

1 WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – April 26, 2005
2 Senate web page: <http://www.wpunj.edu/senate> - E-mail discussion: facultySenate@list.wpunj.edu

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4 **PRESENT:** Agard-Jones, Barnes, Bhat, Bolyai, Bone, Charlebois, Cunningham, Davis, De Young, Gazzillo-Diaz, Duffy, Ferris,
5 Godar, M. Goldstein, Gulbranson, S. Hahn, Heluk, Kalish, Kaplan, Kaufman, Kim, Korgen, Kovaleski, Lelyveld, Levitan,
6 Liataud, Martus, Mukherjee, Nag, Newton, Northington, Overdorf, Pagano, Pavese, Plank, Pollak, Potacco, Principe, Rivela,
7 Scala, Sesay, Speert, Stern, Stroppel, Swanson, Tardi, Thompson, Tracy, Wagner, Wahrman, Weisberg, Weltman, Xu, Yildiz
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9 **ABSENT:** Cunningham

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11 **GUESTS:** Blonna, Boucher, Coletta, Daniel-Robinson, Evangelista, Griswold, McConnell, Miller, Nemeth, Orr, Pachtman,
12 Schaeffer, Theus, Verdicchio
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14 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Wahrman called the meeting to order at 12:38 PM. Duffy moved and Godar
15 seconded adoption of the agenda. Wahrman requested that the agenda be amended to include discussion of an
16 Undergraduate Sociology program change proposal as a part of Item F: Undergraduate Council. Duffy and
17 Principe moved and seconded approval of the amendment and the agenda was approved. Kim asked that his
18 comments about international students be included in the April 12, 2005 minutes. Rivela asked that his
19 comments on line 62 include the Physics program. With these corrections the minutes approved.
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21 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Wahrman announced that the Department of Computer Science has nominated Linda
22 Kaufman to be their interim representative until the next regular Senate election. No other nominations had
23 been submitted and the Secretary cast one ballot for Kaufman, electing her to the Senate. Wahrman reflected
24 on her service as Senate Chair, saying that it has been an exciting two years and that there have been many
25 accomplishments. She said that Senate Councils and Committees made progress on significant issues and that
26 it has been a successful year. She said that written reports from the Councils and Committees are forthcoming
27 and that she will, likewise, produce a full summary report. Wahrman thanked the chairs of the Councils and
28 Committees for their hard work. She thanked the Executive Committee: Principe, Wagner, Godar, Levitan, and
29 Duffy for their advice and efforts. She thanked Parliamentarian Weltman for his counsel and expertise.
30 Wahrman expressed gratitude to her mentors and former Senate chairs Lois Wolf, Sandy De Young, Ginny
31 Overdorf and Mel Edelstein. She thanked Provost Sesay and the administrators and staff in his office for their
32 productive working relationship. She thanked President Speert for his support and for promoting positive
33 communication, momentum and productive agendas. Wahrman gave special thanks to Barbara Liput-Perry,
34 without whom, she said, the work of the Senate could not continue. Duffy moved that the Senate thank
35 Wahrman and Principe for their leadership, and this was seconded with a round of applause. Wahrman said that
36 she looks forward to returning to the Senate as the Biology Department representative. Wahrman said that the
37 Quality of Life Forum will be this coming Thursday and to encourage colleagues to attend. She reported that the
38 Research Forum was held on April 14th and that important issues were discussed.
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40 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Principe announced that a comedy videotaping will happen on April 29th at 6pm in
41 the Hobart Martini room for cable television. He circulated a Councils & Committees signup sheet, asking for
42 volunteers to serve. He said that he will pass the sheet along to the next Vice-chair. Principe thanked Wahrman
43 and the President and Provost for an interesting and productive year of shared governance. He praised the
44 participants of the Councils and Committees, saying that they do much of the Senate's real work. Principe said
45 that he is stepping down from Senate work and will be taking a year's sabbatical leave.
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47 The Provost thanked the Executive Committee and the Senate for strong and effective campus leadership and
48 said that his office has acted upon 99.9% of the recommendations of the Senate. He thanked everyone on the
49 Senate for their work and welcomed the new Executive Committee. Provost Sesay mentioned the upcoming
50 panel discussion of local history writers to be held on Sunday May 1 at 2 o'clock PM in the Library Auditorium
51 and urged everyone to attend.
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53 **ELECTION OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Nancy Weiner, Chair of the Elections Committee,
54 opened nominations for Chair. Wahrman nominated Duffy. Rivela seconded this. No other nominations were
55 made and the Secretary cast one ballot for Duffy, electing him Chair. Wahrman turned the gavel over to Duffy,
56 with congratulations. Principe nominated Korgen for Vice-chair. Godar seconded this. Rivela nominated David
57 Weisberg, which Stern seconded. The 15-minute caucus rule was suspended by acclamation and each candidate
58 gave a brief speech. Paper ballots were distributed and a vote was taken. After a count, Korgen was elected
59 Vice-chair. Nominations were opened for Secretary. Ferris nominated Wagner and Levitan seconded. No

60 additional nominations were heard and the Secretary voted himself into office. Weiner asked for three
61 nominations for at-large members of the committee. Wartyyna Davis, Marj Goldstein, David Weisberg, Jean
62 Levitan and Sue Godar were nominated and each gave a brief speech on their own behalf. Ballots were
63 distributed and cast. After a count it was announced that Davis, Weisberg and Godar were elected.
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65 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL:**

- 66 • Pam Theus, on behalf of the Undergraduate Council, recommended approval of the new program
67 proposal for Elementary Education School Teacher (K-5) & Teacher of Students with Disabilities
68 Preparation. Tracy asked if current faculty could support the proposed program. Griswold said that eight
69 of the ten required faculty were already in place. Stroppel asked why no prerequisites were listed for
70 the 300 level Communication course in the proposal. Griswold suggested that an introductory course
71 could be added. Goldstein said that such a sequencing adjustment would be simple to make. Potacco
72 recommended changing the science requirement to the second year. Levitan added that freshmen
73 usually have block schedules that cannot accommodate majors right away. Goldstein said that they are
74 working with the Registrar's Office on this matter. Rivela suggested requiring math in the fall to prepare
75 for and support a science course in the spring. Overdorf said that one additional faculty line had been
76 approved. The proposal was approved unanimously.
- 77 • Theus recommended approval of a program proposal for Undergraduate K-5 elementary certification
78 and elementary with 5-8 specialization. Stroppel said that the course listed as Theatre 101 should be
79 Communication 101. The proposal was approved unanimously.
- 80 • Theus recommended approval of a program proposal for P-3/K-5 dual certification program. This
81 passed unanimously.
- 82 • Theus recommended approval of a program change in Sociology. Korgen spoke in favor of the proposal,
83 saying that it eliminates the department's statistics class and substitutes an equivalent course in the
84 math department. She said that the proposal includes changes to the department's mission statement
85 and requires students to take a social stratification course. Kaplan said that the change of the statistics
86 course is a problem as some majors already have to take three math courses. Korgen said that the
87 students all have to take the stats class, it is just a change in where the course is housed. Bone asked
88 for the number of majors. Korgen said that there are about 750 majors. Martus said that 3 or 4 new
89 sections of the math course will be needed. Kaplan voiced concern that the math part needs further
90 work. Rivela asked for a description of the class. Tardi said that it was social statistics using the SPSS
91 software. With one nay the proposal passed.

92 **ONLINE COURSE POLICY:** (continued from previous meetings). Duffy said that the proposed University
93 Policy on Online and Hybrid/Blended Courses was sent back to the Undergraduate and Graduate Councils for
94 review and revision and the amended document is before the Senate with a recommendation to accept from the
95 Councils. Potacco said that in section B, item 3B that blended as well as hybrid courses must be explicitly listed
96 in the Master Schedule. Blonna discussed the definition of a blended course, saying that 50/50 is the result of
97 room scheduling requirements and that it is cumbersome to schedule a room for, say, 35% of the semester.
98 Godar cautioned that it is a loophole and allows instructors to make a course more online than it seems from
99 the schedule. Blonna said that he hopes for extra coding that makes the ratio very clear and said that it is the
100 department chair's responsibility to oversee this. Goldstein echoed Godar's concerns and said that room
101 availability should not drive the discussion. Godar proposed amending the policy to define a blended course as
102 one that meets more than 25% online. Several senators spoke in favor of the amendment. Sandie Miller said
103 that many campuses are dealing with online course policies and these very definitions. She said that IRT will
104 assist in supporting and educating users on whatever policies are decided. Weisberg called the question. All
105 favored Godar's amendment. Levitan and Bone moved and seconded tabling the discussion, and this was
106 approved.
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108 **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM. The next regularly scheduled Senate meeting will be
109 held on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 in Raubinger 101. The Senate meeting schedule can be found online at
110 <http://www.wpunj.edu/senate/schedule.html>. The minutes of the Faculty Senate can be found online at
111 <http://www.wpunj.edu/senate/minutes.htm>.

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114 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary