

1 **WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – April 22, 2008**

2 FACULTY SENATE WEB PAGE: <http://www.wpunj.edu/senate> -- EMAIL DISCUSSION: facultysenate@list.wpunj.edu

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4 **PRESENT:** Andreopoulos, Antoniou, Bliss, Bhat, Cho, Davis, Ekeocha, Ferris, Finnegan, Godar, Kaplan, Kashyap, Kaufman, Kim,
5 Korgen, , Levitan, Lindsey (for Mbogoni), Lisbe, Liu, Lorenz, Martinez, Martus, McNeal (for Lawrence), Mulrine, Natrajan, Pavese,
6 Pinkston, Potacco, Rehberg, Rivela, Sandford (for Duffy), Singh, Speert, Steinhart, Stroppel, Tardi, Tesfaye, Van Boerum,
7 Verdicchio, Wagner, Wahrman, Weil, Weisberg

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9 **ABSENT:** Becker, B. Liu, Peterson, Xu

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11 **GUESTS:** Basu, Bolyai, Ciliberti, Connolly, Cook, D’Haem, Daniel-Robinson, De Young, Delasuaree, Deller, Fuller-Stanley, C.
12 Goldstein, S. Goldstein, Griswold, Gritsch, Horton, Jemmott, Jian, Lelyveld, Louie, Maduro, Mattison, Peterman, Rodriguez,
13 Schaeffer, Seal, Tajes, Vassilev, Vicari, Watanabe, Weiland, Williams

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15 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Godar called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM. The proposed agenda was moved and
16 seconded by Martus and Rivela. Godar invited a motion to amend the agenda, moving items postponed from the previous
17 meeting: administrator evaluation process and foreign language as a graduation (not GE) requirement to a place immediately
18 after the Chair and Vice-Chair reports. This was moved and seconded by Rivela and Martus and the amended agenda was
19 adopted. The minutes of the April 8, 2008 meeting were moved and seconded by Martus and Martinez. Pavese asked that they
20 be amended to include in the discussion of anonymity of the evaluation survey that adjuncts had also expressed concerns to him.
21 The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

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23 **CHAIR’S REPORT:** Godar said that there will be a special Senate meeting on Tuesday, April 29 to discuss the Lipman
24 Hearne Branding Research Report. She suggested that there might be other agenda items. Rivela said that we could put an order
25 of the day on the Lipman Hearne discussion to ensure that it received sufficient time. Ferris said that the Lipman Hearne
26 discussion should take precedence. Godar said that all topics will be time limited. Godar commented on the administrative
27 evaluation process, saying that an understanding on anonymity had been reached. She said that CampusVote, the company that
28 provides the Senate’s voting capability, will be used for the evaluations. Godar said that CampusVote will receive the list of
29 email addresses and will send an invitation to each person that can be used only once. Tardi said that she is confident that the
30 new process will protect individuals’ anonymity because we will only see summary data as a result of the survey. Tardi said that
31 people concerned about anonymity should complete the survey at home or at another off-campus computer. Godar apologized
32 for the delay in getting the survey out and expressed confidence that we have learned a lot about the process and future surveys
33 should run more smoothly. Godar announced that Ramapo College is celebrating its Faculty Assembly’s 40th anniversary and
34 asked for a motion to send congratulations on behalf of our Faculty Senate. Tardi and Pavese moved and seconded this, which
35 was passed unanimously.

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37 **VICE-CHAIR’S REPORT:** Finnegan reported that applications for service on the Senate Councils are being received
38 electronically via the form on the Senate webpage (and emailed to faculty, librarians, professional staff and adjuncts). He said
39 that everyone currently serving on a council still needs to re-apply. Finnegan said about 50 applications have thus far been
40 received and that there are about 100 slots altogether. Finnegan asked all council chairs to send their annual reports to him and
41 that he will draft a summary of council activities. Tardi said that a tuition hearing will be held on Thursday, April 24 at 12:30
42 PM in the Library auditorium and encouraged attendance.

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44 **FOREIGN LANGUAGES AS A GRADUATION (NOT GE) REQUIREMENT:** Godar reviewed that there was a resolution
45 on the floor from the Undergraduate Council to remove the foreign language GE requirement and make it a graduate
46 requirement. She said that Davis had introduced an amendment that would exempt programs that do not have a foreign
47 language requirement in GE. Steinhart proposed an additional, friendly amendment that would cancel this original provision
48 once the new GE program is implemented. He said that this interim measure should not tie the hands of the work underway to
49 reform GE. Levitan seconded this. Wahrman cautioned against narrowly focused alterations to the GE program. Tardi, Kaplan,
50 Steinhart, Finnegan, Godar, Natrajan, and Kaufman spoke. Verdicchio called the question, which passed, and a closed ballot
51 was taken on the amendment exempting programs that do not have a foreign language requirement in GE and limiting the
52 provision at the point a new GE program is implemented. The amendment passed 26 to 12. Discussion continued on the
53 original resolution and Wahrman reiterated her concern about juggling a single aspect of GE. To the concern that history or
54 diversity could be changed from a GE requirement to a graduation requirement, President Speert said that most community
55 colleges have history and diversity components to their AA programs, and that students transferring here with an AA program
56 will have had these subjects. Steinhart called the question, which passed and a closed ballot was taken. The resolution passed 29
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59 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL – ART HISTORY PROGRAM:** Claudia Goldstein and David Horton of the Art
60 Department spoke on behalf of the resolution to change the existing B.A. Concentration in Art History to a B. A. in Art History.

61 They said that the change will professionalize the degree and make it more attractive to students. They said that it will incur few
62 changes, no new teaching lines will be required and the addition of a research methods and capstone course will be the only
63 curricular additions. They added that accrediting organizations recommend this change. The resolution passed unanimously.
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65 **UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM CHANGE – DUAL LICENSURE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-5**
66 **CERTIFICATION WITH TEACHER OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ENDORSEMENT:** Peter Griswold spoke
67 on behalf of this resolution of the Undergraduate Council, saying that it adds a methods course which elementary education
68 instructors and also strengthens the department’s accreditation efforts. The resolution passed unanimously.
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70 **UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM CHANGE – NURSING CURRICULUM:** Julie Bliss spoke on behalf of this resolution
71 of the Undergraduate Council, saying that proposed changes to the curriculum reflect increased focus on globalization and a
72 move towards community nursing. She said that the changes ensure that all GE coursework is finished in the first two years
73 followed by two years of immersion in the major. The resolution passed unanimously.
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75 **GRADUATE PROGRAM CHANGE – M.Ed. IN SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Rochelle Kaplan introduced a resolution from
76 the Graduate Council to add a track to the M.Ed. in Special Education program. Griswold discussed the details of the program
77 change, which adds a track: M.Ed. Teacher of Students with Disabilities (TSD) Endorsement. He said that one goal of this
78 change is to increase the enrollment by making the program more attractive. He said that a main appeal of the program is
79 getting both a masters degree and teaching certification. The resolution passed unanimously.
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81 **GRADUATE PROGRAM CHANGE – M.A.T. IN SPEACIAL EDUCATION:** Linnea Weiland said that the proposed
82 revision to the M.A.T. program separates it into two tracks: initial certification and advanced study. She said that the proposed
83 revisions will increase the size of the pool of eligible students, increases the menu of advanced courses offered and ensures that
84 course content reflects current trends in education. The resolution passed unanimously.
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86 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL – BYLAWS AMENDMENT – DUTIES OF SENATORS:** On behalf of the Governance
87 Council Potacco read a resolution that outlines the duties of senators. Pavese objected to 3-a-I “Represent the will and opinion
88 of the members of their constituency,” saying that an individual also acts according to their own opinion. Rivela asked how
89 many meetings a senator may miss and Godar said “five with a substitute, two without a substitute.” Ferris said that we should
90 not be required to print all the senate documents and proposed amending 3-b-IV deleting “Print and.” Wahrman seconded this.
91 Martus pointed out a problem in the numbering of the resolution. Martus asked how at-large members are supposed to represent
92 constituencies. Pavese moved to strike the 3-a-I clause and Martus seconded. Korgen suggested substituting the word
93 “represent.” Tardi said that departments have a say in who they delegate to the Senate. The question was called and that was
94 approved. The motion to strike 3-a-I failed. Rivela moved to amend 3-a-I to read “represent members of their constituency” and
95 this was seconded and passed. The original resolution had its first reading and will be voted on at the next Senate meeting.
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97 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL – BYLAWS AMENDMENT – FORMATION OF TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL:** Potacco
98 said that this was a first reading of the proposed bylaws change and a vote will be taken at the next Senate meeting. Ferris said
99 that another technology committee seems redundant and overlapping the work of the IT Advisory Group, the TAC Committee
100 and numerous college and department technology committees. Bliss asked for a report on the findings and activities of the *ad*
101 *hoc* Technology Committee. Tardi said that the committee would be charged by the Senate and carry a gravitas distinct from
102 existing committees. Steinhart said that we waste a lot of money on technology here and any oversight of this would be useful.
103 Martus asked if this proposed council would eliminate any of the existing committees and Speert said that he could not answer
104 that at present. Kaplan said that it is important that we review what the *ad hoc* group has done thus far before approving a
105 permanent council. Greg Mattison, chair of the *ad hoc* group, spoke of the efforts to delineate technology efforts across campus
106 and the hope that by having a Senate voice, their recommendations would carry more weight. He said that he will distribute
107 information that the group has compiled.
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109 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:50 PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29 at 12:30
110 PM at Valley Road Building Auditorium.
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112 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary
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