

1 WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY – **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES** – December 8, 2009
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4 **PRESENT:** Andreopoulos, Becker, Bhat, Cho, Davis, Diamond, Donaghy, Duffy, Ekmekjian, Ellis, Finnegan, Gardner,
5 Godar, Hayden (for Levitan), Kim, Knaus, Ku, Lawrence, Levitan, Mbogoni, Martinez, Martus, McCallum, Mongillo,
6 Mulrine, Pardi (for Becker), Parras, Pavese, Pollak, Potacco, Refsland, Rehberg, Falk-Romaine, Rosar, Scala, Schwartz,
7 Speert, Steinhart, Stroppel, Suess, Tardi, Tesfaye, Verdicio, Wagner, Walsh, Weil

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9 **ABSENT:** Chung, Healey, Pinkston, Thiuri

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11 **GUESTS:** Barnes, Basu, Bolyai, Daniel-Robinson, De Young, Deller, Hahn, Hill, Kashyap, Maheshwari, Malanga,
12 Martin, Martinez, Miller, Olaye, Orr, Principe, Rabbitt, Rosengart, Schaeffer, Schuhmann, R. Schwartz, Seal, Snyder,
13 Torres-Santos, Zeleke

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15 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Godar called the meeting to order at 12:36 PM. The proposed agenda was moved and
16 seconded by Duffy and Martus and unanimously approved. Godar said that the presentation from Enrollment
17 Management, deleted from a recent agenda, will return for the first meeting in January, 2010. The minutes of the
18 November 24, 2009 Senate meeting were moved and seconded by Martus and Duffy and unanimously approved.

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20 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Godar announced that there is an at-large seat open as Suess goes on sabbatical in Spring 2010. It
21 will be a one-semester opening. The Executive Committee nominated Linda Gazillo-Diaz and invited additional
22 nominations from the floor. No further nominations were heard and Godar directed the Secretary to cast one vote for
23 Gazillo-Diaz. Godar said that a workshop will be held on February 12 at Valley Road on developing University Core
24 Curriculum courses. She said that the workshop will involve the review panels and encourages all departments to send
25 representatives. Godar said that a working lunch will be provided for the 11AM-2PM workshop.

26 Kim pointed out that our admissions standards for some graduate programs is too low. Godar said that the
27 Graduate Council will look into the matter.

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29 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Martinez reported that two seats: at-large and professional staff, are open on the GE/UCC
30 Council and that we will try to get these filled in January.

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32 **UCC REVIEW PANELS:** Godar reported that there were 95 applicants for 32 UCC Review Panel positions and that it is
33 both wonderful to have such an enthusiastic response and unfortunate that everyone could not be accommodated. She
34 said that there will be other opportunities for input into UCC course development. Godar said that the Executive
35 Committee formed what it feels to be a slate of candidates based on a balance of expertise and experience. Davis
36 nominated Karib-Whyte as professional staff representative to Global. Mbogoni nominated Rey Martinez to
37 Social/Behavioral Science. Potacco nominated Martus for Science/Quantitative, to replace Ranjan on that panel. Zeleke
38 commented that the proposed Sci/Quantitative Panel does not properly reflect the course composition in this area, and that
39 the panel should be 50% scientist and 50% mathematician. Rosar nominated Maheshwari to serve on the Sci/Quantitative
40 Panel. There was additional explanation by Godar of how the Executive Committee arrived at the proposed slate and she
41 said that in order to nominate someone there has to be a person designated to be replaced. Potacco moved that Martus
42 replace Ranjan on Sci/Quantitative. This received 5 ayes, 16 nays and 14 abstentions and so failed. Rosar moved that
43 Maheshwari replace Ranjan on Sci/Quantitative . This received 6 ayes, 15 nays, and 13 abstentions and so failed. There
44 was a motion to replace Swanson with Martus on Sci/Quantitative and this received 7 ayes, 17 nays, and 15 abstentions
45 and so failed. There was a motion to replace Scott with Weaver on Expression which received 7 ayes, 17 nays, and 10
46 abstentions and so failed. Steinhart observed that this process is contentious and that he is concerned about the process
47 and urged a vote against the proposed slate. Parras moved that Weaver replace Sota on Expression. This received 6 ayes,
48 12 nays and 17 abstentions and so failed. Scala expressed concern that the Diversity/Justice panel has no person of color
49 as a member. Davis agreed and said that Diversity/Justice should have someone from AAACS and Women's Studies. It
50 was pointed out that Sheffield has a dual appointment to Women's Studies and Political Science. A vote was taken on the
51 slate of panels as proposed by the Executive Committee and there were 17 ayes, 9 nays and 7 abstentions, and so it was
52 approved. Gardner remarked that there will be several layers of review and that these panels are not the only one. Tardi
53 expressed concern that there was not more discussion about the lack of adjunct representation on the panels.

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55 **COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS – UNDERGRADUATE – BA IN AFRICANA/WORLD STUDIES:** Snyder, on
56 behalf of the Undergraduate Council, moved that the Senate approve the proposal to change African, African-American,
57 and Caribbean Studies to Africana-World Studies. She said that the program is rearranged from five concentrations to

58 two and requires no additional resources or faculty. Mbogoni remarked that the proposed program contains more depth,
59 balance, and is better aligned with professions related to this field. He said that there are, at present, 26 students majoring
60 in the program and that he expects a modest rise. Davis, Parris and Pollak spoke in favor and the proposal passed
61 unanimously.

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63 **COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS – UNDERGRADUATE – BA IN LEGAL STUDIES:** Snyder, on behalf of the
64 Undergraduate Council, moved that the Senate approve the proposal to create a new B.A. program in Legal Studies. She
65 characterized the content as being similar to “pre-law.” Principe discussed the program’s potential benefits and that it
66 would be assist at high school recruitment programs. Steinhart, Davis and Andreopoulos spoke in favor and the proposal
67 was approved unanimously.

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69 **COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS – UNDERGRADUATE – BA/MA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC**
70 **POLICY:** Snyder, on behalf of the Undergraduate Council, moved that the Senate approve the proposal to create a new,
71 accelerated BA/MA program to allow completion of both the BA in Political Science and the MA in Public Policy in five
72 years. She said that it is meant to attract high-achieving students. Tardi spoke in favor of the proposal, which passed with
73 two abstentions.

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75 **COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS – UNDERGRADUATE – BA IN WORLD LANGUAGES:** Snyder, on behalf
76 of the Undergraduate Council, moved that the Senate approve the proposal to create a dual-language BA program.
77 Martinez spoke on behalf of the program, saying that there is strong student demand among those heading for a K-8
78 teaching career for this program. The proposal passed unanimously.

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80 **COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS – UNDERGRADUATE – BA IN ENGLISH, WRITING**

81 **CONCENTRATION:** On behalf of the Undergraduate Council, Snyder moved that the Senate approve the proposal to
82 add a Writing Concentration to the BA in English program. Parras said that such a concentration exists for literature and
83 that the proposed concentration creates a parallel capstone experience in writing. The proposal passed unanimously.

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85 **COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS – UNDERGRADUATE – BA IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE LATINO**
86 **STUDIES:** On behalf of the Undergraduate Council, Snyder moved that the Senate approve the program change in Latin
87 America and the Latino Studies. Rabbitt said that this consists of a slight change in the degree requirements to encourage
88 students to take more than two electives from one department. She said that it will create more opportunities for students
89 to complete a double major. The proposal passed unanimously.

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91 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL:** Martin, on behalf of the Governance Council, explained that this proposal would formally
92 eliminate the Athletics Council, which has not been constituted or convened in several years and would amend the Senate
93 Bylaws accordingly. Verdicchio asked who has oversight in this area, and Godar replied that Student Development
94 oversees athletics, but not from a faculty perspective. Duffy said that the Council submitted a Title 9 report but that is
95 about all. Godar said that the Academic Standards Council handles the matter of grade standards for student athletes.
96 Steinhart cautioned against the elimination of something that we might need to have later. After further discussion Duffy
97 called the question, which was seconded and passed. A vote was taken to amend the Bylaws and remove the Athletics
98 Council and this passed with three abstentions.

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100 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:48 PM. The next meeting will be held at 12:30 PM on Tuesday,
101 January 26 in University Commons Ballroom A.

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103 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary