

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES –December 9, 2014
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Alon, Andreopoulos, Avdeev, Broome, Cano, Decker, Diamond, Dinan,
5 Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Furst, Gazzillo-Diaz, Griswold, Kearney, Kim, Kothandaraman, Ku,
6 Levitan, LoMartire, Lum, Maduro, Magaldi, Makarec, Martin, Martus, O'Donnell, Owusu, Perez,
7 Rosar, Ross, Sabogal, Sandmann, Schwartz, Sheffield, Smith, Snyder, Steinhart, Swanson,
8 Tirado, Verdicchio, Villar (for Cunningham), Wagner, Waldron, Wallace, Wicke
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10 **ABSENT:** McNeal, Polchak, Simon, Steinhart, Tardi
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12 **GUESTS:** Benno, Bolyai, Brenenson, Burns, Chabayta, Crick, Daniel-Robinson, DiNoia,
13 Ferguson, Fuller-Stanley, Godar, Goldstein, Hahn, Hill, Howell, Jackson, Lee, Liautaud, Miller,
14 Moore, Nauta, Perry, Rabbitt, Refsland, Rosenberg, Roux, Seal, Sherman, Spagna, Stanfield,
15 Tiernan, Trelisky, Wolf, Yoo
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17 **PRELIMINARIES:** Levitan called the Senate to order at 12:32pm. The Agenda, moved by
18 Martus and Wicke, was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the 11/25/2014 meeting, moved
19 by Wicke and Snyder, were also approved unanimously with a minor correction.
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21 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Levitan reminded all departments that, as announced on October 15,
22 2014, February 10th is the last date when the Senate can vote on all course and program changes
23 to be included in the Fall 2015 Catalog. Please assure that departments and deans have forwarded
24 all necessary materials to the Senate Office immediately.
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26 President Waldron gave a brief update on the sexual assault incident and answered questions
27 regarding campus safety.
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29 The documents generated at the second Student Success Forum (dealing with withdrawals,
30 clusters, etc.) are posted on the Student Success webpage, along with other SS materials.
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<http://www.wpunj.edu/provost/student-success/>

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33 Faculty are urged to complete the Faculty Research and Scholarship Survey that has been sent to
34 them several times.
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36 Peter McGuinness of Music has been nominated for two Grammy Awards for a cappella and
37 instrumental arrangement.
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39 Li (CoB), McNeal (Education), Sabogal (HSS), Duffy (Library), Heavey (Professional Staff) and
40 Wicke (Science/Health) volunteered to serve on the next Ad Hoc Committee for Administrative
41 Evaluations. They were approved unanimously. A member is still being sought from Arts &
42 Comm.
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44 **VICE-CHAIRS REPORT:** Dinan and Makarec moved approval of Owlett (A&C), Zhang
45 (CoB) and Mathew (Sci & Health) for membership on the Budget and Planning Council. All
46 were approved unanimously.
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48 **GRADUATE COUNCIL: MASTERS OF EDUCATION IN PROFESSIONAL**
49 **COUNSELING:** Yoo and Martus moved approval of this proposal. After Kim and
50 Andreopoulos asked questions regarding the GRE scores require for admission, the program was
51 approved unanimously.

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53 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: AMEMDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS REGARDING THE**
54 **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Jackson resumed discussion of this
55 resolution. Ellis asked if a candidate must be present to be nominated. Duffy said that in previous
56 cases, as long as the candidate had clearly indicated willingness to serve, the nomination was
57 allowed. The amendment was then approved with one negative vote.

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59 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS REGARDING THE**
60 **ELECTIONS CALENDAR:** Jackson called for a vote on this resolution, which was approved
61 unanimously.

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63 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: PROGRAM CHANGE IN AFRICANA WORLD**
64 **STUDIES:** Roux and Wicke move approval of this program change, which would make Swahili
65 an elective rather than a requirement. The change was approved unanimously

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67 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: PROGRAM CHANGE IN ANTHROPOLOGY:** Roux
68 and Wicke move approval of this program change which would change Research Method from
69 an elective to a required course. The change was approved unanimously.

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71 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: BIOLOGY HONORS TRACK IN THE HONORS**
72 **PROGRAM:** Roux and Dinan move approval of this new Honors track which should have
73 broader appeal than the existing Nursing and Biopsychology tracks. The program was approved
74 unanimously.

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76 **NATIONAL SURVEY OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (NSSE):** Seal reviewed his
77 Summary Report (archived in the Packet for today's meeting) and took questions. Diamond
78 doesn't find the results significant: there is little variability. Kothandaraman would like to see
79 the data broken down by majors, and wants to see data regarding career preparedness and
80 success. Seal responded that the deans have data that could be useful, and that NSSE doesn't
81 focus on the other issues. Waldron and Seal noted that the One Year Out Survey (done by the
82 Career Development Office) captures some of those data. Snyder cautioned against over-
83 interpreting the data. Kim asked why NSSE is important. Seal said it provides data for the
84 Student Success Team. Verdicchio would like to see the Center for Teaching Excellence use the
85 material for faculty development. Schwartz asked if there were a similar faculty survey. Seal said
86 that an FSSE was done six years ago.

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88 **FY 2015 BUDGET REPORT:** Bolyai presented a PowerPoint (archived in the Packet for
89 today's meeting) and answered questions. Kim discussed the impact of increased enrollment.
90 Malindretos, the Senate's Liaison to the Board of Trustees Finance, Audit and Institutional
91 Development Committee added his own comments (also posted in the Packet).

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93 **BUDGET AND PLANNING COUNCIL:** Lee briefly reported on changes in the way the deans
94 work with budgets, now a bottom-up process. A workshop for faculty will be held in the future.

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96 **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS:** Ferguson and Ross presented a new Institutional Scholarship
97 model (archived in the Packet). Ross stated that the drop of 366 students in undergraduate
98 enrollment was due primarily to a defective scholarship model. He reviewed the new model. In
99 response to Kim's question, Ross said that he hopes that the 30/3.0 Scholarship, which was very
100 successful this year, will be funded for next year. Andreopoulos urged everyone to work with
101 Admissions and other to grow WPU's enrollments and reputation.
102 Verdicchio and Ku reminded the body that discussion of admissions and Scholarship should be
103 continued at a future meeting.

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105 **ADJOURNMENT:** Wallace and Tirado moved for adjournment, which occurred at 1:48pm.

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107 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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110 www.wpunj.edu/senate