

4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Alon, Andreopolous, Bernstein, Betts (for Perez), Bhat, Bliss, Broome,
5 Cunningham, Diamond, Dinan, Duffy, Ellis, Finnegan, Furst, Gazzillo-Diaz, Kearney, Kim,
6 Kothandaraman, Ku, Lee, Levitan, Makarec, Martus, McNeal, Natrajan, Nyaboga, Nyamwange,
7 Rosar, Sabogal, Sandmann, Schwartz, Sheffield, Slaymaker, Smith, Snyder, Swanson, Tardi,
8 Verdicchio, Wagner, Waldron, Wallace, Wicke
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10 **ABSENT:** D’Haem, Falk-Romaine, Pavese, Sabogal, Smith, Steinhart
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12 **GUESTS:** Seal, Godar, Feng, Zhang, Refsland, Rosenberg, Trelisky, Brenenson, Noonan,
13 Rosengart, Nauta, Rabbitt, Ciliberti, Tiernan, Hahn, Daniel-Robinson, O’Laye, Bolyai, Wolf,
14 Fuller Stanley, Goldstein, Yucel, Darby, Basquez, Richardson, Sherman, Schaeffer, Wagner,
15 Kaur, Fallace, Audeev, Huckvalem Martone, Sandford, Williams, Chabayta, Zeller, Decker,
16 Crise, V. Wagner, Ardeen, Yoo, Cohen
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18 **PRELIMINARIES:** Levitan called the Senate to order at 12:37PM.

19 *K. Wagner and Finnegan moved and seconded a motion to accept the Agenda. Wagner*
20 *requested that the order of the day be changed from 1:15 to 1:30PM. With no objections to*
21 *the change the motion passed unanimously. A motion to approve the Minutes from the*
22 *November 12, 2013 meeting of the Faculty Senate was made and seconded by Duffy and*
23 *Sheffield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
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25 **CHAIR’S REPORT:** Levitan distributed handouts for the Senate (Report on Feedback of the
26 Blue Ribbon Task Force and an update on Finish in Four activities). The Chair reported the
27 following from the November 22, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting. The Board of Trustees are
28 presently in the process of filling out the BOT roster to its full compliment of eleven individuals
29 and that Barry Morganstern and John Martone were both retiring from William Paterson
30 University community. A round of applause was given in honor of John Martone who was
31 present while attending his last Senate meeting before his retirement. The Chair reported that the
32 administration was working toward a policy *on policy* that would aim at streamlining both the
33 access to the most current policies and the policy themselves. Examples of these modifications
34 include: the Provost’s Office working with departments to generate a consistent set of
35 Department By-Laws and at the college level a codified policy for administering programmatic
36 changes (what changes can go directly to the Provost’s Office versus changes that require college
37 curriculum review). President Waldron was asked to reflect on her recent trip to China. She
38 thanked the College of Business on developing the relationship with Zhejiang University of
39 Technology. The President also announced that Dr. J. Fuller-Stanley will be honored at the
40 Liberty Science Center’s Women’s Leadership Council in December. A round of applause was
41 given in honor of Jean Fuller-Stanley. Provost Sandmann commented on the Finish in Four
42 campaign’s short and long-term goals. One short-term goal was to reduce the number of
43 students who leave at the end of the fall term. The longer-term goals would involve other
44 activities that will extend into the Spring semester and beyond. The Provost also commented
45 that the on-line Tutor.com trial period would end in the Fall. Evaluation of the program and how
46 the institution should proceed with regard to on-line tutoring will be worked out with shared

47 governance in mind. The Chair reported that the Evaluation of Administrators will be
48 proceeding during Spring term, but currently the software used to administer the tool will be
49 tested and if anyone is interested in participating in the test they should contact J. Wicke.
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51 **VICE CHAIRS REPORT:** Dinan reported that a call for two University Core Curriculum
52 replacement members went out this morning (11/22/2013). The replacements would be for the
53 Spring 2014 semester only.
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55 **ACADEMIC STANDARDS COUNCIL:** *Slaymaker and Dinan moved and seconded the*
56 *motion to accept the revision from the Academic Standards Council regarding the policy on*
57 *undeclared students and, thereby, reduce the number of credits required prior to selecting a*
58 *major. The policy would state; “Students are encouraged to declare a major when first*
59 *enrolling in the University so they can take the appropriate courses for a timely degree*
60 *completion, and so that departments can offer career-specific guidance. Students who exercise*
61 *their option not to select a major program upon entering the University are classified as*
62 *undeclared students. Undeclared students are strongly encouraged to apply for admission to a*
63 *degree program no later than upon completion of 45 credits.” The motion passed with a*
64 *majority voice vote and recording 1 in opposition and 1 abstention.*
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66 **ADVISEMENT AND REGISTRATION COUNCIL:** *Sheffield and Dinan moved and*
67 *seconded the motion to accept the report by the Advisement and Registration Council.*
68 *A summary of the faculty/staff feedback was presented with a listing of recommendations that*
69 *were accepted and those that there were concern. Duffy and Martus moved and seconded a*
70 *motion to divide the question. The motion to divide the question failed (6-20). The original*
71 *motion passed unanimously with one abstention.*
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73 **ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT:** Decker and Crick reported that the
74 council has reviewed the Enrollment, Retention and Admission Report Fall 2013. Senators
75 questioned why the enrollment figures are not increasing and why the conversion rates reflect
76 that students are not choosing WPUNJ. Other Senators questioned course loads and the four-
77 year graduation rates along with out-of-state tuition. Cohen responded to a number of the
78 questions.
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80 **ADJOURNMENT:** *Bhat and Lee moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion*
81 *was unanimously approved at 1:45PM.*

82 Respectfully Submitted: Kevin Martus, Secretary
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