

4 **PRESENT:** Barnes, Betances, Bhat, Bolyai, Bone, Cunningham, De Young, Diaz, Duffy, Ferris, Fuller-Stanley, Godar, M. Goldstein,  
5 Gulbranson, Haines, Hahn, Heluk, Jemmott, Kalish, Kaplan, Kaufman, Kovaleski, Kim, Korgen, Leung, Levitan, Liautaud, Makarec,  
6 Martus, Mills, Mukherjee, Overdorf, Pavese, Plank, Pollak, Potacco, Rivela, Romero, Rothman, Scala, Speert, Stroppel, K. Swanson, P.  
7 Swanson, Tardi, Tesfaye (for Davis), Thompson, Thiuri, Tirado, Tracy, Wagner, Wahrman, Weisberg, Weltman, Xu, Yildiz  
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9 **ABSENT:** none  
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11 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Duffy called the meeting to order at 12:37 PM. The proposed agenda, moved  
12 and seconded by Rivela and Martus, was approved unanimously. The minutes of the November 8 meeting,  
13 moved and seconded by Goldstein and Thiuri, were also approved unanimously.  
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15 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Duffy reported that Wartyna Davis is on medical leave and that she is looking forward to  
16 returning in the Fall. He reported that Aaron Tesfaye has been selected to represent Political Science during  
17 Davis' absence. Duffy said that Davis' spot on the Executive Committee should be filled and that a request for  
18 nominations had been made via the Senate listserv. He said that Ferris and Scala had been nominated and  
19 asked for additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Duffy asked Ray Schwartz, Chair of the  
20 Elections Council, to conduct a paper ballot and Ferris was elected to the Executive Committee. Duffy reviewed  
21 the results of the recent UPC, UFRAC and PSPC elections *to wit:* (UPC) Lazarus (Arts & Comm), Teng  
22 (Business), Danzinger (Education), Rabbitt (Humanities & Social Science), Vail (Science & Health), Burns & E.  
23 Goldstein (At-large); (UFRAC) Falk Romaine (Arts & Comm), Xu (Business), M. Goldstein (Education), Parras  
24 (Humanities & Social Science), Blonna (Science & Health), Silverstein & Tardi (At-large); PSPC B. Harris,  
25 Liautaud, Ortiz, & Sgro. Weisberg delivered a summary of the 11/7 Board Finance & Audit Committee meeting.  
26 He said that current enrollment is 11,078 (a decrease of about 400 from the previous semester). He reported  
27 that the shortfall equates to about a million dollars in lost revenue. He reported that it is expected that  
28 financial reserves should offset the loss but that the administration suggests that new searches be postponed  
29 and expenditures scaled back. Weisberg reported that there have been delays in campus construction projects  
30 and a \$3.5 million increase in costs due to the removal of more rock than anticipated and weather delays.  
31 Hahn pointed out that the University's regular operations budget is separate from the construction budget, and  
32 that operations will not be affected by cost increases in construction. Weltman asked if current searches will  
33 be affected, and Hahn replied that these will proceed. Bolyai said that an additional 100 students have been  
34 registered for Spring and that no budget adjustments will be made until final enrollment numbers are in. Duffy  
35 reported that a report from admissions/enrollment will be coming at a January Senate meeting. De Young  
36 asked if wireless internet access was a part of the Student Center renovations. Bolyai said that he did not  
37 know for certain but thought that wireless was included. He said that the enrollment goal of 12,000 might not  
38 be met next year but that it remained a target. Bolyai lamented that campus construction projects created an  
39 unsightly campus at present but that they also indicated progress. Kaplan asked if other institutions were  
40 experiencing enrollment decreases. Bolyai said that he thinks it is due to local factors. Kaufman suggested that  
41 pre-set freshman schedules might deter potential students. Scala reported that first year students seem to  
42 appreciate the assigned schedule. Thompson reported that students complain about it. Duffy thanked  
43 Weisberg for the report.  
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45 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Korgen announced that Bill Duffy had been nominated to serve as Senate  
46 representative to the William Paterson Foundation. Godar seconded this and it was approved unanimously.  
47 Korgen nominated Rosenthal (Elem. & Early Childhood Ed.) to serve on the Advisement and Registration  
48 Council, and this was approved unanimously. Korgen reported that the recent luncheon meeting with the  
49 chairs of the Councils and Committees and the Executive Committee went well and that there will be more  
50 reports from the various groups in the Spring semester. Korgen announced that there will be a Provost-  
51 sponsored Basic Skills Forum on February 2 at Valley Road and urged participation by all departments. She  
52 thanked Rochelle Kaplan for her support of this. Korgen said that everyone needs to support work to increase  
53 basic skills. Duffy said that there will be more information to come on this and that every effort must be made  
54 to increase students' preparedness for college work.  
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56 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL RESOLUTION:** Diana Peck discussed the efforts of the Communication  
57 Department to reorganize their curriculum and formalize the Concentrations in Communication. Levitan said  
58 that this is a terrific improvement. Peck introduced Joann Lee, the new Chair of Communication. Wahrman  
59 asked whether the changes can be supported with current staffing. Peck said that full staffing of existing lines  
60 is needed, and that for the major to grow new lines will be needed. She added that existing lines often go  
61 unfilled for a long time. Rivela asked if a student majoring in something other than Communication can take a  
62 concentration. Peck said that there is no official minor in communication but that all students are welcome to  
63 take courses in the department as long as prerequisites are met. Kim asked about credit requirements and  
64 what does the degree prepare students for. Peck said that it is a 39 credit major and that graduates work in a  
65 variety of fields from human resources to advertising and broadcasting. The resolution was approved  
66 unanimously.

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68 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL RESOLUTION:** Darlene Russell (Secondary & Middle School Ed) discussed  
69 the K-12 Certification, Secondary Education Subject Field proposal. She said that the 30 credit program in  
70 place currently will receive a new social reconstructionism focus, earlier and more complete technology  
71 infusion, and more emphasis on collaboration both within the College and outside. Wahrman asked for an  
72 explanation of reconstructionism and Russell said that it is the notion that schools are the agent of change in  
73 the world and that through schools and education the world can be improved socially and politically. After a  
74 brief discussion of the forms of collaborative teaching the resolution passed unanimously.  
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76 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION ON HIRING:** The Senate returned to the Committee of the  
77 Whole for discussion of the Executive Committee Resolution to amend the Employee Process Guidelines.  
78 Goldstein said that general discussion on the issue is necessary. Weltman asked if there had been any  
79 discussion of this since the last meeting. Duffy said that there had been none. Pavese recommended adoption  
80 of the first resolution, amended to address the Office of the Provost rather than the Board of Trustees. Hahn  
81 said that the main objection to the original resolution was that it was addressed to the Board. Duffy explained  
82 that the second resolution (to form a task force to study the issues) was meant to address the issue more  
83 broadly. Weltman said that the first resolution clearly identifies the issues that need attention and is a very  
84 rational proposal. He added that a task force may still be convened to track the issue. Pollak said that adoption  
85 of the task force resolution would effectively bury the issue. Rivela moved to come out of the Committee of  
86 the Whole. There was no objection. The Executive Committee put the 2<sup>nd</sup> resolution (task force) on the floor,  
87 which failed with two ayes. Diaz moved to present the first resolution, amended to change the destination to  
88 the Provost's Office. The motion was seconded by Pavese. After discussion Rivela called the question and with  
89 one abstention the motion passed.  
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91 **ADJOURNMENT:** Levitan moved to adjourn. The Senate adjourned at 1:40 PM. The next meeting will be held  
92 on Tuesday, January 24 at 12:30PM in Raubinger 101.  
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94 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary