

1 William Paterson University – **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES** – December 11, 2001

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4 **PRESENT:** Aagard-Jones, Bareford, Bing, Bolyai, Burns, Cho, Chung, Coomes, Danzinger, De Young, Duffy, Dye,
5 Edelstein, Frierson-Campbell, Garcia, Gillette, M. Goldstein, Gulbranson, S. Hahn, Hayden, Jemmott, Kim, Levitan,
6 Maheshwari, Makarec, McClean, Miller, Morganstern, Murphy, Mwaura, Oratio, Overdorf, Owusu, Phadia, Principe,
7 Rabbitt, Reiss, Scala, Steinhart, Strasser, Swanson, Tardi, Tirado, Villar, Wagner, Wahrman, Weltman, Wolf, Zhang (for
8 Rothman)

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10 **ABSENT:** Leach, Parras, Rosario

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12 **GUESTS:** Bennett, Ciliberti, Evangelista, Fountakidis, S. Goldstein, Hartley, Kearney, Malanga, Newton, Roux,
13 Schaeffer, Urinyi

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15 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Edelstein called the Senate to order at 12:37 PM. Wolf and Weltman moved
16 and seconded adoption of the agenda, which passed unanimously. Duffy and Goldstein moved and seconded
17 acceptance of the minutes of the November 27, 2001, and this was also passed unanimously.

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19 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Edelstein reported that the Provost asked the Senate Executive Committee to recommend
20 individuals to serve on a new Excellence Document Review Committee that will provide commentary and
21 suggest revisions to the document. A representative from each College, one Librarian and one Professional Staff
22 will be nominated. Edelstein said that Morganstern (Arts and Communication), Rudnick (Business), M.
23 Goldstein (Education), Baumgartner (Humanities & Social Sciences), Maheshwari (Science & Health), Harris
24 (Professional Staff) and Malanga (Library) have all agreed to serve. Duffy moved and Danzinger seconded
25 these nominations, which were passed unanimously. Edelstein thanked the new committee. He said that the
26 Committee's report would be before the Senate by April, 2002. Edelstein announced that the Department of
27 Special Education and Counseling requests the Senate name a tenured faculty member for a retention/tenure
28 committee. Rochelle Kaplan was nominated. Moved and seconded by Wolf and Weltman, the nomination was
29 approved unanimously. Edelstein discussed the upcoming elections for Sabbatical Leave Committee and the
30 fact that 3 of 5 colleges did not provide a nominee. Dye replied that the nomination forms did not arrive in a
31 timely manner and asked whether campus mail has been delayed. Edelstein said that the election would be held
32 December 18-19 for the contested slots. He said that the Executive Committee will discuss ways to improve the
33 nomination process and that three colleges will not have representation on the committee. Wolf said that the
34 election dates are inappropriate and need to be changed. Tardi said that there was no notification that positions
35 were open and that balloting should be postponed. Edelstein said that a postponement would not correct the
36 absence of nominations from the colleges. Duffy said that two opportunities for nominations were duly
37 provided and the election should continue. Wolf said that if vacancies exist a committee is constituted as
38 nominated. Edelstein said that poll watchers would be provided. Wolf asked why electronic balloting was not
39 being done. Edelstein replied that technical problems prevented this.

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41 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Garcia reported that the December 6 meeting of the Executive Committee with
42 the chairs of the Senate Councils and Committees had occurred and a beneficial exchange of ideas resulted. He
43 said that the next meeting would be held on March 6, 2002. He reported that three vacancies on councils were
44 yet to be filled.

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46 **REPORT FROM MARIA VILLAR, LIAISON - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINORITY AFFAIRS**

47 **COMMITTEE:** Villar reported that Tom Gundling, Anthropology Department, substituted for her at the
48 meeting. She referred to the summary distributed to the Senate, which included 2001-2002 Supplier Diversity
49 Program and 2002 Vendor Fair, 2001 Expenditures Report on Goods and Services, Minority Data Bank,
50 Minority Enrollment and Hiring, and a discussion of the new Asian Studies program.

52 **REPORT FROM MARK EVANGELISTA, REGISTRAR:** Evangelista responded to questions about upper
53 level electives. He said that usual practice for transfer students was that negotiations for transfer and application
54 of credit generated a lot of waivers and this disrupted the overall system. He said that faculty requested a
55 relaxation of the process to decrease the amount of mediation needed and that to some degree this was in
56 violation of University policy. Burns discussed situations where students were receiving double credit for
57 courses. He asked for an explanation of this and whether it has been corrected. Evangelista said that this was not
58 a routine occurrence. Hayden remarked that students are being allowed to fill upper level electives with 100-
59 level courses. Weltman voiced similar concerns. Evangelista said that this will be dealt with and he will return
60 to the Senate with a report. Edelstein said that the Executive Committee would receive this report and distribute
61 it to the Senate. Evangelista next discussed course scheduling at the new Valley Road Building (VRB). He said
62 that meetings with the College of Business and College of Education are ongoing to discuss modules, majors,
63 courses, rooms, time box, and typical scenarios. He said that with some flexibility, this would all be worked out.
64 Levitan expressed concern about "back-to-back" courses on both campuses. Evangelista said that scheduling
65 should alleviate this difficulty and work is being done to prevent students from having to travel back and forth
66 too much. He said that ideas and suggestions from the faculty are welcome. Goldstein said that she hopes the
67 VRB campus is not estranged from the main campus. Evangelista said that travel time between campuses is
68 being taken into consideration. Burns asked why some classes are scheduled to end at 8:30 p.m. and others at
69 8:40 p.m. Evangelista said this could be a typo. Dye asked whether summer class schedules could be published
70 at the same time as the spring schedule. Evangelista said that this could be done. Wahrman suggested that the
71 summer schedule be placed online along with the spring schedule. Again, Evangelista said this is easily done.
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73 **REPORT FROM STEVE BOLYAI - RENOVATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PAPER BUILDING:**

74 Bolyai, Bob Bennett, and John Urinyi presented current floor plans of the VRB that include the layout of
75 classrooms, common areas, computer labs, faculty offices and workspaces, along with technology support and
76 infrastructure areas. Bolyai said that work is ongoing and many things would occur in January and February. He
77 said that the 150,000 square foot facility required much coordination and that a staged move-in during the
78 summer is anticipated. He discussed the 50 classroom spaces, offices for 13 department chairs, 93 faculty, and 6
79 adjunct offices. He pointed out student lounges, academic and support spaces, IT classrooms, a large cafeteria
80 and study areas. He said that a tour on January 7 would be provided. He pointed out the large, 174 seat
81 auditorium on the first floor along with classrooms, computer labs and common areas. He described the third
82 floor instruction space, six tiered classrooms with 48 seats and faculty offices and faculty lounge. Bolyai said
83 that used furniture would likely be procured to furnish the building. In reply to Burns' question of ADA
84 compliance, Bolyai and Urinyi said that the renovated building would be 100% accessible. Bolyai also reported
85 that the faculty offices would be single occupancy. Bareford asked how the new facility would ease classroom
86 scheduling on the main campus. Bolyai said that the VRB would provide 50 new classrooms. Mwaura asked if
87 there is a professional conference suite. Bolyai replied that there is a "board suite" on the fourth floor that will
88 serve this purpose. He said that all instruction space would have data ports for network access. He said that
89 security issues were being addressed and that "swipe" card locks may be employed along with 24-hour security
90 personnel. Garcia asked if the facility's elevators would accommodate large equipment. Urinyi replied that a
91 freight elevator exists. As discussion turned to the disposition of spaces in Raubinger, Tardi moved to adjourn.
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93 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:46 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 29,
94 2002 in SC 203, 4,5

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96 Respectfully Submitted, [Kurt W. Wagner](#), Secretary

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