

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – January 24, 2017  
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Alon (for Pozzi), Andreopolous, Basch, Broome, Cook, Decker, Diamond,  
5 Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Fallace, Griswold, Guerrieri, Harris, Helena, Kearney,  
6 Kothandaraman, Kromidas, Levitan, Magaldi, Makarec, Martin, Martus, Mukherjee (for  
7 Maduro), O'Donnell, Owusu, Potacco, Refsland, Rosar, Sandmann, Scala, Schwartz, Simon,  
8 Snyder, Steinhart, Swanson, Tardi, Tesfaye, Verdicchio, Vishio, Waldron, Wallace, Watad,  
9 Weisberg, Wicke

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11 **ABSENT:** Avdeev, Clarke, Najarian  
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13 **GUESTS:** Andrew, Brenenson, Burns, Cammarata, Chabayta, Cupo, Daniel-Robinson, Darby,  
14 Decker, Deloatch, Feola, Ferguson, Figueroa, Goldstein, Griffin, Hahn, Hollema, Liautaud,  
15 Lincoln, Noonan, Nyamwange, Peek, Pinkston, Rabbitt, Refsland, Richardson, Rosenberg, Ross,  
16 Roux, Sabatino, Seal, Shojai, Slaymaker, Tiernan, Trelisky, Vasquez, Victor, Wolf, Zeman  
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18 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Makarec called the Senate to order at 12:32pm. The Agenda,  
19 moved by Wicke and Martus was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the December 24,  
20 2016 meeting, moved by Cook and Martus were also approved unanimously.  
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22 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Makarec announced that she will be allowing important announcements  
23 to be made during the Chair's Report since we rarely get to Announcements or New Business at  
24 the end of the Agendas.  
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26 Goldstein, VP for Marketing and Public Relations, showed a brief video on WPU that is getting  
27 significant play in social media.  
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29 Wicke reported that the Title IX presentation that he and Sheffield developed is now available as  
30 a PDF and as a PowerPoint. [Links are archived in the Packet for the meeting.]  
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32 Griffin (Academic Success Center) and Refsland (First Year Foundations) presented the new  
33 Pathways to Academic Success program to identify and assist students with GPAs below 2.0 and  
34 then students with GPAs between 2.0 and 2.49. Starfish is an improved early alert system that  
35 will arrange appointments for students and provide analytics to identify those students most in  
36 need of extra help.  
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38 Harris noted that last year IRT ran eight seminars of course design and teaching. The next one  
39 will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup>.  
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41 A workshop of analyzing fake news will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup> during Common Hour in the  
42 Paterson Room in the Library.  
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44 Waldron reiterated the University's position on not inquiring about the immigration status of any  
45 students. No WPU official will seek that information nor will any governmental agencies seeking  
46 such information be assisted absent properly served legal documents.  
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48 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Magaldi announced that there are still council openings. Please  
49 contact her if you or someone you know is interested in serving.  
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51 **GRADUATE COUNCIL: PROGRAM CHANGE IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN**  
52 **NURSING:** Sabatino and Levitan moved acceptance of the Council's resolution. Holema and  
53 Aktan briefly described the program change, which was approved unanimously.  
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55 **GRADUATE COUNCIL: PROGRAM CHANGE IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN**  
56 **BIOTECHNOLOGY:** Sabatino and Levitan moved acceptance of the Council's resolution.  
57 Slaymaker described the changes, and responded to questions from Snyder, Wicke, Potacco and  
58 Kothandaraman. The program change was approved unanimously.  
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60 **GRADUATE COUNCIL: GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROPOSALS:** Sabatino and  
61 Wicke moved acceptance of the Council's resolutions regarding a number of certificates. Lincoln  
62 and Feola described the differences between State-granted certification and post-BA course work  
63 that doesn't qualify nor earn it. The changes proposed today will give students an actual  
64 certificate, a credential that can be used in employment (and will also appear on transcripts).  
65 Aktan, Scala, Griswold, Potacco, Magaldi, Martus, Tardi and Kothandaraman commented on  
66 various specifics. Rosar complained that she, the Chair of Mathematics, had not seen the math  
67 proposals until today and called for proper notifications in advance for things affecting each  
68 department. Sandmann, reporting for Corso, noted that financial aid cannot be awarded for  
69 coursework that doesn't result in a degree, a certificate, etc. Steinhart called the question and the  
70 Council's proposals were approved by voice vote, with two negative votes and one abstention.  
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72 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: BIOLOGY POST-BACCALAUREATE PRE-**  
73 **PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM:** Roux and Levitan moved the Council's resolution. Slaymaker  
74 described it. Andreopoulous, Fallace, Wicke, Snyder and Diamond inquired about specific  
75 points, after which the proposal was approved unanimously.  
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77 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT: MINOR IN ETHICS:**  
78 Roux and Victor moved the Council's resolution. Victor described the minor. Potacco, Ellis,  
79 Swanson, Scala, Fallace, Broome and Levitan commented. Tardi reiterated Rosar's point about  
80 notifying departments in advance about changes affecting them. Rabbitt replied that the instant  
81 issue had been discussed at a Chair's Council. Tardi responded that this is no guarantee that  
82 issues actually get discussed in the relevant departments. The minor was approved by voice vote  
83 with five abstentions.  
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85 **OLD BUSINESS: COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY RESOLUTION:** Pursuant to the report  
86 he presented at the last Senate meeting, Kearney presented a resolution (Levitan seconded)  
87 regarding college affordability. He briefly reviewed legislative actions that purport to address the  
88 issue, but could have devastating effects on the state's four year institutions. Kothandaraman  
89 urged faculty to be informed and prepared. Tardi, Guerrieri and Simon gave detailed accounts of  
90 the flaws in the legislative proposals and of the problems that students would actually face if the  
91 changes were implemented.  
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93 Steinhart and Snyder called the question, which was approved by voice vote with two negative  
94 votes and two abstentions. The College Affordability Resolution was then approved  
95 unanimously.

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97 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:45pm.

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99 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 in the Ballroom  
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102 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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