

4 **PRESENT:** Agard-Jones, Adeniran, Andreopoulos, Basu, Bliss, Bhat, Boroznoff, Cho, Davis, De Young, Deller,
5 Duffy, Ekeocha, Ferris, Gonzalez (for Finnegan), Grodner, Gulbranson, Hahn, Kalish, Kaufman, Kim, Korgen,
6 Levitan, Makarec, Marshall, Martinez, Martus, Mbogoni, McNeal (for Yildiz), Pavese, Pollak, Potacco, Rabbitt,
7 Rivela, Rosenthal (for Verdicchio), Rothman, Scala (for Singh), Schmidt (for Diaz), Steinhart, Stroppel, K.
8 Swanson, P. Swanson, Tardi, Tesfaye, Thiuri, Wagner, Wahrman, Weil, Weisberg, Werkley (for Peterson), Xu
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10 **ABSENT:** Goldstein, Pagano
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12 **GUESTS:** Benno, Bogdon, Chabayta, Daniel-Robinson, Dinan, Leung, Miller, Perry, Peterman, Pinkston,
13 Schaeffer, Trelisky, Weiner
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15 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Duffy called the meeting to order at 12:34 PM. Boroznoff and Rivela
16 moved and seconded approval of the agenda and this passed unanimously. Ferris and Kaufman moved
17 and seconded approval of the minutes of the February 27, 2007 meeting. Kaufman asked that the text
18 found on lines 99-100 "...and that there are not enough sections of basic skills computing classes," be
19 changed to "...and that there are not enough sections of basic skills classes for education majors
20 originally scheduled." With this correction the minutes were accepted unanimously.
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22 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Duffy welcomed Alex Raphael Diaz, born to Linda Gazillo Diaz on March 24,
23 2007. He reported that parents and newborn are doing well and that Alex weighed in at 3.32 kg. Duffy
24 welcomed the newly hired Senate office secretary May Chabayta and said that she has begun to take up
25 the reins of the Senate's information flow. He said that she holds a BA from the Lebanese University of
26 Beirut and a certificate in business and office practice from the Sibling Training Center. He added that she
27 is a former employee of the Campus Police Department. Duffy announced that the Senate General
28 Election is underway, and in the nominations phase. He said that senators will not be notified if their term
29 us up and to check the senate online roster at <http://www.wpunj.edu/senate/roster.htm> to view this
30 information and solicit a nomination if desired. Duffy said that at the recent Scholarship Luncheon donors
31 of large and small amounts along with scholarship recipients were honored. He said that more scholarship
32 money is needed and urged everyone to attend the upcoming Legacy Award Dinner. He said that faculty
33 and staff receive a discount on the ticket price and that the money is for a good cause. Vice President of
34 Institutional Advancement Sandra Deller added her welcome to the university community to participate.
35 She underscored the importance of having the faculty as a part of fundraising and scholarship activities.
36 She said that the Scholarship Luncheon included 200 scholarship-receiving students and their parents. She
37 added that for a \$1000 donation a recipient will bear the donor's name on their scholarship for a year.
38 Pavese announced that Research and Scholarship Day will be held on Thursday, April 5 and showed a
39 poster promoting the event. He said that excellent panels, presentations and poster sessions will echo the
40 theme of "social responsibility in research." He asked the faculty to encourage their students to attend.
41 Ferris announced that on April 12 there will be a Provost-Center for Teaching Excellence Forum on
42 Learning Communities to be held in the Library Auditorium. She said that lunch will be served in the
43 Friends Room next door and that promotional flyers are forthcoming. Andreopoulos distributed a flyer
44 promoting the Third Annual Conference on Global Issues: Emerging Economies in Asia and their Global
45 Impact, to be held at Valley Road on April 3, 2007 from 9:30 AM until noon. Dean Basu added that this
46 conference will focus on such topics as microfinance and issues facing the newly industrialized, smaller
47 economies of the Asian Pacific region. Wahrman announced that the pilot assessment of General
48 Education is coming soon and that a random set of capstone course sections will be targeted. She said that
49 faculty will receive a web-based survey in which they will contribute to the understanding of the
50 effectiveness of these courses in promoting learning Literacies. Provost Weil referred to his recent email
51 to the faculty concerning the next set of faculty and librarian recognition awards. He said that
52 nominations are open until April 2 and should be sent to Bob Seal. Leung asked if there is any restriction
53 on the eligibility of past winners. There was no clear directive on this. Hahn provided a brief report on
54 Banner, saying that the advisory committee has met and about 40 items are being discussed. He said that
55 Brian Fanning has posted feedback and responses on the WPCoconnect Banner group. He said that some
56 items have been resolved and that others are still being addressed. Korgen asked if the problem with
57 alternate PINs has been corrected and Trelisky said that it will be fixed today or tomorrow. Provost Weil

58 updated the Senate on the activities of the State Ethics Commission, saying that a draft of the academic
59 employees' guidelines is forthcoming and should be out in April.

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61 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Weisberg thanked Pavese for his report on the upcoming Research &
62 Scholarship Day and added that he will have a report soon on the recently held Graduate Forum.
63 Weisberg said that the application form for the Senate Councils and Committees is on the main Senate
64 Web Page (<http://www.wpunj.edu/senate>) and noted that the Advisement and Registration Council will be
65 split into two Councils. He said that everyone wishing to serve on a Council or Committee has to reapply.
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67 **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Wagner said that the ad hoc committee to revise the evaluation of the
68 administration and deans has neared completion, and that he hopes to distribute the survey electronically
69 to the Senate in order to discuss it (and hopefully approve it) at the next Senate meeting. He thanked the
70 President and Provost for providing job descriptions of the individuals being evaluated in order to
71 improve the instruments. He said that the descriptions will be incorporated into the evaluation form in
72 order to emphasize that the subjects are being evaluated wholly on what they are here to do. Wagner said
73 that he hopes to have all of the revised evaluations from the committee members shortly and at the next
74 meeting of the Senate we can approve them for use shortly thereafter.
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76 **BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Wahrman reported that the three Board of
77 Trustees committees: Academic Affairs, Minority Affairs, and Student Affairs, held a joint meeting and
78 that the BS in Exercise Science was approved. Ferris reported that Provost Weil presented the newly
79 drafted academic plan to the Board and that one feature of the plan are "dashboard" indicators of student
80 and faculty measures. She reported that during the discussion it was pointed out that in many respects
81 WPUNJ compares favorably to similar institutions in NJ and the nation in terms of characteristics of its
82 student population. She reported that Vice President for Student Development Martone discussed a recent
83 retreat attended by members of his area that addressed learning outcomes. Ferris said that Associate Vice
84 President and Dean of Student Development Glen Sherman reported on the alcohol awareness program he
85 administers, which had 757 participants this year. Ferris said that Sherman tied the program to decreased
86 vandalism and violence on campus. Provost Weil said that the academic planning process was discussed,
87 focusing on a comprehensive analysis and the indicators of student outcomes. Duffy reported on the
88 activities of the Institutional Advancement Committee, saying that President Speert and Vice President
89 for Institutional Advancement Sandra Deller devote a great deal of time to attending events across the
90 nation to support fundraising. Duffy said that the alumni fundraising campaign recently stopped using a
91 paid calling service and now uses paid students, who have performed well. Deller said that one student
92 brought in about \$43,000.
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94 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON EMERITUS/A:** On behalf of the Governance
95 Council, Potacco said that the resolution she placed on the floor revises the Senate Bylaws to allow
96 nomination of a faculty member who has not yet retired (but is in the process of doing so) and for the
97 conferring of emeritus/a status posthumously. She said that the document before the Senate contains
98 underlined portions to designate insertions and bracketed portions to designate deletions. It was suggested
99 that subsections 1 and 2 be reversed so as to not imply that posthumous nomination is preminent. With
100 this amendment the resolution passed unanimously.
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102 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON EMERITA FOR PROFESSOR CATARINA**

103 **FELDMANN:** On behalf of the Governance Council, Potacco read the nomination of recently deceased
104 Professor Catarina Feldmann for emerita status into the record, concluding "...that Dr. Catarina Feldmann
105 be granted Emerita Status posthumously with all the rights and perquisites thereunto pertaining." Donna
106 Perry of the English Department said that this is the saddest moment that she has had occasion to speak
107 before the Senate and that Feldmann is missed by the members of the department and its students.
108 Wahrman said that it is a bittersweet moment, considering Feldmann's numerous contributions to the
109 institution and their friendship and that it is a tremendous loss to William Paterson. The resolution passed
110 unanimously and Schaeffer said that it will be on the agenda of the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting.
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112 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL PROGRAM CHANGE RESOLUTION – MOVEMENT**

113 **SCIENCE:** Gordon Schmidt, Chair of the Department of Exercise and Movement Science said that this

114 change affects the Bachelor of Science in Physical Education program. He said that the substance of this
115 proposed change reflects changes in NJ state requirements. He said that the specific sport courses have
116 been changed to “The teaching of...” titles. Rivela questioned the inclusion of the test and measurements
117 course and Schmidt responded that it was important to have a course specific to testing, analysis and
118 reporting of sport and fitness measures that includes graphing and presentation of statistical data. Rivela
119 suggested that an intermediate college algebra class might suffice. Potacco discussed aligning chemistry
120 and organic biochemistry courses with regards to nutrition and sport-related topics. Schmidt expressed
121 interest in such alliances. The resolution was approved unanimously.
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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE – HONORS COLLEGE PROPOSAL: Duffy said that at
123 the February 13th Senate Meeting it was decided that the Honors College GE Proposal required further
124 discussion at the departmental level before returning to the Senate floor for general discussion. Duffy said
125 that the proposal is still on the floor and that he is aware that alternate proposals are present. He said that
126 the proposal on the floor takes precedence. Rivela moved that we enter the Committee of the Whole and
127 Tardi seconded this, which passed. Wahrman said that the proposal was reviewed and approved by the
128 General Education Committee, the Undergraduate Council and the Honors College. She said that the
129 department of Languages & Cultures asked for a representative of the Honors College to answer
130 questions during their discussion. A counterproposal from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences
131 on revisions to General Education and an additional proposal to revise General Education from the GE
132 Committee were distributed. Grodner said that the GE Committee “Love of Learning” document is a
133 work in progress, submitted simply to call attention to some possible changes under discussion. Wahrman
134 said that the Biology Department discussed the Honors College Proposal in great detail and unanimously
135 approved it. Davis said that the proposal prompted a lot of discussion by the COHSS College Council and
136 Director’s Council and that there is opposition to the original proposal, specifically to the characterization
137 of the honors cohort as being too exceptional – it is felt that they share more with the larger student
138 community than is stipulated. Davis said that advisement in this proposed scheme is also problematic, and
139 that a more comprehensive reform of GE is necessary. She suggested that the proposal on the floor be
140 voted down. Steinhart said that his department opposed the proposed honors GE proposal. Tardi said that
141 departments were supposed to limit their discussion to the specifics of honors GE and not GE in general.
142 Korgen said that, despite this instruction, discussion has branched out to GE as a whole and that the two
143 topics are inseparable. Dinan admitted that the proposal would contain some problems for advisement.
144 Grodner said that the proposal should be voted down. Andreopoulos said that her department voted to
145 approve the proposal. Steinhart said that the opposition to the proposal has merit and that an alternate
146 program awaits its turn for discussion. Kaufman said that she feels that, under the proposal on the floor,
147 computer science and health & fitness courses are relegated to second class status. Bliss said that the
148 Department of Nursing approves the proposal. Stoppel reported that the Department of Communication
149 approves the proposal. Gonzalez reported that the History Department voted against the proposal and was
150 central to the development of the COHSS alternative proposal. Psychology, Music and Environmental
151 Science all approved the original proposal. Martinez said that the Department of Languages & Cultures
152 voted to reject the proposal. Thiuri asked what problem the original proposal sought to correct. Wahrman
153 said that the proposal’s approach and rationale are carefully described and that it seeks to provide greater
154 challenges and flexibility to high achieving students by opening up upper division courses to them and
155 freeing up credits. She said that currently, GE honors is inflexible and offers students few choices. Dinan
156 said that the assumption is not that GE is broken, but that it can be improved. Levitan said, as an at large
157 representative, that we need to challenge students and offer opportunities to partake of learning across the
158 curriculum. Xu said that our mission is to offer rigorous programs to challenge students and that the
159 original proposal is a good starting point to this end. Tardi said that the Sociology Department does favor
160 flexibility in honors studies but voted to reject the proposal. Davis remarked that in light of Dinan’s stated
161 reservations about advisement in the proposed program, its workability is in question. Davis said that lots
162 of students, not just honors students, get excited about programs and coursework and should have similar
163 opportunities to those in this proposal. Wahrman pointed out that additional GE electives provide a
164 measure of flexibility to departments to offer students more choices. Rivela asked that this topic be given
165 an order of the day at the next meeting.
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168 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:50 PM. The next meeting will be held on
169 Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 12:30 PM, Raubinger 101.

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171 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary

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