

4 **PRESENT:** Barnes, Bhat, Bliss (for Tracy), Bone (for Finnegan), Boroznoff, Cho, Ferris, Gazzillo-Diaz, Godar,
5 Goldstein, Jackson, Joslin (for Grodner), Kalish, Kaufman, Kim, Korgen, Levitan, Liautaud, Mbogoni,
6 Makarec, Martinez, Martus, Pavese, Plank, Pollak, Potacco, Rivela, Rothman, Schwartz (for Wagner), Singh,
7 Speert, Stroppe, P. Swanson, Swingle, Tardi, Tesfaye, Thompson, Thiuri, Verdicchio, Wahrman, Weil,
8 Weisberg, Weltman, Xu, Yildiz, Nancy Weiner (for Duffy)
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10 **ABSENT:** Betances, Plank, K. Swanson
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12 **GUESTS:** Agard-Jones, Bolyai, Boucher, Daniel-Robinson, DeYoung, Gulbranson, Heluk, Jemmott, Lelyveld,
13 Leung, Miller, Scala, Schaeffer, Schmidt, Seal, Terraneo, Vicari, Zeman
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15 **PRELIMINARIES:** Vice-Chair Kathleen Korgen called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. Martus moved
16 acceptance of the agenda and it was unanimously approved. Wahrman asked that the minutes of the prior
17 meeting be amended at line 76 to include the discussion on adding additional classes to the list. Ferris
18 moved and Wahrman seconded the revised minutes which were approved unanimously.
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20 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Reports were presented by the liaisons to Board of Trustees committees. As the
21 Educational Policy and Student Affairs committees met jointly, Wahrman and Makarec gave similar reports,
22 emphasizing that everyone should read the Middle States Periodic Review Report (PRR), particularly in
23 reference to assessment. Also they reported that new strategies are being developed for student
24 recruitment by Enrollment Management and that faculty may be asked to play an increased role to assist in
25 those efforts. Wahrman also reminded Senators of the Safe Haven program on April 26. Godar reported on
26 the Finance and Audit committee meeting, stating that the budget showed a potential shortfall of \$14
27 million for next year. She also stated that faculty may want to encourage their students to attend the tuition
28 hearing scheduled for April 27. Pavese asked about the reason for the budget deficit and Godar stated that
29 it was due to a reduction in State funding. Speert stated that the Board meeting scheduled for June 24 has
30 been rescheduled for July 5 as State funding would not be known until then. In response to a question by
31 Kim seeking clarification of the budget shortfall amounts, Speert explained that \$4.2 was a cut in
32 appropriate, \$4.2 was for the salary program, \$3.6 was for fringe benefits, and \$2.0 was a standard budget
33 approximation at this time of the year.
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35 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Korgen reminded everyone that faculty were still needed to teach First Year
36 Seminar classes for the fall. Also, she encouraged people to apply for Senate committees and councils. She
37 reminded people of the special Senate meeting scheduled for May 2nd.
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39 **ELECTIONS:** Ray Schwartz of the Elections Council conducted the elections for officers for the new
40 Senate. Bill Duffy was nominated by Ferris and the nomination was seconded by Levitan. As there were no
41 other nominees, the acting secretary cast a vote. Pavese nominated and Tardi seconded David Weisberg for
42 Vice-Chair. As there were no other nominees, the acting secretary cast a vote. Kurt Wagner's nomination for
43 Secretary was made by Godar and seconded by Bliss. As there were no other nominees, the acting secretary
44 cast a vote. For the Executive Committee, the following nominations (nominator/seconded) were received:
45 Kevin Martus (Rivela/Gazzillo-Diaz), Terry Finnegan (Tardi/Thiuri), Pixy Ferris (Korgen/Weisberg), Kathleen
46 Korgen (Ferris/Weisberg). Godar moved and Korgen seconded the dispensing of the caucus. Gazzillo-Diaz
47 moved and Godar seconded a motion that each candidate present a short campaign speech. Each
48 candidate did so, with a statement for Finnegan read by Weltman. Godar gave an explanation of the role of
49 members of the Executive Committee. Ferris, Korgen, and Martus were elected.
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51 **GRADUATE COUNCIL:** Henry Heluk explained the rationale for the change in admissions standard for the
52 Counseling program and the change was unanimously approved.
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54 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: Athletic Training program** – Gazzillo-Diaz explained that she had just
55 received new information on State requirements and moved to amend the proposal to a GPA of 2.75. This
56 was seconded by Weisberg. Jackson asked whether this would apply to existing students. Gazzillo-Diaz said

57 yes due to State requirements. Boroznoff asked that the Registrar's office be notified of the change. Tardi
58 asked for clarification on. DeYoung asked whether this GPA would apply for admissions, retention, and
59 graduation, and stated her opposition for its use for the first two items. Gazzillo-Diaz then asked that her
60 amendment be changed to 2.5 for admissions, and 2.75 for retention and graduation. Godar seconded.
61 After a rollicking discussion on what standard should be implemented when, Rivela moved and Levitan
62 seconded that the proposal be postponed until the next meeting. This carried unanimously.
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64 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: Generic Nursing program** – Bliss explained that the requirement for
65 students to pass a practice NCLEX exam before being recommended to a state licensure board was for the
66 purpose of maintaining our program accreditation. Goldstein spoke in support as the NCATE standards are
67 similar. Jackson asked how students would be helped to pass the exam. Bliss stated that students are given
68 remediation throughout the program. Levitan asked if recommendation by a nursing program was required
69 before a student could take the State test. Bliss said yes. Thiuri asked why the pass rate was dropping.
70 DeYoung stated that the test was more difficult. Kim asked about number of applicants and number of
71 competitive programs. Bliss provided those numbers. Rivela called the question and this was unanimously
72 passed. The program change was unanimously approved.
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74 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL:** Potacco brought to the floor a series of amendments to the Constitution. The
75 Calendar for Elections in Article II was changed to match the Bylaws by eliminating "by April 30" due to a
76 change in elections for some constituent groups. This was unanimously passed. The Membership in Article I
77 was amended to change "professional staff of the library" to "librarians", and to add item 5: "One Adjunct
78 Faculty representative elected by the Adjunct Faculty." Rivela asked why there was a one year waiting
79 period for membership. Weltman ruled this out of order. Kim called the question. Both the call and the
80 amendment passed unanimously. The Terms of Office in Article III, B was amended by deleting the words
81 "in May." This passed unanimously. The Bylaws, Article II, Section I, were amended by adding item 3: "All
82 Senate Councils and Committee Chairs shall meet twice yearly with the Vice-Chair to coordinate their
83 activities." Subsequent items in that Section were appropriately renumbered. This passed unanimously.
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85 **OLD BUSINESS:** Kim suggested that future Senate meetings focus more on Admissions issues. He stated
86 that some requested items on this topic had not been on agenda this year. Tardi asked how the agendas
87 were set. Godar stated that items brought forth as agenda items by Senators were placed on the agenda.
88 Ferris this by stating that items brought forth by official councils and committees had priority. Godar stated
89 that the primary duty of the Senate was curriculum.
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91 **NEW BUSINESS:** Godar observed that the GE curriculum established by the Senate was being subverted
92 administratively by allocating 100-level classes to the Upper Level Elective category and asked that the
93 Senate take this item up for discussion early next year.
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95 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 2 at 12:30 PM
96 in Raubinger 101
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98 Respectfully submitted: S. Godar (who really appreciates the work that Kurt does!)
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