budget cuts. Speert added that the reality of the
48 situation may be less dire than the predictions. Bolyai said that this year's state appropriation to William
49 Paterson was \$41.3 million. He said that \$46 million comes from what students pay. He said that 10 years ago
50 the State paid about 2/3 of the operating budget and that now students defray more than half of the operating
51 costs. Kim asked what the total university budget last year was. Bolyai said it was \$41 million and that the State

52 does not fully fund salary increases, which amounted to over \$4 million this year of which NJ paid only \$400,000.
53 Tardi asked what the five-year tuition increase was. Bolyai said that he did not have the figure but that last
54 year's increase was under 5% and that previous increases were about 8%. Kaufman asked how our tuition ranks
55 among other State colleges and universities. Bolyai said we're third from the top if you include fees, but in terms
56 of tuition alone we are about in the middle. He added that William Paterson wants to stay about in the middle.
57 Scala asked Bolyai how much the average student pays to attend William Paterson and Bolyai said that it costs
58 about \$10,000 per year to attend.

59 Bolyai discussed the renovation of the Science Building and passed around several color architect
60 renderings of the exterior. He said that the plans have been sent to the State Department of Community Affairs
61 for code clearance and that this process could last a number of months. Bolyai said that, once approved in
62 December or January 2008, construction could begin. He said that a formal groundbreaking could occur by
63 Spring 2008. He said that the renovation of the existing building plus the construction of an addition will create a
64 complex arrangement. He said that construction in earnest will likely not begin until summer. Levitan asked if
65 the bid process could exclude contractors we know to be disreputable. Bolyai said that all licensed contractors
66 can bid and said that it's regrettable that we cannot choose premium ones to deal with. Cho asked about the
67 main features of the renovation and construction. Bolyai said that it will have more classroom space, that the
68 new construction will house all the "wet labs." He said that there will be general purpose classrooms and that
69 the underutilized 200A & B rooms will be scaled down and the space better utilized. He said that there will be
70 new computer labs, but that most of the renovated spaces will be limited to replaced ceilings, and new paint. He
71 said that there will be an atrium connecting the new and renovated buildings and that the new part will take
72 about two years to build and the renovated part will take another 1-1/2 to 2 years. Bolyai said that they are
73 looking into bringing temporary trailers on campus during construction for office and classroom needs.
74 Weisberg asked if \$85 million was still the cost estimate for the project and Bolyai confirmed that it was so.
75 Finnegan asked if we can offer monetary incentives for onetime completion, and Bolyai said that this cannot be
76 done, but we can penalize late completion. Bolyai said that renovation of the South Tower residence hall is
77 expected to begin this winter and the North Tower will be done beginning in May. He said that the interiors of
78 these buildings will be renovated to make them more appealing to residents. He said that the connecting
79 pavilion will become the new student Health & Wellness Center. Pavese asked if there were renovation plans for
80 the Shea Center and Bolyai said there were none. Kaufman asked if the bursar and registrar were going to move
81 to the main campus and Bolyai said that they will move to Morrison Hall along with admissions and financial aid.
82 Weisberg asked if the safety issues in Shea had been addressed. Bolyai said that Shea had been cleared of safety
83 concerns.

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85 **REPORT ON THE UNIVERSITY'S CRITICAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT PLAN – T. FANNING & M. HORVATH:**
86 Fanning and Horvath distributed copies of "William Paterson University Introduction to the Critical Incident
87 Management Plan," and "Employee Guide for Emergencies." Bolyai urged everyone to sign up via WPCConnect
88 for the emergency notification system, which he said will also be used for weather closings. Fanning said that
89 the University's emergency plan has matured since 9/11 and has as its goal the elimination of unexpected
90 responses to emergencies. He said that through the consideration of the various scenarios, an organized,
91 coordinated and orderly response to any emergency can be planned. He said that the incident at VA Tech
92 focused concern on improving communication in the wake of an incident. Horvath said that the employee guide
93 for emergencies (pp. 10-11) covers provides guidance for violent incidents. He said that this could happen here
94 or on any open campus. Horvath said that William Paterson's police force is coordinated with those of Haledon,
95 North Haledon, Wayne and the Passaic County Sherriff Department to respond appropriately in any event. Tardi
96 asked if a campus task force should be formed. Speert said that the emphasis now is to get everyone registered
97 for the communication system and that a task force may be useful later. Martinez asked whether all William
98 Paterson employees will receive a copy of the guide and Fanning said that once it moves beyond draft stage it
99 will be distributed. T. Liu asked what the preferred contact method is in case of emergency. Horvath said that
100 911 calls on cell phones go to the local police or to call 2301 or 2300 to reach campus police directly. Kaplan
101 praised the plans but asked if there was work being done on prevention of such incidents. She also said that

102 Valley Road security is inadequate. Wahrman said that there is a lack of cell phone service in many areas. Pavese
103 asked that a special effort be made to make sure that adjunct faculty receive this information.

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105 **ENROLLMENT DATA:** Anderson said that a lot of enrollment information was distributed to the Senate and
106 asked for questions. Kashyap asked if there was data on the people accepted to the University but did not enroll.
107 Bliss said that Chairs receive lists of accepted students and that they make personal phone calls. She said that
108 she has heard people who simply chose to attend out-of-state institutions. Godar pointed out that the
109 international student figures are misleading because they only report on a single type of student visa. She said
110 that there are at least 160 international students by her reckoning. Wahrman pointed out that regular admit
111 admissions declined yet special admit admissions increased and said that we need to emphasize support of this
112 group of students. Tardi asked for details on what new support is being provided. Jemmott said that this is
113 spread out over several campus offices including residence life and the academic support center. Tardi said that
114 she was focused on the non contracted, non regular admit students. Jemmott said that this was something she
115 knew nothing about and that it might be an unused category. Kaplan said that the basic skills math and reading
116 programs are working to increase their effectiveness. Kaufman lamented the significant decline in computer
117 science majors. Kim pointed out that there are few students admitted from other than the surrounding counties
118 and that we need more aggressive recruiting throughout the state. Anderson said that we are increasing efforts
119 statewide, and that we are courting guidance counselors from central and south New Jersey. He said that about
120 1000 high school students are expected at this Sunday's open house. Anderson said that he feels it is important
121 to find new markets adjacent to New Jersey and that William Paterson provides a high quality experience.

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123 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:48 PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday,
124 November 13 at 12:30 PM in University Commons 171 A/B.

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126 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Sec.

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