

4 **PRESENT:** Andreopoulos, Becker, Bliss, Bhat, Cho, Chung, Davis, Diamond, Duffy, Ekmekjian, Falk-Romaine, Ferris, Finnegan, Gardner,  
5 Diaz, Godar, Kaufman, Kim, Knaus, Lawrence, Levitan, Liu, Lorenz, Martinez, Martus, McCallum, Mongillo, Mulrine, Natrajan, Owusu (for  
6 Thiuri), Pavese, Pinkston, Potacco, Rosar, Scala, Speert, Steinhart, Stropfel, Suess, Tardi, Tesfaye, Van Boerum, Verdicchio, Wagner, Walsh,  
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9 **ABSENT:** Mbogoni

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11 **GUESTS:** Basu, Bolyai, Daniel-Robinson, De Young, Deller, Feola, Fuller-Stanley, Goldstein, Griswold, Hill, Jemmott, Kashyap, Liautaud,  
12 Martone, McCoy, Miller, Olaye, Rabbitt, Schaeffer, Schuhmann, Seal, Sherman, Tiernan, Tirado, Torres-Santos  
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14 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Godar called the meeting to order at 12:35PM. The proposed agenda, moved and  
15 seconded by Pavese and Duffy, was unanimously approved. The minutes of the October 28, 2008 meeting, moved and  
16 seconded by Duffy and Martus, where likewise unanimously approved.  
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18 **CHAIR’S REPORT:** Godar announced that the Chemistry Department plans to convene a Promotions Committee  
19 and asks for the approval of the Senate to add Mike Sebetich to this panel. Duffy moved, Martus seconded and the  
20 committee was unanimously approved. Andy Barnes, Department of English, distributed a brochure promoting the  
21 Friends of the Cheng Library and encouraged faculty to join and support the work of this group. He said that the  
22 Friends, in part, help bridge the divide between “town and gown” by sponsoring presentations. He distributed a flyer  
23 promoting the November 20<sup>th</sup> presentation “Jack Spector Lectures on the Art of Ben Wilson”. Wartyna Davis,  
24 Department of Political Science, announced that her department and the Education Enrichment Center will present  
25 “Election 2008: A Retrospect” on November 19 in Ballroom C. She said that the event will consist of two panel  
26 discussions and a keynote address by Jamal Simmons, CNN Political Analyst and President of New Future  
27 Communications. Godar reported that the Executive Committee recently met with the Provost, Steve Hahn, Mark  
28 Evangelista and Nina Trelisky to review reports of problematic transfer audits in Banner. She said that full course  
29 descriptions should appear soon in Banner and that this will be a great help during advisement. She said that work will  
30 begin soon to implement electronic approval of student program changes by advisors and that this will help alleviate  
31 incorrect advisement problems found near graduation time. She said that incorrect transfer credit is still appearing in  
32 degree evaluations and hopes corrective action will be taken. Tardi said that she, also, has conferred with the Provost  
33 on this matter and hopes a resolution is coming soon. Kim asked for a clarification of what credit is accepted from  
34 community college graduates. Weil explained that a transfer student holding the Associates Degree is credited with  
35 completion of all lower level GE coursework. Godar thanked the administration for working on these issues. President  
36 Speert commented on the budget, saying that he hopes the incoming White House administration will bring a recovery  
37 in the stock market. He said that this recession may, nevertheless, last longer than others, as the housing market  
38 remains unstable. He said that state and municipal governments are hard hit and that the next two years will likely  
39 contain further budget woes. He said that faculty searches have been cancelled, but that promotions are not being  
40 affected. He said that a rising student enrollment would help the University weather the current crisis. He said that  
41 incoming student quality will not be sacrificed as larger enrollment is sought. He said that sponsored admits will be  
42 decreased and that he will continue to communicate with the University community as new information becomes  
43 available. Speert said that he looks forward to the Senate’s advice.  
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45 **VICE-CHAIR’S REPORT:** Finnegan moved approval of Jane Bambrick, Librarian, nominated to the Research  
46 Council. Duffy seconded and this was unanimously approved.  
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48 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL- SECONDARY K-12 CERTIFICATION:** Djanna Hill, Department of  
49 Secondary and Middle School Education, and Peter Griswold, Department of Special Education and Counseling,  
50 spoke to the program change proposal. They said that this involves the creation of a second track in the dual licensure  
51 program resulting in graduates with certification to teach students with disabilities at the secondary level. They said  
52 that it will involve repackaging existing courses. Bliss asked if this additional certification is optional or required and  
53 Hill said that it is optional. In reply to Ferris’s question on other institutions with this program, Griswold said  
54 Montclair and Monmouth have similar provisions. The program change was unanimously approved.  
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56 **ACADEMIC PLAN-GOALS:** Godar reported that the Conference Committee met two weeks ago and drafted  
57 proposed changes to the goals statement. Diamond questioned the test score increment, saying that the proposed target  
58 is perhaps smaller than ordinary fluctuations and would not result in much overall improvement. Ferris commented  
59 that when you combine regular and special admit scores we rate ahead of Montclair. Finnegan said that the proposed

60 six year graduation rate is impressive. Speert said that there is a goal of reducing the sponsored admits by 20% and  
61 that ensuring the quality of the incoming class is a high priority. Steinhart pondered the fact that, overall, applications  
62 to state-supported schools trends upward and indicators of our quality also seem positive, yet our reputation suffers.  
63 Jemmott said that there are a number of efforts in place to increase retention: forums, committee work, and more  
64 resources supporting student services. She said that the early alert program is working well and that there is evidence  
65 of increased student engagement. Ferris said that on November 20 there will be a webinar for faculty on how they can  
66 assist in retention efforts. Davis moved that the proposed first goal, distributed by Godar via email, be approved. With  
67 one opposed the motion passed.

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69 **ACADEMIC PLAN-CENTERS, INSTITUTES, HONORS PROGRAM:** Godar asked that the Senate move to the  
70 Committee of the Whole for discussion, and this was accepted. She said that the Academic Plan discusses the policies  
71 and procedures behind the creation of centers and institutes. Finnegan commented that there is not much role for the  
72 Senate in this and asked that the Senate's role be affirmed. Scala asked if those involved in centers and institutes were  
73 aware that this was to be discussed. Godar explained that the discussion is about the policy surrounding the  
74 establishment of these bodies, not the business of those that already exist. Martus countered that the people involved  
75 in these groups would have valuable insight into their constitution. Davis suggested that the usual Senate process  
76 might impede the work of University Advancement if they were involved in establishing a center or institute  
77 connected with a major gift. Tardi said that the two needn't be that tightly connected and that the Senate has a role in  
78 recommending how these groups are structured and that this process can be separate from the work done by  
79 Advancement. Verdicchio cautioned that Senate discussion might impede the establishment of centers or institutes  
80 that might require timely action. Martus said that some of these centers or institutes might not be within the Senate's  
81 interests. Finnegan said that the faculty interests are involved. Tardi said that if something is included in the Academic  
82 Plan then it is right for the Senate to review and make recommendations. Weil agreed that as program reviews are a  
83 matter of Senate business, so too centers and institutes have an appropriate forum at the Senate. Kim said that the  
84 Honors Program expects 400 students by 2012. Pinkston reported that the program serves 100 first year students at  
85 present in existing tracks and 75 not yet in tracks. Further discussion of the details of the program was deferred until  
86 Susan Dinan, the program director, could be present.

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88 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:34 PM. The next meeting will be at 12:30 PM, Tuesday,  
89 November 25 in the Valley Road Building Auditorium.

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91 Respectfully submitted:  
92 K. Wagner, Secretary

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