

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY – **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES** – May 7, 2009-09

Faculty Senate Web Page: <http://www.wpuni.edu/senate> --E-mail discussion: [mailtofacultysenate@list.wpuni.edu](mailto:mailtofacultysenate@list.wpuni.edu)

PRESENT: Andreopoulos, Becker, Bhat, Cho, Chung, Cunningham, Davis, Diamond, Donaghy, Duffy, Ekmekjian, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Finnegan, Gardner, Godar, Healy, Kim, Knaus, Ku, Lawrence, Levitan, Martinez, Martus, Mbogoni, McCallum, Mongillo, Mulrine, Parras, Pavese, Pinkston, Potacco, Refsland, Rehberg, Rosar, Scala, Schwartz, Speert, Steinhart, Stroppel, Suess, Tardi, Tesfaye, Thiuri, Verdicchio, Wagner, Walsh, Weil

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Daniel-Robinson, Danzinger, DeYoung, Feola, Griswold, Gundling, Hahn, Kaplan, Peterman, Rabbitt, Schumann, Seal, Torres-Santos, Wahrman

CHAIR'S REPORT: Godar thanked Davis and Finnegan, who will be stepping down, for their years of service on the Executive Committee. Both will continue as senators.

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT: Finnegan presented the roster of Senate council nominees for 2009-2010. All were approved. There are still some open slots that will be filled in the Fall.

ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Godar and Wagner were reelected unopposed. Martinez was nominated for Vice-Chair, and was elected unopposed. Duffy, Ellis, Gardner and Parras were nominated for the remaining seats on the Executive Committee. Duffy, Ellis and Gardner were elected.

UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL RESOLUTION: NAME CHANGE FROM "WOMEN'S STUDIES" TO "WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES" Scala presented and explained the rationale behind the more inclusive nomenclature, and the change was approved unanimously.

GRADUATE COUNCIL RESOLUTION: M.Ed in Reading/M.Ed in Curriculum and Learning. Kaplan presented the proposal and several department members explained it. It was approved unanimously.

GRADUATE COUNCIL RESOLUTION: M.Ed in Counseling. Kaplan presented the proposal and Danzinger explained it. It was approved unanimously.

GRADUATE COUNCIL RESOLUTION: M.Ed in Special Education with a concentration in Developmental Disabilities. Kaplan presented the proposal and Griswold explained it. It was approved unanimously.

UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: The proposal, to reduce the minimum number of credits required for graduation from 128 to 120, had been debated at several previous Senate meetings. Vigorous discussion continued at this session. In a roll call secret ballot the proposal was approved by a two-thirds majority.

ADJOURNMENT: The Faculty Senate adjourned for the Summer at 1:44PM. The next meeting of the Senate will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 in the University Commons Ballroom A at 12:30PM.

Respectfully submitted, B. Duffy, quondam Secretary