

1 WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – January 25, 2005

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4 **PRESENT:** Bhat, Brandolini (for Charlebois), Bone, Cunningham, De Young, Diaz, Duffy, Ferris, Godar, Gundling, S. Hahn, Heluk,
5 Kalish, Kaplan, Kaufman, Korgen, Lelyveld, Levitan, Liautaud (for Torres-DiMaio), Martone, Martus, Mukherjee, Murphy (for
6 Kovalski), Newton, Northington, Overdorf, Pagano, Pavese, Principe, Rivela, Robb, Scala, Stern, Stroppel. Swanson, Swingle, Tardi,
7 Thompson, Tracy (for Bareford), Wagner, Weisberg, Weltman, Xu (Wei for Lianzan)

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9 **ABSENT:** Dye, Kim, Rothman, Wahrman

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11 **GUESTS:** Ciliberti, Doyle, Fanning, S. Goldstein, McCoy, Makarec, S. Miller, Pinkston, Potacco, Schaeffer, Terraneo, Weiner, Zeman

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13 **PRELIMINARIES:** In the absence of Chairperson Wahrman, Vice-chair Principe called the meeting to
14 order at 12:35 PM. Duffy and Bone moved and seconded adoption of the agenda, which was passed
15 unanimously. Rivela and Duffy moved and seconded acceptance of the minutes of the November 23, 2004
16 meeting and this motion was likewise passed unanimously.

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18 **CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Principe announced that the *ad hoc* committee for
19 revising the evaluation of the administrators and deans has been formed and that Wartyna
20 Davis (convener), Sue Godar, Djanna Hill, Sue Tardi and Kurt Wagner will shortly begin
21 work and report back to the Senate. Principe asked the Senate to congratulate Kurt and
22 Victoria on the occasion of the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth, on January 2, 2005.
23 Principe announced that Tom Gundling, Anthropology Department, has requested a DFRAC
24 committee member from outside his department. Gundling submitted a request for Steve
25 Vail, who reported that he was qualified to assess Gundling's work. Duffy moved and Tardi seconded
26 approval of the appointment, which was unanimously approved. Principe announced the results of the
27 recent Sabbatical Leave Committee elections: Arts & Communication, Liz Birge; Business, Sue Godar;
28 Education, Dorothy Feola; HSS, Barbara Parker; Science & Health, no nomination; At large, Dianna Peck;
29 Library, Bill Duffy. Principe mentioned that an announcement had just gone out via e-mail about a series of
30 campus forums to discuss the use of armed security forces on campus. He urged everyone to attend a
31 forum and participate in the discussion. Ginny Overdorf reported on the November 16, 2004 meeting of the
32 Board of Trustees Educational Policy Committee Meeting. She said that the committee discussed changing
33 the name of the Applied Chemistry program to simply "Chemistry". She said that department chair Girardi
34 reports that all necessary course and program changes have been made to accommodate this, and that
35 enrollment has been consistent. Makarec and Ferris reported on the November 17, 2005 meeting of the
36 Board of Trustees Student Affairs and Minority Affairs joint committee meeting. Makarec said that arming of
37 campus police was the major topic discussed and that current policy was that they are armed as needed
38 and with approval. Campus police, it was said, have been armed since the October 2 shooting incident and
39 will be armed as the matter is further discussed. Other topics discussed were work on commuter issues and
40 NJ Transit service improvements, a \$12,000 alcohol education grant being used by Glen Sherman of
41 Counseling, Health & Wellness to do preventative education, and the need for improved campus lighting
42 and signage in some areas. Ferris said that a new director of EOF has been hired and that the fall 2003 EOF
43 cohort one-year retention rate was 76.1%. Further discussion of the arming of campus police ensued.
44 Schaeffer asked that the minutes reflect that the Board of Trustees and the President seek campus input on
45 this topic. Tardi said that she recalled a Board member saying that the task force would not make
46 recommendations to the Board. Schaeffer said that community input is solicited. Hahn clarified that the
47 administration created this task force, not the Board. Weltman said that confrontational incidents increased
48 at Rutgers University after their campus police armed themselves. Principe encouraged everyone to attend
49 the forums and let their views be heard. He thanked Overdorf, Makarec and Ferris for their reports. Godar
50 reported on the November 18, 2004 meeting of Board of Trustees Finance and Audit Committee at which it
51 was announced that about \$30 million has been borrowed by the University for new residence halls and
52 road construction. She said that enrollment was up 1.8% and that the process of selecting an architect for
53 the renovation of the Science Building was underway. Principe announced that the College of Business has
54 a new department: Professional Sales, and that they have nominated a representative to the Senate,
55 Professor Richard Plank. Godar moved and Duffy seconded approval of Plank's nomination, and this passed
56 unanimously. Principe said that after discussion with Wahrman, it was proposed to cancel the February 22
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64 Senate meeting. Godar moved and Tardi seconded this. Bone suggested relocating the February 8 meeting
65 to Valley Road. The motion passed unanimously. Principe asked for a moment of silence to respect the
66 victims of the Indonesian tsunami. Bone said that the Asian Studies department is organizing a relief effort.
67 Principe reported that at last semester's meeting of the chairs of Senate councils and committees with the
68 Executive Committee it is obvious that a substantial amount of work goes on at these councils and
69 committees that improves the University. He congratulated everyone who takes part.

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71 **ALCOHOL SOCIAL NORMS PROJECT:** Glen Sherman (Counseling, Health & Wellness) and Joanna
72 Hayden (Community Health) presented the findings of a survey of student alcohol use done in spring 2004.
73 The result is that only about a third of WP students consume alcohol at all, and of those, two thirds
74 consume less than three drinks per week. Additionally, 60% of those who drink do not participate in binge
75 drinking. The project seeks to publicize these findings, emphasizing that students here drink much less than
76 is commonly perceived. Tardi mentioned that students sometimes boast about drinking and asked what can
77 be done about this. Martone said that these students should be referred to his office for consultation.
78 Kaplan asked if the survey considers student drug use. Sherman said that a future version of the survey will
79 incorporate such questions. Scala suggested that we promote high standards of conduct in classes and
80 raise student expectations.

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82 **RESOLUTION ON ADJUNCT FACULTY REPRESENTATION ON SENATE COUNCILS AND**
83 **COMMITTEES:** Donna Potacco, on behalf of the Governance Council moved that Senate Bylaws be
84 amended to allow an adjunct faculty representative on Senate councils and committees. Weltman said that
85 this resolution needs to include the exact language proposed before it can be voted upon. Kaplan
86 suggested that the current council and committee organization should be able to include adjuncts and that
87 a special constituency is not needed. Tardi said that as of 1/10/05 there are 548 adjuncts and that they
88 taught 376 sections of General Education courses in fall 2004 and that they deserve an independent voice.
89 Pavese thanked Potacco and Dye for their support of adjunct concerns and that having an adjunct
90 representative on the Faculty Senate has already increased morale. The exact language of the bylaws
91 change was discussed and the matter was returned to Council for clarification. Principe said that the
92 resolution, with suggested language, will be taken up at the February 8 Senate meeting.

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94 **RESOLUTION ON SENATE CANDIDATES' BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENTS:** On behalf of the
95 Governance Council, Donna Potacco presented a resolution to amend the Senate Bylaws to provide the
96 option for Senate candidates to submit at 150 word (max) biography and/or statement with their
97 nomination and that this be posted on the Senate web page and the online voting page. It was again
98 pointed out that for a bylaws change, the exact proposed new language is required. Principe asked
99 Weltman to meet with the Governance Council to help work out the bylaws amendments. Godar moved and
100 Duffy seconded that this be sent back to the Council, and this was accepted with one abstention. There was
101 a discussion about whether it was right to include links to faculty web pages and whether this was fair, as
102 not all faculty have such pages.

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104 **ADJOURNMENT:** At 1:43 Levitan moved to adjourn and Principe declared the meeting closed. The next
105 meeting will be Tuesday, February 8, 12:30 PM at **Valley Road, 1016-17.**

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107 Respectfully submitted: Kurt W. Wagner, Secretary
108 Senate minutes: <http://www.wpunj.edu/senate/minutes.htm>