

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2005

PRESENT: Bhat, Bone, Charlebois, Cunningham, Diaz, Duffy, Ferris, Godar, Gundling, Heluk, Kalish, Kaplan, Kaufman, Kim, Korgen, Kovaleski, Levitan, Martus, Mukherjee, Nemeroff (for Swingle), Newton, Northington, Overdorf, Pagano (for Hartley), Pavese, Potacco (for Dye), Rivela, Robb, Rothman, Scala, Schwartz (for Wagner), Speert, Stern, Stroppel, Swanson, Tardi, Thompson, Torres-DiMaio, Tracey (for Bareford), Wahrman, Weisberg, Weltman, Xu

ABSENT: Gehrman, Principe, Sesay

GUESTS: Agard-Jones, Bolyai, Chadda, Ciliberti, Daniel-Robinson, DeYoung, Feola, Hahn, Gillette, Goldstein, Gulbranson, Lelyveld, McKoy, Miller, Nag, Seal, Schaeffer, Wang, Zeff, Zeman

PRELIMINARIES: Chairperson Wahrman called the Senate to order at 12:40. The Agenda, moved and seconded by Godar and Ferris, was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the January 25, 2005 meeting, moved by Duffy and Bone, were also accepted unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Wahrman noted that for the first time in some years the 2004 Yearbook devoted a page to the Faculty Senate.

Feola announced that the Sixth Annual Graduate Studies Forum would be held on March 3rd in Room 2002 of the Valley Road Building. The topic will be "The Capstone Experience in Graduate Education."

The Task Force on Security on Campus, co-chaired by C. Flint and L. Newton III (student), held two poorly-attended forums on the topic of arming the campus police. More meetings will be scheduled; student input is needed.

Senator Dye is on medical leave this semester. The Executive Committee nominated D. Potacco (the runner-up in the last at-large election) to replace her. The confirmation vote will be held next meeting.

Wahrman urged all councils to forward resolutions to the Executive Committee ASAP. There are only a few meetings left on the Senate calendar

Overdorf announced that the Assessment Committee will hold a Forum on Program Assessment on April 1st. Details to follow.

S. Vail described the work of the Research Council. This year it has altered its usual format and will hold a Forum on College-Based-Institutes as ways of providing research opportunities. It will be held on April 14th during Common Hour.

ADMISSIONS AND ACADEMIC STANDARDS: Korgen and Stroppel reported that high achievers were up in numbers. Kim asked why international students were not increasing. McCoy spoke of the expense involved, and that the yields are not high. There are efforts to improve relationships with community colleges (which typically have more foreign students), and that faculty recruitment efforts and guidance receptions continue.

Tardi asked that J. Ortiz (Office of International Students) be invited to address the Senate and take questions. Kaufman wondered why Undeclared students were up, and noted that there is danger that students will not get important courses if their advisement isn't done by professors in their majors.

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: Potacco resumed discussion of the much-amended resolution on defining Adjuncts (for Senate membership and elections purposes). The resolution will be voted on for the final time at the next meeting. Discussion then continued on the resolution allowing candidates in Senate elections to post biographical or other statements (limited to 150 words) on the appropriate Senate webpages. The resolution was approved unanimously.

LIB-QUAL SURVEY: Anne Ciliberti, Director of the Library, described the upcoming Lib-Qual Survey. This nationally normed diagnostic survey will also be conducted by about a dozen other libraries in the State. It will provide information about the quality of library service, areas for improvement, and even attempts to find out why some people are non-users of the Library. 25% of the WPU staff and 20% of the students will be randomly selected. Faculty are asked to urge those who receive an invitation to participate to complete the survey.

ASIAN STUDIES: M. Chadda and G. Wang presented a variety of reasons why it is imperative for WPU students to take Asian Studies courses, and described their program. Several senators expressed concerns regarding inadequate interfacing with their departments. Wang and Chadda said that some of the issues had already been addressed, and the others would be considered.

ADJOURNMENT: The Senate adjourned at 1:45. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 12:30 PM in Raubinger 101.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Duffy, Quondam Secretary