

1 WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY – **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES** – January 27, 2009

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

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9 **ABSENT:** Healy, Liu, Mongillo

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11 **GUESTS:** Basu, Bogdon, Brown, Bolyai, Cai, Ciliberti, Daniel-Robinson, De Young, Dinan, Goldstein, Hahn, Jemmott, Kashyap, Ku, Lee,
12 Lum, Miller, Olaye, Peck, Schaeffer, Schuhmann, Schwartz, Seal, Tiernan, Tirado, Torres-Santos, Zeff

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14 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Godar called the meeting to order at 12:36 PM. The proposed agenda was moved and seconded by Duffy and
15 Martus and approved unanimously. The minutes of the December 9, 2008 meeting, moved and seconded by Duffy and Bliss were also approved
16 unanimously.

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18 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Godar welcomed Tardi back from her sabbatical. Godar announced that on Thursday, January
19 29th the Advisement Council will hold a workshop for advisors. Godar commented on the recent email from the GE
20 Council containing a narrative on the proposed new GE Program. She said that there will be a series of Friday
21 workshops to discuss the proposition. Godar said that the proposal will come to the Senate for discussion in March.
22 Godar announced that the President will hold an open meeting on the budget on February 5th at 12:30 PM in UC
23 Ballroom C. Godar said that the newly created Planning and Budget Council will be involved in budgetary
24 discussions. She said that cuts may become serious. Tardi said that the Union contracts must be respected and that
25 bargaining unit employees must be considered essential. Tardi added that there is a chance that we might lose
26 increments and salary increases. Godar announced that Research and Scholarship Day is set for April 2nd and that
27 more information will be forthcoming from Kevin Martus. Wagner announced the return of the American Museum of
28 Natural History Margaret Mead Travel Film & Video Festival, films to be shown on February 11, 12 and 17th in the
29 Library Auditorium. He said that the films depict a broad cross-section of topics: sociocultural and environmental and
30 have a broad interdisciplinary appeal. He said that more information can be found at
31 <http://www.wpunj.edu/library/meadfestival/2009/>. Wagner also announced that the Library, Pi Lambda Theta and the
32 Friends of the Cheng Library will hold a used book sale in March 2009 and welcome donations of books, DVDs,
33 videocassettes, and CDs.

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35 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Finnegan reported that the date of the Senate Appreciation Luncheon will soon be
36 announced.

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38 **COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS – GRADUATE – MBA IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP:** Francis Cai, of the
39 Graduate Council, moved that the MBA program change to add a concentration in entrepreneurship be accepted.
40 Robert Laud, Department of Marketing and Management, spoke on behalf of the proposal, saying that the timing is
41 right and that the concentration in entrepreneurship fits well with the other emphases of the program. He said that
42 student demand is strong and that competition in this area is growing. He said that our faculty, curriculum and
43 resources are in place and that it will have an overall positive effect on the University. Finnegan asked about
44 internship opportunities and Laud said that students have the opportunity to intern with either small business owners
45 or with larger corporations. He said that one full time tenure track faculty will be added to support this concentration.
46 Ferris asked about potential enrollment and Laud said that they expect about 10 students the first year and 30 or so by
47 year four. Bliss asked if the courses will be delivered online and Laud said that this hasn't been done yet. The
48 proposal passed unanimously.

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50 **COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS – GRADUATE – MA IN PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION:** Cai
51 moved that the Communication Department proposal for a new Masters program in Professional Communication be
52 accepted. Joanne Lee, Chair of the Department of Communication spoke for the proposal, saying that it provides an
53 opportunity for students who are returning to the University to retool professional skills. She said that this proposal is
54 in response to a dramatic drop in enrollment in the current Communication Masters program. Bliss voiced concern
55 that the proposal was added to the agenda too late for an adequate review. She moved that the proposal be tabled until
56 the next meeting. Martus seconded and Godar said that the proposal will return on the next agenda, thanked the
57 Graduate Council for its rapid work on this and said that she hopes it will be acted upon promptly.

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59 **COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS – GOVERNANCE – GRADUATE COUNCIL CHANGES:** Potacco, on
60 behalf of the Governance Council, moved that a Senate Bylaws change be approved with regards to Article II, Section
61 II (Councils). The proposed change would eliminate the Graduate Council’s purview of review and recommendation
62 of individual courses. Discussion ensued over whether it was wise to delete this ability of the Council, even though it
63 is seldom exercised. Steinhart said that we should not relinquish this ability. Verdicchio said that it could complicate
64 the work of the Council with an unwanted level of minutia. With one nay the motion passed.
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66 **COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS – GOVERNANCE – EMERITUS/A CHANGES:** Potacco, on behalf of the
67 Governance Council, moved that a Senate Bylaws change be approved that requires the exact tally vote (ayes, nays,
68 abstentions) by a department recommending that a faculty member be accorded emeritus/a status. Tardi moved to
69 table the matter pending Parliamentary review. Levitan seconded this and with three nays the motion to table
70 passed.
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72 **COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS – GOVERNANCE – BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPRESENTATION:**
73 Potacco, on behalf of the Governance Council, moved approval of a resolution recommending that the University
74 administration support and bring to the Board of Trustees a request to include non-voting faculty representatives.
75 Tardi spoke in support of the motion and moved that the wording be changed to “at least one non-voting faculty
76 representative.” Finnegan seconded this. Duffy spoke against the change. The motion to amend failed with three ayes.
77 The original motion passed unanimously.
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79 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – ACADEMIC PLAN – HONORS PROGRAM, EXPERIENTIAL**
80 **LEARNING:** Susan Dinan, Director of the Honors College invited questions about the Honors Program section of
81 the Academic Plan. Finnegan asked if the Honors College has normative criteria for inclusion. Dinan said that
82 acceptance is based on high school grades and standing, an essay and other test scores. She said that the minimum
83 SAT score of 1200 is not absolute and some exceptions are allowed if other criteria warrant. She said that on average,
84 standards are maintained. Kaufman asked if the new GE program would impact current honors students and Dinan
85 replied that the Honors Program will comply with GE mandates. Gardner asked what the Honors Program retention
86 rate was and Dinan said that she did not have that information. Tardi asked if there was going to be support of
87 minorities or other groups in the honors program. Dinan said that there is no recordkeeping at this time of race or
88 ethnicity of honors students. In response to a question by Bliss, Dinan said that her goal is to have 100 new first year
89 honors students each fall. Dinan described the two-semester process of removal from the program for failure to
90 maintain a 3.0 GPA. In response to Kaufman’s question Dinan said that students may create their own honors course
91 of study with special arrangement. Weil said that honors students receive a scholarship of \$2000. Bhat asked if
92 honors students have a set number of credit/hours and Dinan said that there is no restriction. McCallum asked if
93 honors studies are reflected on a student’s diploma and Dinan said that it is noted there. Pavese asked if there were a
94 minimum number of credits required and Dinan said at least three but that most students take a full load. In response
95 to a question by Finnegan, Dinan said that faculty are regularly solicited to develop honors courses and teach in the
96 program. Natrajan asked if study abroad or community service are required and Dinan said that they are not and that
97 study abroad is often too expensive to make a requirement. Diamond asked if all honors students are voluntary
98 participants and Dinan said that since fall 2008 all students participate on their own accord. Scala asked how much
99 lenience is given to “late blooming” students and Dinan said that they must show that they can meet academic
100 standards by their sophomore year. In response to Scala’s question, Dinan said that she has worked with Bergen
101 Community College on articulation arrangements to directly accept their honors students into our program. Dinan said
102 that more honors tracks are needed and that the College of Education needs to be better served. She said that the
103 Honors Club acts as wonderful informal support network for the students and that the High Mountain East residence
104 for honors students is exceptional. Ferris recommended that the administration consider expanding the Honors
105 College office by adding more staff to support expanded programming. Scala asked what the program needs and
106 Dinan said that they need to improve their relationships with departments and that they need more resources in order
107 to attract existing WPUNJ student with qualifying GPAs.
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109 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:44 PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February
110 10, 2009 at 12:30 PM at University Commons Ballroom A.

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112 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary
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