

1 WILLIAM PATERON UNIVERSITY -- FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – April 23, 2002

2 FACULTY SENATE WEBPAGE: <http://www.wpunj.edu/senate> --- E-mail Discussion: facultysenate@list.wpunj.edu

3 **PRESENT:** Bareford, Bhat, Bing, Boroznoff, Catarina, Chung, Coomes, Cunningham, Edelstein, Ekmekjian,
4 Goldstein, Hartley, Joslin (for Hayden), Kearney (for Duffy), Kelly, Kim, Levitan, Liu (for Burns),
5 Maheshwari, Makerec, Miller, Morganstern, Mukherjee, Overdorf, Parras, Principe, Rabbitt, Robb, Sesay,
6 Strasser, Sreenivas, Swanson, Tardi, Villar, Wagner, Wahrman, Weisberg (for Garcia), Weltman

7 **ABSENT:** Dye, Murphy, Rothman, Steinhart, Torres-DiMaio

8 **GUESTS:** Agard-Jones, Bolyai, Bower, Carbona, Chalmers, De Young, Dunlap, Evangelista, Fountakidis,
9 Gillette, Gulbranson, S. Hahn, Hill, Hourigan, Jaber, Jemmott, Lelyveld, Martone, Miller, Nag, Phadia, Reiss,
10 Schaeffer, Seal, Tirado, M. Williams, Zeman

11 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairman Edelstein called the Senate to order at 12:36 pm. Goldstein and Kim moved and
12 seconded that the agenda be adopted. This was approved unanimously. Strasser and Goldstein moved to accept
13 the minutes of the May 7, 2000 meeting. This, too, was approved unanimously.

14 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Edelstein remarked that his recent meeting with Provost Sesay had gone well and he was
15 looking forward to a productive year of work between the Senate and Provost's office. Edelstein welcomed the
16 new and returning senators, distributed a binder containing the Senate By-Laws, Constitution, roster, meeting
17 schedule, and progress report on items passed by the Senate. He asked everyone to introduce himself or herself.
18 Edelstein announced that Joanne Cunningham had been elected by AAACS to represent them at the Senate. He
19 announced that David Weisberg is replacing Donaldo Garcia, from Music, for the duration of Garcia's
20 sabbatical. He announced that Chris Hourigan has been nominated to replace Iris DiMaio during her leave of
21 absence. Edelstein pointed out that Garcia's absence created a need for a new Vice-chair and that the Executive
22 Committee nominates Wahrman and also nominates Maheshwari to fill the resultant vacancy on the Executive
23 Committee. Morganstern asked if nominations from the floor were acceptable. Overdorf moved to suspend the
24 By-laws and allow these vacancies to be filled now. Levitan seconded the motion. Morganstern called for a
25 point of order, that this matter be discussed, nominations made and an election duly held at the next regular
26 Senate meeting. Overdorf said that the Vice-chair needs to provide leadership to the Councils and attend their
27 initial meetings and that this important office needs to be filled. Weltman added that the Vice-chair often
28 encourages the Councils' convener to schedule meetings. Kelly called the question and there were no objections.
29 The motion to suspend the By-laws passed 28 to 3 with one abstention. Edelstein announced that the Executive
30 Committee nominates Miryam Wahrman to serve as interim Vice-chair of the Faculty Senate. No other
31 nominations were heard. The Secretary was asked to cast one vote for Wahrman and she was thus elected.
32 Wahrman moved that the vacancy in the Executive Committee be filled, and Levitan seconded this. Weltman
33 spoke against this, saying that the urgency to elect a Vice-chair did not apply in this case, that we could wait
34 until the next meeting. Wahrman countered, saying it was important to have a full Executive Committee.
35 Overdorf said that it would be valuable to have more time to consider nominees and called the question, to
36 which there were no objections. Morganstern nominated Marj Goldstein. Principe nominated Ed Burns. The
37 motion to vote on a replacement to the Executive Committee failed. The election will occur at the next Senate
38 Meeting. Edelstein asked that nominations be sent to the Senate Discussion List via e-mail or communicated to
39 anyone on the Senate Executive Committee. Morganstern asked if the motion to suspend the By-laws was
40 meant to be limited to the Executive Committee election or a more general suspension. Edelstein clarified that
41 the suspension was meant to be for the purpose of filling the vacant Vice-chair position and that the By-laws
42 were restored after that election. Overdorf moved and Tardi seconded that nominations to fill the vacancy on the
43 Executive Committee be open until the election is held at the next meeting. The motion passed with two nays
44 and one abstention. Edelstein distributed a list of Senate liaisons to Board of Trustees' Committees. He said that
45 Ed Burns and Sue Godar would continue as liaisons to the Educational Policy and Finance & Audit committees.
46 He said that Mark Ellis has agreed to serve as liaison to the Minority Affairs Committee, replacing Maria Villar,

47 and that Kate Makarec has agreed to serve as liaison to the Student Affairs Committee, replacing Lisbe.
48 Edelstein moved and Wahrman seconded these liaisons. The motion passed with one nay and one abstention.
49 Tardi moved and Levitan seconded that Stuart Lisbe, Department of Community Health, be commended for his
50 long service as liaison to the Student Affairs committee. The motion passed unanimously. Edelstein said that on
51 October 10 a Senate/Provost sponsored forum on Advisement of Students will be held, and that more
52 information would be forthcoming. He added that in the spring a forum on Retention of Students will be held.
53 Edelstein remarked that at the next Senate meeting the report of the evaluation of the President, Provost and
54 Vice-presidents will be discussed. Edelstein asked the Senators to consider important topics that the Senate
55 should deal with this academic year and send these suggestions to him by September 24. Edelstein reported that
56 although all the New Jersey academic faculty senates passed resolutions in support of full funding of the state's
57 salary program, budget cuts negated any real gains. Edelstein also mentioned his letters to Senators Corzine and
58 Torricelli on the subject of ensuring civil liberties with respect to homeland security. Edelstein reported that
59 both Senators expressed support of civil liberties at all times. Provost Sesay reported that the recommendations
60 of the Admissions and Academic Standards Councils have been approved and that a written statement of
61 implementation will be out soon. He said that likewise, implementation of the revisions to the GE program will
62 be summarized in the form of a notification to the campus soon. Sesay said that a University Budget and
63 Planning Committee will be formed with representation from the Faculty Senate and other campus
64 constituencies. He said that a Director of First Year Experience has been appointed and that Ginny Overdorf has
65 agreed to serve as Coordinator of Freshman Seminar. Sesay said that he is working on forming a committee to
66 develop recommendations for a Student Honor Code and will be asking the Senate Chair to recommend
67 member. He said that he plans to attend departmental meetings as often as is possible in order to gain faculty
68 insight and input on University issues. He said that he is forming a committee to develop institutional links with
69 the Valley Road campus. He reported that the final Plan of Excellence for Student Success is nearing
70 completion, and that the input from the Senate's subcommittee was instrumental. Sesay concluded his remarks
71 by saying that his office will act in a timely manner on Senate resolutions and recommendations and will
72 consult with the Executive Committee on a regular basis. Edelstein thanked the Provost for his update and
73 thanked Jackie Hill for her work as Chair of the Admissions and Academic Standards Council. It was moved
74 and seconded that she be officially commended for her work on the Council, and this motion was approved
75 unanimously.

76 **VICE CHAIR'S REPORT:** Wahrman reported that there are two vacancies in the Council/Committee
77 membership. A librarian is needed to serve on the Elections Council and a professional staff member is needed
78 on the Research Council. Wahrman asked that nominations be sent to her. She read a list of the conveners of the
79 Councils and Committees.

80 **REPORT FROM THE GRADUATE COUNCIL:** As Kaplan was not in attendance, Levitan moved and Kim
81 seconded postponement of this agenda item, and this passed unanimously.

82 **REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE COUNCIL:** Morganstern moved and Tardi seconded to emend the
83 Senate By-Laws Article 1, Section 2, Part B, Subheading 1 to wit: "Candidates for all elected positions shall be
84 nominated from the floor and, after a 15 minute interval for caucusing, be elected by secret ballot". The
85 proposed change "...caucusing when any position is contested, be elected by secret ballot. If the election is
86 uncontested, the caucus is waived." Morganstern remarked that the original language was a holdover from times
87 when there was more contention in the formulation of the Executive Committee. There was discussion over the
88 difference between the words emendation and amendment. The motion passed with 32 ayes.

89 **PRESENTATION BY STEVE BOLYAI, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION AND**
90 **FINANCE:** Bolyai reported that the bookstore was under new management and that operations and policies
91 have been revised to improve operations. He introduced Scott Dunlap, the new bookstore manager and John
92 Carbona the district manager from Follett. Dunlap remarked that a textbook coordinator has been added to the
93 staff and that this person will communicate with faculty about their textbook needs, order status, arrival
94 notification and availability information. He said that he welcomes input from the faculty and students and is

95 available to meet to discuss concerns. Edelstein commended Dunlap for these efforts. Liu said that students
96 frequently bypass the bookstore. Bolyai said that the bookstore will order 100% of the numbers of textbooks
97 required for each course. Carbona discussed how trends and history are used to create book orders.

98 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:50 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September
99 24 at 12:30 PM in SC 203, 4 & 5.

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

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