

1 WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES - May 6, 2010

2 FACULTY SENATE WEBPAGE: <http://www.wpunj.edu/senate> --- Email discussion: faculty senate@list.wpunj.edu

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4 **PRESENT:** Andreopoulos, Boroznoff, D’Haem, Davis, Diamond, Diaz, Donaghy, Duffy, Ellis, Ferris, Finnegan,
5 Gardner, Godar, Kelly, Kim, Knaus, Ku, Levitan, Martinez, Martus, Overdorf, Pardi, Parras, Pavese, Pinkston (for
6 Refsland), Pollak, Potacco, Quicke, Rehberg, Falk-Romaine, Rosar, Scala, Snyder, Speert, Steinhart, Tardi,
7 Verdicchio, Wagner, Weil, Weisberg, Maggie Williams (for Robin Schwartz), Wong

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9 **ABSENT:** Healy, Lawrence, Lindsey, Walsh

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11 **GUESTS:** Barnes, Basu, Bolyai, Chabayta, Daniel-Robinson, De Young, Goldstein, Granoff, Hahn, Kashyap,
12 Natrajan, Noonan, Olaye, Peterman, Rabbitt, Rosenthal, Schaeffer, Ray Schwartz, Seal, Stroppel, Torres-Santos,
13 Trelicky, Martin Williams

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15 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Godar called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM. The agenda was moved and
16 seconded by Duffy and Martus. Duffy requested that item F-i-2 regarding Latin Honors be removed. The proposed
17 minutes were unanimously approved. The minutes of the April 27, 2010 meeting were moved and seconded by
18 Martus and Martinez. Martus asked that line 34 be amended to include Snyder’s first initial to distinguish Tricia
19 Snyder from David Snyder. With this change the minutes were unanimously approved.

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21 **CHAIR’S REPORT:** Godar asked that the Fall2010 and Spring 2011 Senate meeting schedules be approved. She
22 said that several meetings will be held at Valley Road. Duffy and Davis moved and seconded and the schedules
23 were unanimously approved. Godar reported that the recent evaluation of administrators has concluded and that
24 summary reports are being written. She said that the reports will be shared first with the administration and then
25 published to the Faculty Senate soon thereafter. Gardner reported on a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees
26 Finance & Audit Committee. She said that Bolyai reported a 5.3% increase in enrollment and that the university is
27 faced with a deficit of about \$5 million. The potential for a 15-day closure was discussed by the committee. No
28 action was taken on this matter. Gardner said that the committee discussed renaming the area between Wightman
29 Gym and Hunziker Wing “The Speert Garden.” Gardner said that bid waivers were also discussed. Tardi voiced
30 concerns that closure seems to be the only remedy being considered to the fiscal problems. She urged everyone to
31 attend the May 11 emergency AFT meeting at which this topic will be discussed further. Finnegan said that he
32 shares Tardi’s concerns and that the faculty are being asked, in essence, for a 7% pay reduction. Finnegan read
33 from Montclair State University president’s recent message in which no salary cuts are planned and that they plan
34 to add 2000 new dormitory rooms. Finnegan said that we have 500 rooms without students and that we need to
35 have a concrete plan to address our problems, not simply the spectre of campus closure. Speert replied that union-
36 negotiated pay increases will occur this year and that the furloughs of this past year were negotiated between the
37 State and the Union. Steinhart cautioned against being absorbed by the political rhetoric of this situation and that he
38 would like to see more discussion of how the university generates revenue, attracts students, markets itself, and
39 organizes semesters, summer and winter sessions, and maximizes its ability to attain fiscal stability. He said that the
40 faculty represent an untapped resource of ideas in this regard. Godar said that the Planning and Budget Council
41 should make this a primary concern of theirs. Tardi said that she hears only one solution from our administration:
42 campus closure, and that alternatives would be welcome news. She said that the Union will present some
43 alternatives because waiting until June 3 may be too late. Weil said that they are looking at diversifying revenue
44 streams and that the winter and summer sessions have been sources of new income. He said that the administration
45 could do a better job publicizing this information. Godar said that shared governance is more than simply
46 providing reports but rather involving the faculty in the governing process.

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48 **VICE-CHAIR’S REPORT:** Julie Rosenthal, Chair of the Advisement and Registration Council asked permission
49 to create a website that will provide information about advisement and registration in the form of timely
50 announcements and a FAQ. This was approved.

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52 **RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO DR. ARNOLD SPEERT:** Duffy, on behalf of the Senate Executive
53 Committee and Governance Council, read a resolution of thanks to Speert on the occasion of his retirement,
54 including details of his long service to the institution. He asked for unanimous consent to suspend the Bylaws in
55 order to recommend that Speert be accorded emeritus status immediately upon retirement. He said that the
56 Department of Chemistry fully supports this action. This was vigorously seconded and approved amid loud
57 applause and acclamation.

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ELECTION OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Godar invited nominations for Faculty Senate Chairperson. Ferris nominated Gardner. Tardi nominated Verdicchio. Each candidate made a statement. An electronic ballot was conducted and Verdicchio was elected Chair. Godar continued (as is our custom) to run the election, asking for nominations for Vice-Chair. Scala nominated Ellis. Gardner nominated Martinez. Potacco nominated Ferris, who declined. Each candidate made a statement. An electronic ballot was conducted and Ellis was elected Vice-Chair. Wagner nominated Duffy for Secretary. Tardi nominated Refsland. As Refsland was not available to speak on her own behalf, statements were not made. An electronic ballot was conducted and Duffy was elected Secretary. Nominations were accepted for the three at-large seats. Duffy nominated Gardner, Kim nominated Martus, Gardner nominated Ferris, Verdicchio nominated Davis, Pavese nominated Weisberg, Finnegan nominated Martinez, Weisberg nominated Parras, and Scala nominated Finnegan, who declined. Each candidate made a statement. A paper ballot was conducted and the three highest vote-getters were elected: Davis, Gardner, and Weisberg.

GENERAL POLICY ON STUDENT RECORDING IN THE CLASSROOM: Godar said that an earlier version of this draft had been returned to the Academic Standards Council for clarification. Martus asked if the draft, once approved, would allow a student to gain permission to record from the Office of Disability Services and not notify the instructor. Ferris said that the Office of Disability Services is required to notify the instructor. Diamond asked whether the policy considers the scenario of an instructor delivering content that is under copyright. Godar said that the policy prohibits the rebroadcast or publication of the recorded lecture. Scala asked how the policy will be publicized and Godar replied that it will be a part of the student handbook and that instructors could include the information in their syllabi. Pavese asked if an instructor retained the right to exclude portions of the class from recording. Tardi said that it would be useful to have such an exclusionary clause added. Martus moved that the policy be amended to read “any electronic recording device” and this was seconded by Ferris and approved. Tardi called the question and this was approved. The motion to approve the policy itself was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: At adjournment outgoing Chair Sue Godar received a long round of applause for her diligent service to the Faculty Senate. The Senate adjourned at 1:45 PM. The next meeting will be at 12:30 PM on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 in University Commons Ballroom A.

Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary