

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – February 12, 2013
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4 **PRESENT:** Andreopoulos, Barrow, Bernstein, Bhat, Bliss, Chabayta, Cruz Paul, D’Haem, Diamond, Dinan,
5 Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Finnegan, Furst (for Kelly), Garfinkel, Godar, Healey, Kearney, Kim, Korgen, Ku
6 (for Ndjatou), Lee, Levitan, Maganuco, Martus, Mathew, Mason (for Sheffield), Mbogoni, McNeal, Natrajan,
7 Nyamwange, Parras, Pavese, Perez, Polchak, Rosar, Sabogal, Slaymaker, Snyder, Swanson, Tardi, Verdicchio,
8 Wagner, Waldron, Walsh, Wicke

9 **ABSENT:** Nyaboga, Swanson, Weil

10 **GUESTS:** Bolyai, Cohen, Daniel-Robinson, Davis, DeDeo, Goldstein, Gritsch, Hahn, Malanga, Malu,
11 Martone, Nauta, Olaye, Refsland, Rosenberg, Schrader, Seal, Teirnan, Trelisky, Wolf

12 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Parras called the Senate to order at 12:32 PM. Pavese and Martus moved
13 acceptance of the Agenda, which was approved unanimously.

14 The draft minutes of the January 29, 2012 meeting, moved and seconded by Martus and Wicke, were approved
15 unanimously.

16 **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Sheffield notified the body that Yemane Egziabher, a long-time adjunct faculty
17 member in the Political Science Department, died recently, and that the department has established a
18 scholarship fund for his children. The Senate observed a moment of silence in his memory.

19 There will be a Graduate Forum on Thursday, March 28th; details to follow.

20 Mason distributed a flyer for Kelly announcing a jointly-sponsored (American Democracy Project, UCC
21 Council, President and Provost) New Jersey Campus Compact Faculty Institute on Friday, March 8th. For
22 details, contact Kelly.

23 Kashyap proudly announced that the College of Business MBA had achieved a rating for the fifth straight year
24 from the *Princeton Review* as one of the top 296 programs in the country. Two students finished in the top three
25 in the Society of Financial Planning Association contest. There will be a lecture by Richard Guarasci on
26 integrating theory and practice in higher education learning communities.

27 **CHAIR’S REPORT:** Parras introduced the new SGA representatives to the Senate: President Nicola
28 Maganuco and Executive Vice-President Mikaela Polchak.

29 The Provost Search Committee hopes to have 3-4 new candidates on campus in the near future.

30 There is an Emeritus/a Status page linked to the Senate webpage.

31 The Forms and Documents Archive on the Senate webpage includes a routing chart that enables senators to
32 follow the course of resolutions that have been passed by the Senate.

33 Parras has requested that Tina Leshner, the Senate’s representative on the Blue Ribbon Task Force on
34 Advisement, to update the Senate on the Task Force’s progress at the next meeting.

35 The Senate is still awaiting a resolution to the disagreement on numbers reported by K. Cohen and Ki Hee Kim.

36 Regarding the Graduate Council resolutions passed by the Senate in December, Parras reported that the
37 electronic application is up and running and relevant staff are being trained. It will be fully integrated for both
38 graduate and undergraduate admissions by the end of the semester. The question regarding the dates when
39 graduate assistantships are announced has been referred to the Provost’s Office.

40 The Minutes of the Strategic Plan Implementation groups have still not been posted. Three teams have detailed
41 updates which should be posted within the week.

42 Parras recommended that the University's Dashboard Indicators be online so that their alignment with the
43 Strategic Plan can be properly evaluated.

44 Parras urged Senate representatives to various groups to request floor time to present brief reports

45 The Supplementary Budget Process for 2014 is well under way. Parras recommended that next year the process
46 be better coordinated with the Strategic Plan implementation. Nonetheless, departments must have a strategic
47 rationale for each request for resources this year.

48 Finnegan asked what "in attendance" means in an online class, and how campus closures affect online classes.
49 Waldron said she would get an answer within ten days.

50 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Falk-Romaine nominated Lee (Godar seconded) to be the Arts and
51 Communication representative to the Budget and Planning Council, and the Senate approved this
52 unanimously.

53 She nominated eight volunteers (Dinan seconded) to serve as the Ad Hoc Committee on
54 Administrative Evaluations: Wicke, Tesfaye, Harris, Miles, Russell, Lindemann, An and Zeller. They
55 were approved unanimously, and Falk-Romaine said that other members could be added later.

56 The annual Senate Chairs Lunch will be held on Thursday at 12:30pm in UC 211.

57 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:** Mason presented two related resolutions regarding the
58 inclusion of Intermediate French I in the French and Francophone Studies Minor and Intermediate French II in
59 the FFSS Major; Snyder seconded. Bernstein presented the rationale and answered questions. There was some
60 discussion of the level of competence required for each. Cruz Paul, Dinan, Martus, Davis, McNeal, Pavese and
61 Diamond commented. The two resolutions were approved by voice vote, with four objections and two
62 abstentions.

63 **NATIONAL SURVEY OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT REPORT:** Bob Seal, Chief of Staff to the
64 President and Board of Trustees, presented the details of the report he made to the Board. He highlighted areas
65 in which WPU is moving in the right direction and areas that need work. He said that the report had been sent to
66 the deans and to the UCC Council.

67 In response to Pavese's question, Seal said that full-time and adjunct faculty are treated the same by NSSE. Kim
68 asked about our peer group. Seal described how developed a list of ten non-New Jersey institutions. The Board
69 of Trustees wants Montclair and the College of New Jersey added to the peer group. Diamond and Seal
70 discussed ways of increasing the response rate. McNeal asked why all students weren't invited. Seal replied that
71 it was random sample created with NSSE's guidance. Snyder noted that this is a self-report survey and that we
72 may have more students who come in less prepared. Natrajan said that more of our student may be working off
73 campus than at the other schools. Godar added that those students who are working may be less likely to
74 respond to such a survey. Cruz Paul said that most of our students who work do so part time, not full time. Tardi
75 disagreed. Lee suggested that transfer students may have a very different experience from those who start as
76 freshmen.

77 Andreopoulous asked what the original contribution of this survey was: what does it tell us that we don't
78 already know? Seal said that by seeing trends and studying responses the University has made and continues to
79 make changes in how things are done. He pointed to the one-stop-shopping in Morrison Hall as a response to
80 student complaints about getting the run-around. More importantly, creating a more engaging campus
81 environment will get students more engaged, leading to better performance.

82 Bhat suggested creating an express version of the survey that could be completed during a class session. Seal
83 said that it takes about twenty minutes to do the entire survey. Verdicchio suggested that the idea of a non-
84 academic Common Hour should be revisited. He was disappointed that so many students do not feel better
85 about the institution over time.

86 **UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM:** Levitan and Malanga initiated a discussion of two UCC Council
87 resolutions. They noted that Natrajan will present and lead a discussion at a future meeting. The UCC Council
88 has been more than twice the size of the other councils since its inception, consisting of two representatives
89 from each college, librarians, professional staff, adjunct faculty and four at-large members. Levitan and
90 Andreopolous moved that the UCC Council continue at its present size and structure. Finnegan and McNeal
91 started the discussion when Steinhart moved to table the motion until the next meeting. Levitan then withdrew
92 the motion, and the Executive Committee will put the item on the Agenda of the next meeting.

93 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:45 PM.

94 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held on Tuesday, February 26th at 12:30 PM in the Ballroom C.

95 Respectfully submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

96 THIS AND OTHER SENATE DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: www.wpunj.edu/senate