

1 WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – February 12, 2008

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

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9 **ABSENT:** Davis, Peterson, Weisberg

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11 **GUESTS:** Basu, Bolyai, Catarina, Ciliberti, Daniel-Robinson, Danzinger, Decker, De Young, Feola, Griswold, Hahn, Heluk, Hill, Horton,
12 Rabbitt, Jemmott, Joachim, Martone, Miller, Polding, Sandford, Schuhmann, Seal, Tirado, Zeff

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14 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Godar called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM. Duffy and Korgen moved and seconded
15 approval of the proposed agenda. Pavese asked to amend the agenda to include discussion of the GE discussion groups. Godar
16 said that this could be addressed in the Chair's Report. The agenda was approved unanimously. Duffy and Stroppel moved and
17 seconded approval of the minutes of the January 29, 2008 Senate meeting, and they were likewise unanimously approved.

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19 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Godar asked for a moment of silence to honor the recent deaths of Ana Gomez, History Department and
20 the husband of Evelyn Gonzalez, History Department. Godar welcomed Jan Pinkston, Professional Staff member, to the Senate.
21 Pavese asked whether adjunct faculty had been included in the GE Committee's online discussion groups. Levitan said that they
22 had not, at present. Pavese asked that this be corrected and Levitan said that it will be considered. Joachim, Cheng Librarian, said
23 that faculty are being asked to volunteer to join a focus group to provide insight on redesigning the library's online presence. He
24 said that the group will convene on February 26th at 2 PM and those interested should contact him at x3665. Ciliberti and
25 Sandford, Cheng Librarians, announced that the Association of Research Libraries *LibQUAL+* survey will be conducted between
26 February 20 and March 12. Sandford said that this will follow up the survey conducted in 2005 and (it is hoped) show
27 improvements in the areas listed as deficient in the earlier survey. Sandford said that email invitations will be sent to a randomly
28 selected sample of the campus population, and encouraged everyone to support participation in this work. Duffy reported that the
29 New Jersey Knowledge Initiative (NJKI), a set of 12 research databases provided free to academic libraries and registered NJ
30 businesses, will lose critical State funding and disappear at the end of February. He said that the program costs the State \$3
31 million per year but would cost its users upwards of \$78 million per year to acquire these resources independently. Ciliberti said
32 that she will provide information to the faculty to help advocate for the restoration of funding for this important resource. Godar
33 said that the draft Academic Plan will be on the Senate's March 11 meeting agenda. She said that the Undergraduate and
34 Graduate Councils have been directed to gather comments and feedback and to please forward all remarks and discussion to a
35 member of one of these Councils. She said that the Executive Committee has held extensive discussions of the document and
36 while not meaning to limit the discussion, encourages the Senate to focus more on the generalities of the plan than on
37 implementation-level details of individual programs. Godar said that the draft plan contains interesting items including several
38 doctoral programs.

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40 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Finnegan reported that there are two replacements nominated to the GE Council: Verdicchio from
41 the College of Education and Moss from the Adjunct Faculty. Pavese moved and Duffy seconded approval and this passed
42 unanimously.

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44 **NAME CHANGE FOR M. Ed. IN EDUCATION:** On behalf of the Graduate Council, Kaplan moved that the current M. Ed. In
45 Education be renamed M. Ed. in Curriculum and Learning to correct redundancy and meaninglessness. She said that the proposed
46 name more clearly reflects the focus of the degree and that the degree is for teachers. This was approved unanimously.

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48 **CHANGE IN M. Ed. IN COUNSELING PROGRAM:** On behalf of the Graduate Council, Kaplan moved that M. Ed. in
49 Counseling program change be approved. Representing the program, Paula Danzinger explained that the Council for
50 Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) accreditation standards have changed and that the
51 proposal brings WPUNJ's program up to these requirements. She said that the proposal increases the Community Agency
52 concentration by 12 credits for a program total of 60 credits. Wahrman asked about the Psychopharmacology course and
53 Danzinger said that program participants need to have a working knowledge in this area. Potacco noted that the use of the name
54 Psychopharmacology on the catalog could result in registration error since there are already two other courses offered at the
55 University under the name Psychopharmacology. Danzinger noted that they could modify the name to prevent this. Martus
56 pointed out a typo in the proposal and it was thereby approved.

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58 **NEW SCIENCE EDUCATION MIDDLE SCHOOL ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM:** Dean De Young spoke in favor of this
59 proposal, intended to prepare currently certified teachers to pass the Praxis II Middle School Science test and achieve middle
60 school science licensure. De Young said that this program does not yet exist in northern New Jersey and will satisfy a demand
61 within the Paterson and Passaic area. Verdicchio asked what department this program would fit within. De Young said it would
62 exist as interdisciplinary within the College of Science and Health and be managed by a program coordinator. With one
63 abstention, the motion passed.

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ADVISEMENT AND REGISTRATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION: The Senate returned to the discussion tabled at the January 29th meeting. Korgen reported that since the last meeting the Council met with Vice-President for Student Development and Enrollment Management John Martone to discuss the resolution’s recommendations. She said that the Council will now submit these to the Senate in the form of a report and moved that this report be accepted. Martone commended the group’s investigation of various areas affecting students and confirmed that the University is recruiting new staff in some areas. He said that plans are underway to consolidate some student services on the main campus. Bolyai reported that his staff is developing a plan for which people will move to which offices and said that within about 18 months there will be relocations from College Hall to the main campus. Martone said that he will provide updates to the Council as events warrant. Korgen thanked Martone for working with the Council. Ferris asked that the Senate receive an update on new hires prior to next month’s registration period. Tardi said that we have needed the advisement notation screen for over a year and that this capability exists in Banner. She noted that Treliksy was not present to respond to this, nor anyone from Information Systems. Finnegan said that it is clear from articles in campus newspapers that students dislike Banner for registration, and that we cannot continue to gather student animosity towards the university due to this. Kaplan asked if there was any discussion ongoing regarding the policy governing late payments, dropping students, and penalties for re-registration. She complained that students who register early have an earlier payment due date than students who register later. Bolyai responded that students are faced with financial incentives to make on-time payments and spoke in support of the current arrangements. Godar said that it needs revision since we encourage students to seek early advisement. Bolyai said that he will consider further adjustments, but that we need to break old bad habits. Martus protested the surcharge applied to those paying online by credit card. Bolyai said that this 3% of each student’s tuition totals hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, and that a tuition increase would be needed to cover dropping this for students. Korgen said that we should find out how many prospective students we lose by adhering to this practice. Bolyai said that it would be impractical to survey this. Wahrman said that a lot of colleges charge this fee and that encouraging students to pay with credit cards supports increasing the worst sort of debt. Tardi and Duffy moved and seconded acceptance of the report on the floor. Kaufman asked that Basic Skills issues also be considered by the Registrar’s Office and that communication between the Registrar and academic departments be improved. Ferris commended the Council’s work on this matter. Andreopoulos said that improvements in these areas will improve everyone’s experience at the university. Godar thanked the Council and the report was accepted.

AD HOC COMMITTEE – ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATIONS: Godar thanked the ad hoc committee: Sue Tardi, Wartyna Davis, Kurt Wagner, Djanna Hill and Elizabeth Haines; for their work to revise the surveys. She said that, though it took a long time, the results are solid instruments based on job descriptions and comments from previous surveys. Wahrman said that they were well done and pointed out that the word “excellent” on the response scale was truncated. Godar explained the process by which surveys were distributed and collected in order to preserve anonymity. She proposed that the current surveys be done using the web-based Zoomerang survey tool with URLs being sent to the groups who will respond. She said that the surveys ask for no identifiable information from respondents and that Zoomerang returns no information that can be connected with those who take the survey. Ferris spoke in favor of proceeding using this method. Wahrman agreed, saying that the Learning Literacies Strategies Team administered a Zoomerang survey last semester and received a good return rate and nice data analysis. Miller said that under normal circumstances you cannot complete the survey more than once from a single workstation. Kashyap asked how reliable these instruments will be at assessing the performance of its subjects. Tardi replied that they were much improved by the current revisions, eliminating double-barreled questions and aligning the questions across the array of surveys. Tardi said that the hope is that these will provide comparative information for future iterations. Hill said that there were meetings with the evaluation subjects to improve the questions. Ferris said that there are a lot of surveys and hoped that they won’t be done as a large, single survey. Wagner said that they would be sent as separate URLs. Godar said that the new response option “insufficient knowledge to comment” will be valuable as it will indicate that the subject’s role is not well perceived. Pavese requested that a parallel survey be sent to adjuncts and that the adjunct responses be reported out separately. There was a motion to accept the electronic dissemination of the survey and this was seconded and passed. Duffy moved to accept the surveys themselves and Finnegan seconded. The Senate approved the motion. Godar asked for volunteers to serve on an ad hoc committee to receive the results of the evaluations and write a report. She said that various disciplinary backgrounds will be useful and that it can be a non-Senate member of the faculty. Godar said that she will put a reminder of this in Campus Announcements and on the Senate listserv.

CLICKER USE: Godar proposed the use of wireless electronic devices, AKA “clickers” to be used in the Senate for closed ballots, particularly Senate elections. Duffy moved and Steinhart seconded clicker use for closed ballots and this was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Kim asked for current enrollment figures. Bolyai said that enrollment this semester is about 10,200 which is up from about 9,700 a year ago. He said that about 300 people have still not paid their tuition and are in jeopardy. Tardi said that some office tells students not to attend if they haven’t paid or are in financial trouble and that if they are then reinstated later on they will have missed weeks of work that they cannot make up.

ADJOURNMENT: The Faculty Senate adjourned a 1:43 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 26 at 12:30 PM in University Commons 171 A/B.

126 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary

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