PRESENT: Aktan, Alon, Andreopoulos, Avdeev, Broome, Cano, Decker, Diamond, Dinan, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Furst, Gazzillo-Diaz, Griswold, Kearney, Kim, Kothandaraman, Ku, Levitan, LoMartire, Lum, Maduro, Magaldi, Makarec, Martin, Martus, O'Donnell, Owusu, Perez, Rosar, Ross, Sabogal, Sandmann, Schwartz, Sheffield, Smith, Snyder, Steinhart, Swanson, Tirado, Verdicchio, Villar (for Cunningham), Wagner, Waldron, Wallace, Wicke

ABSENT: McNeal, Polchak, Simon, Steinhart, Tardi

GUESTS: Benno, Bolyai, Brenenson, Burns, Chabayta, Crick, Daniel-Robinson, DiNoia, Ferguson, Fuller-Stanley, Godar, Goldstein, Hahn, Hill, Howell, Jackson, Lee, Liautaud, Miller, Moore, Nauta, Perry, Rabitt, Refsland, Rosenberg, Roux, Seal, Sherman, Spagna, Stanfield, Tiernan, Trelisky, Wolf, Yoo

PRELIMINARIES: Levitan called the Senate to order at 12:32pm. The Agenda, moved by Martus and Wicke, was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the 11/25/2014 meeting, moved by Wicke and Snyder, were also approved unanimously with a minor correction.

CHAIR’S REPORT: Levitan reminded all departments that, as announced on October 15, 2014, February 10th is the last date when the Senate can vote on all course and program changes to be included in the Fall 2015 Catalog. Please assure that departments and deans have forwarded all necessary materials to the Senate Office immediately.

President Waldron gave a brief update on the sexual assault incident and answered questions regarding campus safety.

The documents generated at the second Student Success Forum (dealing with withdrawals, clusters, etc.) are posted on the Student Success webpage, along with other SS materials. [http://www.wpunj.edu/provost/student-success/](http://www.wpunj.edu/provost/student-success/)

Faculty are urged to complete the Faculty Research and Scholarship Survey that has been sent to them several times.

Peter McGuinness of Music has been nominated for two Grammy Awards for a cappella and instrumental arrangement.

Li (CoB), McNeal (Education), Sabogal (HSS), Duffy (Library), Heavey (Professional Staff) and Wicke (Science/Health) volunteered to serve on the next Ad Hoc Committee for Administrative Evaluations. They were approved unanimously. A member is still being sought from Arts & Comm.

VICE-CHAIRS REPORT: Dinan and Makarec moved approval of Owlett (A&C), Zhang (CoB) and Mathew (Sci & Health) for membership on the Budget and Planning Council. All were approved unanimously.
GRADUATE COUNCIL: MASTERS OF EDUCATION IN PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING: Yoo and Martus moved approval of this proposal. After Kim and Andreopoulos asked questions regarding the GRE scores require for admission, the program was approved unanimously.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BUDGET AND PLANNING COUNCIL: Lee briefly reported on changes in the way the deans work with budgets, now a bottom-up process. A workshop for faculty will be held in the future.
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS: Ferguson and Ross presented a new Institutional Scholarship model (archived in the Packet). Ross stated that the drop of 366 students in undergraduate enrollment was due primarily to a defective scholarship model. He reviewed the new model. In response to Kim’s question, Ross said that he hopes that the 30/3.0 Scholarship, which was very successful this year, will be funded for next year. Andreopoulos urged everyone to work with Admissions and other to grow WPU’s enrollments and reputation. Verdicchio and Ku reminded the body that discussion of admissions and Scholarship should be continued at a future meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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