

1 WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY -- **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES** – November 9, 2010

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4 **Present:** Andreopoulos, Bhat, Boroznoff, Cunningham, Davis, D’Haem, Diamond, Linda Diaz, Donaghy, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-
5 Romaine, Ferris, Finnegan, Gardner, Godar, Kelly, Kim, Knaus, Ku, Levitan, Lindsey, Martinez, Martus, McNeal, Overdorf, Pardi,
6 Parras, Pavese, Potacco, Quicke, Refsland, Rehberg, Ricks, Robb, Rosar, Scala, Schwartz, D. Snyder, Tardi, Thiuri, Verdicchio,
7 Wagner, Waldron, K. Walsh, Weil, Weisberg, Wong

8 **Absent:** Healy, Harris, Ricks, Steinhart

9 **Guests:** Alya, Barnes, Basu, Birge, Bolyai, Burns, Chabayta, De Young, Deller, Goldstein, Granoff, Hahn, Harris, Jemmott,
10 Kashyap, Kerzner, Korgen, Malanga, Marder, Miller, Natrajan, Norville, Olaye, Sandford, Seal, T. Snyder, Torres-Santos, Trelisky,
11 A. Walsh

12 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Verdicchio called the Senate to order at 12:33 PM. The Agenda was
13 moved and seconded by Martus and Cunningham, and was approved unanimously. The Draft Minutes of
14 the October 26th meeting, moved and seconded by Martus and Wagner, were accepted unanimously
15 after a comment and a small correction.

16 **CHAIR’S REPORT:** Chairperson Verdicchio introduced Senate Parliamentarian pro tem Ginny Overdorf.
17 She distributed a list of twelve fundamentals of parliamentary law, and emphasized that parliamentary
18 procedure exists to assure fairness and equity, and that simplicity and courtesy should be guiding
19 principles. She also noted that no one should ordinarily speak to an issue a second time until all others
20 have had a chance, and that no individual is permitted to speak on a given point more than twice.

21 In order to clarify an issue raised several meetings ago, Duffy reported that five years worth of
22 University Budgets are on permanent reserve in the Library at the Reserve Desk. He thanked Bolyai and
23 his staff for supplying several missing documents and for arranging that the Library will receive copies of
24 all future Budgets in a timely manner.

25 M. Sandford of the Elections Council, reported on the technical glitch that necessitated the cancellation
26 of the original round of balloting on campus-wide committees. Members of one college might have been
27 able to vote twice. He assured the campus that the problem had been solved and that the new round of
28 voting would commence on Monday. He emphasized that all votes in the aborted round were deleted,
29 and that the voting was starting from scratch – and that those who voted the first time must vote again.

30 **VICE-CHAIR’S REPORT:** Ellis announced that the Center for Teaching Excellence would be holding a
31 workshop on Teaching Quantitative Skills to Mathematically Disinclined on November 11th during
32 Common Hour in the Paterson Room in the Library.

33 **OLD BUSINESS:**

34 **Ad Hoc Committee on Administrative Evaluations:** Walsh and Levitan moved approval of the
35 individuals who self-nominated or were nominated to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee: Chen, Diamond,
36 Falk-Romaine, Hill, Lawrence, Refsland and Rimmer (Rosenthal had withdrawn her name). Schwartz and
37 Davis nominated A. Lazarus. Parras asked if any attempt had been made to represent all the colleges.
38 Verdicchio said that only those who volunteered were considered. He repeated the Ad Hoc Committee’s

39 charge: to review the data from the evaluations and the narratives, and to compose edited and/or ne
40 reports as needed. He hoped that the Ad Hoc Committee would be able to report back to the Senate by
41 the next meeting on November 23rd, but if it needed more time to do the job right, then the Senate
42 would receive the new evaluations in the Spring. Martus suggested paring the size of the committee,
43 while Duffy said that a larger number would make the process of evaluating seven administrators easier.
44 McNeal had concerns about the consistency of the reports. Davis and Verdicchio said that the Ad Hoc
45 Committee would address those issues. Verdicchio emphasized that the final product would be a report
46 from the whole committee, and not seven independent reports. Andreopoulos hoped that similarities
47 and patterns would be discussed from a university-wide perspective. The eight members of the Ad Hoc
48 Committee were then approved unanimously.

49 **NEW BUSINESS:**

50 **University Core Curriculum Council Recommendations:** Levitan stated that during discussions with
51 department heads a number of issues arose. The two proposals presented today address some of those
52 concerns. Ferris and Parras moved the first resolution, to allow Area Four courses to be taken at the
53 200-300 level, possibly in the major. Scala, Tardi, Davis, Ellis and Godar opposed the motion, holding
54 that these courses should be taken at an early stage of a student's coursework and they provide
55 prerequisites for later courses. Levitan, Martus, Donaghy, Malanga and Falk-Romaine noted that it will
56 be difficult or impossible for some credit-heavy majors to integrate these courses without this flexibility.
57 The proposal was defeated by a vote of 13 Yes, 20 No and 5 Abstentions.

58 D. Snyder and Godar moved the second UCC proposal: that students must take a minimum of 31 credits
59 of UCC courses that are outside their major. Kelly said that this is not a change in the UCC model, but the
60 correction of an omission. Tardi was concerned that this would negatively impact student flexibility in
61 choosing courses. Martus and Snyder moved to table the motion. Overdorf suggested postponement
62 instead, but the movers did not accept that. The proposal was tabled by a vote of 15 Yes, 7 No with 4
63 Abstentions.

64 **Institutional Development Report:** Sandra Deller, Vice-President for Institutional Advancement gave a
65 detailed PowerPoint presentation [available on the Senate webpage under Packets for 11/9/2010]. She
66 discussed assets, some major gifts, scholarship support, the structure and staffing of the Institutional
67 Advancement division, the profile of the typical donor to WPU, the division's goals for the coming year,
68 and some comparative data regarding sister institutions in New Jersey. She also announced that since
69 July 1st, the University has brought in \$1,100,000 in gifts and pledges. Gardner suggested that
70 Advancement hold a meeting with each department to develop contacts, etc. Weisberg asked Deller to
71 speak to the priorities of Advancement. He felt that it's always the same programs. He noted that a
72 previous administration had promised support for a sorely needed recital hall. Deller said that this
73 antedated her arrival at WPU, but most importantly, it's very challenging to start a project like that
74 without a lead gift. Attempts were made to secure such a gift, but they gained no traction. At present
75 there is about \$700,000 set aside for music. If the department can give Advancement more leads and
76 new contacts, it will pursue them vigorously.

77 Verdicchio stated that the faculty want to do more than just raise money and work with donors. They
78 want to help set priorities. He also asked what the cost to raise a dollar is. Deller said that Advancement
79 raised over \$3,000,000 last year, and that it costs approximately 40% to do so. The industry average
80 costs are typically 20-35%. She said that if we raised more money, the percentage would be reduced.

81 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:51 PM. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held
82 on Tuesday, November 23th at 12:30 PM in the Valley Road Building.

83 Respectfully submitted: B. Duffy, Secretary

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