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4 **PRESENT:** Bing, Bolyai, Brassard (for Bareford), Bone, Catarina, Charlebois, Cunningham, DeYoung, Ferris, Gazzillo-
5 Diaz, Gillette, Godar, Gundling, S. Hahn, Hartley, Kalish, Kaplan, Kovaleski, Leung (for Kim), Levitan, Martus,
6 Mukherjee, Overdorf, Principe, Rivela, Robb, Rothman, Sesay, Speert, Stern, Stropfel, Swanson, Tardi, Thompson,
7 Tirado, Torres-DiMaio, Wagner, Wahrman, Weisberg, Weltman, Weiner (for Duffy), Xu

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9 **ABSENT:** Radev

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11 **GUESTS:** Daniel-Robinson, Horvath, Makarec, S. Miller, Potacco, Terraneo, Theus, Zeman

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13 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Wahrman called the meeting to order at 12:37 PM. Levitan and
14 Newton moved and seconded adoption of the agenda, which passed unanimously. Godar and Principe
15 moved and seconded acceptance of the minutes of the April 15, 2004 meeting and this motion also
16 passed unanimously.

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18 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Wahrman thanked Ginny Overdorf and Pixy Ferris for their service as
19 Parliamentarian, and announced that Burt Weltman had agreed to serve in this capacity for the
20 Senate session beginning in September, 2004. She thanked Burt for agreeing to serve. Wahrman
21 welcomed all the returning and new senators. Newly elected senators are Linda Gazzillo-Diaz, Arlene
22 Scala, Kathleen Korgen, Janine Swingle, Rochelle Kaplan, Lianzan Xu, and Henry Heluk. Wahrman
23 distributed a draft of the Spring 2005 Senate meeting calendar and asked everyone to review it and
24 let her know of any conflicts. Rivela suggested that the December 14 meeting be dropped as it falls in
25 examination week. Scala and Overdorf moved and seconded approval of the amended calendar.
26 Wahrman reminded everyone that a celebration in honor of Lois Wolf will be held on May 20th and
27 urged all to attend. She reminded everyone of the Senate Appreciation Luncheon to be held on April
28 29th at Hobart Manor. Wahrman introduced Sandra Deller, the new Vice President for Institutional
29 Advancement. Wahrman thanked Nancy Weiner and the Election Council for their management of the
30 recent Senate elections, noting that electronic balloting seems to be working well. Wahrman yielded
31 the floor to Mark Ellis, who asked to step down as Senate representative to the Board of Trustees
32 Minority Affairs Committee. Ellis and Wahrman said that Pixy Ferris had accepted a nomination to
33 serve in this capacity. Other nominations will be accepted and the election will be held in September.
34 Wahrman thanked the Senate representatives: Overdorf, Makarec, Godar and Ellis for their work.
35 President Speert added his thanks. Provost Sesay announced that the First Year Experience program
36 will consist of a 1.5 credit course this Fall and that FYE instructors will advise undeclared students. He
37 added that the FYE committee is working on plans to extend the class into a 2 semester offering.
38 Wahrman reported that the tabulation of the evaluation of the President, Provost, Vice-presidents and
39 Deans is complete and a committee is needed to draft the summary. Wagner and Overdorf
40 volunteered to serve. Wahrman said that she would ask others as well. Wahrman thanked the
41 outgoing Executive Committee: Ferris, Godar, Principe, Wagner and Weltman for their work and said
42 that the past year had been productive and that they considered academic issues, forwarded 7
43 program recommendations to the floor, forwarded 7 emeritus status recommendations, and added
44 the Dean's survey to the other executive evaluations. She thanked Bareford and Goldstein and their
45 committee for their hard work revising the evaluations. Wahrman reviewed several other Senate
46 activities during the past year.

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48 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Principe said that it has been a pleasure working with Wahrman and the
49 Executive Committee this year and that work with the Councils and Committees was likewise
50 rewarding. He reported that he has sent out letters to Council and Committee members asking if they
51 wish to continue to serve. He asked all faculty and professional staff to consider serving and
52 encouraged those who have never participated to serve on what he called the "backbone" of the
53 Senate.

55 Wahrman asked Overdorf for a report on the Board of Trustees Ed Policy Committee. Overdorf
56 reported that a recent meeting was positive and that they received a report on the Russ Berrie
57 Institute, which was impressive. She added that the Asian Studies major was well-received by the
58 committee.
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60 **ELECTION OF SENATE OFFICERS:** Nancy Weiner, Chair of the Elections Council, called for
61 nominations for Senate Chair. Principe nominated Wahrman. Levitan seconded. Rivela nominated
62 Dye. Gazzillo-Diaz seconded. Each nominee was accorded five minutes to speak. Dye cited her
63 experience in leading both Senate and Union, and spoke of her qualifications with respects to
64 academic and employment matters. Wahrman spoke of her accomplishments on behalf of the
65 academic mission of the University, highlighting her work on General Education. Ballots were
66 distributed and a vote taken. Wahrman won the vote and was elected Chair. Dye congratulated
67 Wahrman. Godar nominated Principe for Vice-Chair. No other nominations were heard and the
68 Secretary cast a single vote, electing Principe. Principe nominated Wagner for Secretary. No other
69 nominations were heard and the Secretary cast a single vote, electing Wagner. Duffy, Levitan and
70 Godar were nominated to serve as at large representatives to the Executive Committee. No other
71 nominations were made and the Secretary cast a single vote for each, electing them. Wahrman
72 thanked Weiner for conducting the election.
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74 **PROGRAM CHANGE, MASTERS IN EDUCATION:** Rochelle Kaplan presented a realignment of the
75 M.Ed. program reflecting the requirements of the upcoming NCATE review. A supervisory certification
76 will be a part of each concentration. Some courses will be limited to majors. The change was
77 accepted unanimously.
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79 **MINOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE:** Pam Theus of the Undergraduate Council and Karen
80 Swanson of the Department of Environmental Science and Geography moved on behalf of the Council
81 acceptance of the new minor in Environmental Science. Swanson said that several majors in other
82 fields are interested in this minor. Kaplan said that this is a welcome addition for many education
83 majors. After discussion of the prerequisites and credits offered for particular courses in the proposal
84 the resolution passed unanimously.
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86 Provost Sesay thanked Wahrman and the Executive Committee for their service and thanked Dye for
87 a commendable challenge. He added that via the Senate, our University has an active academic
88 dialog and that disagreements are settled with integrity and in a positive manner.
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90 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:41 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September
91 14, 2004 at 12:30 PM in Science 200A.
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93 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary
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