

1 WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY – **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES** – February 28, 2006

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4 **PRESENT:** Betances, Bhat, Bliss, Bone, Clancy (for Kovalesky), Diaz, Duffy, Dye, Godar, M. Goldstein, Griswold (for Heluk), S.
5 Hahn, Kaplan, Kaufman, Kim, Korgen, Levitan, Makarec, Martus, Mills (SGA), Mosby (for Liautaud), Mukherjee, Nacin (for Kalish),
6 Pavese, Pollak, Potacco, Rivela, Speert, Stroppel, K. Swanson, P. Swanson, Swingle, Tardi, Tesfaye, Thompson, Thiuri, Wagner,
7 Wahrman, Weisberg, Weltman, Xu, Yildiz

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9 **ABSENT:** Plank, Rothman, Scala, Traore

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11 **GUESTS:** Agard-Jones, Betts, Bolyai, Ciliberti, De Young, Dinan, Fuller-Stanley, S. Goldstein, E. Gonzalez, Gulbranson, Jemmott,
12 Martone, S. Miller, Schaeffer, Tirado, Vicari, Williams

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14 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Duffy called the meeting to order at 12:39 PM. Sue Dinan, Director of the
15 Honors College, distributed a newsletter and Honors College Student Handbook. The proposed agenda was
16 moved and seconded by Godar and Martus. M. Goldstein asked that every effort be made to work on all agenda
17 items, particularly those involving curriculum changes. Weltman suggested amending the agenda so that the
18 Graduate Council item is dealt with before anything else. Godar expressed this in terms of a motion to amend,
19 seconded by Bliss. With one nay the motion passed. The minutes of the February 14th meeting were moved and
20 seconded by Kim and Weisberg and approved unanimously.

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22 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Duffy asked Bone to report on his recent athletic accomplishment. Bone said that in a
23 recent competition he won the world championship indoor rowing competition in his age category. S. Miller
24 announced that her call for focus group volunteers was answered by about 65 members of the faculty, and she
25 expressed thanks. Duffy asked approval for a DFRAC for Joanne Cunningham. Tardi commented that small
26 departments without enough tenured faculty routinely need to have Senate approval for committees that include
27 members from other departments. Duffy said that Pollak, Flynt and McClean had agreed to serve, and this was
28 passed unanimously. Duffy discussed a request from Allison Boucher for a Senate representative for an anti-
29 smoking task force that she is forming. He said that Levitan has agreed to serve. Levitan announced that there
30 are three contested seats on the AFT Career Development Committee and that there will be elections for the
31 professional staff, College of Humanities and Social Science, and College of Arts and Communication positions.
32 She noted that this will be a paper ballot and that it will take place today in the AFT office in Hunziker Hall.
33 Levitan said that this was the most contested election in about ten years. Duffy announced that despite the extra
34 meeting on May 2 being approved at the February 14 Senate meeting, a number of members have said that due
35 to schedule conflicts they will not be able to attend. He asked if May 9 is a better date. A straw poll was taken
36 and more people would be forced to miss a May 9 meeting, so the extra meeting on May 2 was upheld. Duffy
37 announced that the Research Council will present University Research Day on Thursday, April 20 to showcase
38 WPUNJ research efforts. He said that March 3 is the deadline to submit abstracts to Martin Williams. Duffy said
39 that a memorial service for Amy Job will be held on Tuesday, March 14 in the Library Auditorium. He said that
40 there will be speakers and prayers led by Philip Thiuri. Sue Godar reported on a recent meeting of the Board of
41 Trustees Finance and Audit Committee. She said that the renovation and expansion of the Science Building was
42 discussed and that 60,000 sq. ft. of space will be added and the project's cost will be about \$85 million. Godar
43 continued with more discussion of the budget problems, citing a \$3.3 million deficit for the current fiscal year.
44 Hahn said that expenditures are being curtailed but that purchases necessary for teaching are allowed. Kim
45 asked Hahn if there is any idea of how next year's budget will shape up. Bolyai expressed concern about State
46 support and that the Governor should reveal some budget strategies on March 21. Levitan asked about the
47 layout of the Science building addition and Bolyai said that this will be toward the former parking lot in the area
48 between the Student Center and Ben Shahn. Bolyai said that the architect's plans will be available on the
49 University web page within the next few months.

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51 **VICE CHAIR'S REPORT:** Korgen said that the recent CTE and GE Committee panel discussion on teaching GE
52 courses was very good. She encouraged everyone to attend the April 7 Assessment Committee forum "Closing
53 the Loop: Using Assessment Data for Program Improvement," which will be held from 9 AM to 12 PM at Valley
54 Road. Korgen encouraged everyone working on program proposals and revisions to get the work concluded,
55 through the councils and sent on to the Senate office as quickly as possible in order to make it onto an upcoming
56 agenda.

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58 **GRADUATE COUNCIL – SPECIAL ED & COUNSELING PROGRAMS:** Peter Griswold presented three
59 proposals on behalf of the Department of Special Education & Counseling and the Graduate Council. They were a
60 Dual Endorsement Program in Elementary Education K-5 and Special Education, a Single Endorsement Program
61 in Special Education, and the Alternate Route Single Endorsement Program in Special Education. He said that
62 there is a great local demand for graduates of these programs and their development is in response to revisions
63 in state licensure requirements for special education teachers. The first two proposals were approved without
64 discussion. Concerning the proposed Alternate Route program there was discussion over how it differs from the
65 other programs. Griswold explained the parallels between it and the similar program for elementary education
66 certification. With one abstention, the proposal passed.

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68 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL – EMERITUS DR. JEAN WERTH:** Potacco read the nomination on behalf of the
69 Department of Biology and the Governance Council, requesting that Professor Jean Werth be granted Emerita
70 Status with all the rights and perquisites thereunto appertaining. Wahrman spoke in support of the nomination,
71 citing 20 years of sharing a laboratory and numerous research and publication collaborations. She said that
72 Werth was an outstanding colleague and productive member of the University. Dye spoke in favor of Werth,
73 saying that she was an active proponent of curriculum development and served as a vice-president of the union
74 local. Dye praised Werth as one who completed projects, was easy to work with and made significant
75 contributions to the University. Thiuri said that although he was not familiar with Werth's work, he found her to
76 be a congenial colleague. The nomination was approved unanimously.

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78 **RESEARCH COUNCIL REPORT ON NEW IRB POLICY:** Martus and Williams continued a presentation
79 on the updated policies. The Research Council has presented a resolution to the Senate to approve "Policy
80 on Human Subject Research at William Paterson University." Tardi asked for clarification whether this
81 reflects federal regulations and who has to take part. Hahn said that this is still being studied. Williams said
82 that researcher certification is required of those using human subjects, including faculty teaching research
83 that involves human subjects. He said that research sponsors need to be certified. Weltman asked for a
84 citation of federal regulations. William said that student teaching and practicums as assigned by the College
85 of Education are exempt, as is everything that occurs in the course of regular classroom activity. Tardi
86 asked about the exact numbers of faculty that will be required to be certified. Jemmott suggested that a
87 'train the trainer' approach might be adopted so that certification can be done locally. Tardi asked if the
88 administration will appoint coordinators and Jemmott replied that this is a department-level decision.
89 Williams explained that each institution decides what type and method of certification they want. Tardi
90 suggested that this needs further discussion in the departments. Williams said that there are research
91 proposals pending and that for their approval we have to have a certification plan in place. Betts said that
92 the most substantial change in the policy is the training requirement, which is not defined in the policy. He
93 said that the details of implementation can be worked out later. Godar mentioned that she took the
94 certification exam, which lasted over two hours. Weltman pointed out that there is a motion on the floor to
95 approve the resolution, and that implementation is not a part of the discussion. With 11 abstentions the
96 motion passed with 28 ayes.

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98 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:34 PM. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 28,
99 2006 at Valley Road, room 1016.