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4 **PRESENT:** Andreopoulos, Antoniou, Becker, Bliss, Bhat, Cho, Chung, Davis, Diamond, Duffy, Ekmekjian, Ferris,
5 Finnegan, Gardner, Diaz, Godar, Kaufman, Kim, Knaus, Lawrence, Levitan, Liu, Lorenz, Martinez, Martus,
6 McCallum, Mongillo, Mulrine, Natrajan, Pavese, Peterson, Pinkston, Potacco, Scala, Steinhart, Stoppel, Suess, Tardi,
7 Thiuri, Van Boerum, Verdicchio, Weil, Wagner

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9 **ABSENT:** Cho, MacDonald, Mbogoni

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11 **GUESTS:** Basu, Bolyai, Ciliberti, Daniel-Robinson, Fuller-Stanley, Goldstein, Hahn, Jemmott, Kashyap, Martone,
12 Miller, Mir, O'Connor, Olaye, Rabbitt, Rosar, Schaeffer, Seal, Sherman, Tirado, Tiernan, Torres-Santos, Williams

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14 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Godar called the meeting to order at 12:37 PM. The proposed agenda was
15 moved and seconded by Duffy and Martus and approved unanimously. The minutes of the May 8, 2008
16 meeting were moved and seconded by Duffy and Kraus. Martus questioned the wording of line 51, and
17 clarified that he thought that his comment should read “Martus said that he objects to voting for council
18 memberships through nominations from the floor without the executive committee reviewing the complete
19 set of nominees.” The minutes as amended were approved.

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21 **CHAIR’S REPORT:** Godar said that she hoped Freshman Convocation would be well-attended and that
22 faculty should consider letting freshmen participate. She announced that a university-wide discussion on
23 advisement will soon commence and that it appears that there will be three GE curriculums proposed for
24 different student profiles – making advisement even more complex. She said that the Advisement and
25 Registration Council should take a lead role in this discussion. Godar asked the Senate to approve retention
26 and DAC committees for departments without sufficient tenured faculty members. For Women’s Studies
27 Scala, Levitan and Perry were nominated. Duffy and Verdicchio moved and seconded and the committee
28 was approved. For Geography and Urban Studies Flint was nominated. Duffy and Tardi moved and
29 seconded and the committee was approved. For Educational Leadership Seplocha was nominated. Duffy
30 and Martus moved and seconded and the committee was approved. Godar reviewed the Senate liaisons to
31 the Board Committees: Makarec to Student Affairs, Overdorf to Education Policy, R. Mir to Finance and
32 Audit, Ferris to Minority Affairs, and Duffy to Institutional Advancement and asked the Senate to approve
33 them for another year’s service. Martus and Martinez moved and seconded approval. Tardi asked how long
34 each has served. Godar replied that Duffy, Makarec and Ferris have served three years, and Mir and
35 Overdorf two years. The motion was approved.

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37 **VICE CHAIR’S REPORT:** Vice Chair Finnegan reported that Lora Brown, Department of
38 Communication, has been nominated to serve on the General Education Council and this was approved.
39 Finnegan reported that he had sent messages to the Council convener to hold meetings as soon as possible
40 and that the Councils’ charges will soon be posted on the Senate web site. He asked for volunteers to study
41 the viability and future of the Athletics Council and said that he would like a resolution to be drafted.
42 Levitan reported that both representatives from the College of Arts and Communication resigned from the
43 General Education Council and that replacements are needed. Godar said that there are several openings, no
44 adjunct representatives yet and that Senators should ask their department’s adjuncts to consider Council
45 service. Pavese reminded Senators that adjuncts may have an appointed representative at faculty meetings.

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47 **PROVOSTE EDWARD WEIL:** Provost Weil reminded everyone that there will be a faculty meeting next
48 week at which he will discuss the General Education Program, advisement, provide an assessment update,
49 and remark on student engagement. He said that enrollments are still being processed and payments are
50 being received. He said, overall, enrollment is similar to last year with a slight decrease in the Graduate
51 Program due to a large number of graduates last spring. Bolyai reported that there are 10,481 students
52 registered, but that this is not a final number. Scala asked the administration to rethink the policy of sending
53 out tuition bills only online, saying that this discriminates against those who do not transact their business

54 using computers. Bolyai defended the policy, saying that the trend in society is to move such transactions
55 online and that it substantially reduces postage costs. He said that students are required to read their email to
56 receive official University communications. He said that announcements were made last spring regarding e-
57 billing and that a postcard was sent over the summer as a reminder. Scala said that bills should not be sent
58 online. Martus echoed this sentiment. Bolyai said that the operations were in transition and that a best
59 approach is being sought. Martinez said that not all students have computers at home. Duffy suggested an
60 opt-in system whereby a student could choose between paper and electronic billing. Bliss supported Bolyai,
61 saying that for the most part students use computers and can access information that way. Tardi said that we
62 cannot assume that all students have equal access to computers. Ekmekjian suggested implementing a text
63 message notifying students when an online bill is available. Bhat suggested emphasizing important
64 information with larger text and/or different colors. Kim asked for the number of applications from foreign
65 students. Bolyai asked that enrollment questions wait until the data is finalized. Bolyai continued reporting
66 on the budget, saying that there was an overall 10% decrease from the State. He said that we are at an
67 inverse position from the past, down from about 80% State funding to about 40% State funding. Potacco
68 asked for a committee to suggest ways to increase graduate enrollment. Ferris asked what we are doing as
69 an institution to prepare for additional budget cuts. Bolyai said that the Academic Plan will drive decisions
70 on resource allocations. He said that summer sessions help increase revenue. He said that there is a
71 possibility that some facilities could be rented to generate income. He said that all manner of efficiencies are
72 being investigated. Finnegan asked for statistics on residence life and Bolyai replied that about 2,200
73 students are living on campus, an increase of several hundred from last year. Weil said that we have hired a
74 substantial number of new faculty as an investment in the future of the institution. Weil said that all of the
75 curriculum resolutions approved by the Senate with the exception of the BA in Art History have been
76 approved and sent to the President's Council.

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78 **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY:** Raza Mir reported that the proposed AIP reflects recommendations
79 received during last spring's Senate meeting. He said that it was reviewed by a focus group of students and
80 hopes that it will meet with Senate approval. He reviewed the revisions: lengthening the interval between
81 violation detection and response, where various documents reside, and establishing that faculty will initiate
82 investigations. Mir said that students who reviewed the policy felt that there should be strong policy,
83 accountability, and penalties for violations. Various references to the Dean of Students were pointed out as
84 needing to be changed to "Provost's Office." Schaeffer said that it is important for the policy to be based in
85 the judgment of the faculty regarding violations and their prosecution. There continued to be conflicting
86 perspectives: some voiced concern that a faculty member could see if prior violations had occurred, and
87 some said that this was important information to have. Davis moved to strike the provision whereby faculty
88 have access to information about prior violations. Pavese seconded the motion. Wide discussion ensued over
89 the role of evidence of prior violations. The question was called and this was approved. The motion to strike
90 sentence on the bottom of page four "If the student is accused..." was approved. Tardi thanked the Council
91 for their work on this. Ferris moved and Duffy seconded approval of the amended revised policy. Schaeffer
92 said that it could receive a preliminary review by counsel. The motion passed.

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94 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:50 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday,
95 September 23, 2008, University Ballroom A, 12:30 PM.

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97 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary