

1 WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – March 28, 2006

2 SENATE WEB PAGE: <http://www.wpunj.edu/senate> --- E-mail discussion: facultysenate@list.wpunj.edu

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4 **PRESENT:** Barnes, Betances, Bhat, Bliss, Bone, Diaz, Duffy, Dye, Ferris, Godar, Goldstein, Kalish, Kaplan, Kaufman, Kim, Korgen,
5 Levitan, Liautaud, Makarec, Martus, Mills (SGA), Mukherjee, Pavese, Peterson (for Plank), Pollak, Potacco, Rivela, Rothman, Scala,
6 Stroppel, K. Swanson, P. Swanson, Swingle, Tardi, Tesfaye, Thompson, Thiuri, Wagner, Wahrman, Weil, Weisberg, Weltman, Xu,
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9 **ABSENT:** Heluk, Kovaleski, Traore

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11 **GUESTS:** Agard-Jones, Bolyai, Boucher, Daniel-Robinson, De Young, Dinan, Evangelista, Fuller-Stanley, Gonzalez, M. Hahn, S.
12 Hahn, Jemmott, Kashyap, Leung, Risley, Rosenthal, Schaeffer, Schmidt, Seal, Tirado, Trelisky, Vicari, Zeff, Zeman

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14 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Duffy called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM. Korgen moved to amend the proposed
15 agenda to delete item E (Undergraduate Council – K-12 Social Studies Certification – Social Studies Core). Godar
16 seconded this and the amended agenda was adopted. Makarec and Godar moved and seconded approval of the
17 minutes of the February 28, 2006 Senate meeting and this was also approved with no objection.

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19 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Duffy introduced Ed Weil, the new Provost and Senior Vice-president for Academic Affairs. Weil
20 thanked the Senate for its welcome and said that his first week on campus has been enjoyable. Weil spoke about the
21 current budget crisis and distributed copies of emails that Speert sent to the university community on March 23 and to
22 all students on March 27. He reviewed the facts: a \$4.2 million deficit and withdrawal of state funding of the salary
23 and benefits programs. Weil said that the university administration is encouraging an appropriate response from
24 campus groups. He said that in today's Star Ledger Governor Corzine seemed to retreat slightly from his position
25 which created the crisis. Weil said that he is in the process of getting to know the university and meet as many people
26 as possible. He said that he is deferring one-on-one appointments for the time being in favor of meetings with groups
27 like the Dean's Council, Chair's Council and Director's Council. He said that meetings with individual departments may
28 have to wait until the fall semester. Weil thanked Duffy for giving him the opportunity to speak. Kim asked whether
29 there was a rationale for why some universities are being hurt more or less than we are. Weil and Bolyai responded
30 that each university has a unique mix of funding and revenue and that the cuts are not proportional to the size of the
31 institution. On behalf of the Executive Committee, Duffy presented a resolution that commended Steve Hahn for his
32 services to the university as Interim Provost. The resolution passed unanimously. Duffy proposed an additional
33 resolution urging the Governor to restore FY06-07 funding to at least the FY05-06 levels. Dye commented that the
34 resolution covers all points and suggested that it be amended to include something about asking the college and
35 university presidents to bring the resolution to their own faculty senate meetings. Pollak suggested sending the
36 resolution to the press. Zeman offered assistance in this. Martus observed that we are suffering due to problems at
37 UMDNJ and that we should not ask for a return to last year's budget but instead ask for a reasonable increase in
38 funding. Schaeffer suggested different wording with regards to the withdrawal of funding of the salary program. Bolyai
39 suggested adding "plus restoration of full funding of the salary program." Weisberg suggested adding the phrase "as
40 agreed in the negotiated contract with the state." There was unanimous approval of the resolution. Tardi said to be
41 careful in how discussion of salary is worded. Duffy said that he will redraft the resolution to include the suggested
42 amendments. Duffy announced that Karen Swanson requested formation of a DAC committee consisting of Richard
43 Pardi, Kevin Martus, and Michael Sebetich. This was moved and seconded by Goldstein and Tardi and approved
44 unanimously. Provost Weil announced that nominations are open for Faculty/Librarian Excellence Awards.

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46 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Korgen announced that the faculty, librarians and professional staff can volunteer for
47 service on senate councils and committees via an online form. She said that the form is available on the Senate web
48 page. Korgen announced that Research and Scholarship Day is April 20 and encouraged everyone to participate and
49 attend. Korgen reminded everyone that the Assessment Committee is holding its annual workshop, this year titled:
50 "Closing the Loop: Using Assessment Data for Program Improvement" on April 7 from 9:00 to 11:30 AM in Valley 2012.
51 Julie Rosenthal provided an update on Banner. She said that as of the Fall 2006 semester Banner will replace SIS and
52 that the master schedule will no longer be printed but will be available online via Banner. She said that social security
53 numbers will be replaced by Banner ID as the students' main identifier. She added that Banner provides better
54 integration of HR, student, and class information in one application with 24/7 access. She said that course information
55 can be posted along with the schedule of offerings. Levitan commented that updated syllabi are sometimes not ready
56 until shortly before a class begins. Rosenthal said that this information in Banner is completely at the discretion of the
57 instructor. Kim asked how much money is saved by not printing the master schedule. Evangelista said that this figure
58 is about \$24,000 and that an abbreviated reference guide is still being published. Bliss said that as more resources
59 move to the web, departments bear more of the cost of printing. Scala asked how students are notified of their

60 Banner ID. Evangelista said that it is sent to them in the mail and is also available via a link in WPCconnect. He added
61 that the first semester will have wrinkles and that he appreciates everyone's patience and assistance during the
62 transition. Trelisky said that Banner Student is currently online. Kaplan asked how graduate students are handled.
63 Trelisky said that grad students use their birth date as alternate PIN and that everyone receives a mailgram with this
64 information. She said that all students receive the 855 number but that SSN is still used for the purpose of financial aid
65 and other programs. She said that after registration there will be workshops in April and May. Evangelista said to be
66 careful about oversubscription to classes. Korgen concluded by saying that the deadline to volunteer for Councils and
67 Committees is May 2.

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69 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL – BS IN EXERCISE SCIENCE – PHYSIOLOGY CONCENTRATION:** Gordon
70 Schmidt described the program change resolution put forward on behalf of the Undergraduate Council. He said that
71 the proposal changes the BS-Physical Education Exercise Physiology concentration to a BS-Exercise Science Exercise
72 Physiology concentration. He said that the restructuring of the program allows practitioners to work in a variety of
73 rehabilitation, gymnasium and training careers. Schmidt identified one error where a 9 and 0 were transposed in
74 details of credit requirements. The resolution passed unanimously.

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76 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL – CONCENTRATION IN MARKETING:** Rajiv Kashyap described the program
77 change resolution put forward on behalf of the Undergraduate Council. He said that four courses will be added to the
78 list of electives which will benefit students by broadening their career options. He added that it will increase their
79 networking opportunities and that it will require no additional resources or commitments from the department. The
80 resolution passed unanimously.

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82 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL – CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT RESOLUTION:** On behalf of the Governance Council,
83 Donna Potacco presented a resolution to insert procedures for proposing amendments. The resolution passed
84 unanimously.

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86 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL – RESOLUTION ON VICE CHAIRPERSON:** On behalf of the Governance Council,
87 Donna Potacco presented a resolution to amend the Senate Bylaws with a description of the duties of the Vice-
88 Chairperson. The resolution passed unanimously.

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90 **MARTY HAHN – SCIENCE BUILDING:** Hahn said that the full presentation was made to the Board of Trustees
91 several weeks back and that he will show some selected Powerpoint slides, summarize the project, and answer
92 questions. [Full presentation is at <http://www.wpunj.edu/senate/hahnMarch2006.ppt>] He showed the project's vision
93 statement and said that the new science facility needs to adequately serve the vision. He said that there was a group
94 of WP faculty and staff working with the HOK architectural firm and that part of their research was to see what other
95 facilities looked like. Hahn said that he has been the 'shepherd' of the project and that Lance Risley will continue in
96 this role. He showed slides of Rowan University's facilities. He said that HOK has a long list of notable academic
97 clients. He said that they are working with the assumption that this will be an \$85 million project resulting in a center
98 for advanced science education. Hahn said that the project will reallocate present space, completely refurbish existing
99 facilities and add new labs and classrooms. Weisberg asked where the funding for this will come from. Hahn said that
100 this will be funded by the University from bonds. Bolyai said that the project cannot wait for a state bond and that we
101 must take care of this ourselves. Pavese asked how the current budget crisis affects this project. Bolyai said that this
102 project's funding doesn't come from the state, and so it is not affected. Ferris said that a webcam showing the
103 project's progress would be a very good idea. Duffy thanked Hahn and Risley for their presentation.

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105 **NEW BUSINESS:** Weltman asked about the schedule for evaluation of the administrators. Duffy said that the
106 evaluation will be conducted in the fall semester. Levitan said that work is progressing on an anti-smoking campaign
107 and a survey is being conducted. She said that the university needs to work to comply with the law against smoking
108 within 25 feet of a public building. Martus asked everyone to reply to the Research Council's survey.

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110 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary