

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES –April 28, 2015  
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopolous, Broome, Cano, Cook, Crick (for Lum), Decker, Diamond,  
5 Dinan, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Furst, Gazzillo-Diaz, Griswold, Hong, Kearney, Kim,  
6 Kothandaraman, Levitan, Maduro, Magaldi, Makarec, Martin, Martus, McNeal, Najarian (for  
7 Ku), O'Donnell, Rosar, Sabogal, Sandmann, Schwartz, Simon, Snyder, Steinhart, Tardi, Tesfaye,  
8 Verdicchio, Wagner, Waldron, Wallace, Watad, Weisberg, Wicke  
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10 **ABSENT:** Avdeev, Harris, Owusu, Swanson, Villar  
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12 **GUESTS:** Berenson, Burns, Cammarata, Chabayta, Ciliberti, Corso, Daniel-Robinson, Davis,  
13 De la Rosa, DiNoia, Godar, Goldstein, Green, Jackson, Joachim, McLaughlin-Vignier, Miller,  
14 Moore, Perez, Rabbitt, Refsland, Rosenberg, Rosengart, Sandford, Seal, Sherman, Tirado,  
15 Trelisky, Voltman, Vovchuk, Winslow, Wolf, Zeff  
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17 **PRELIMINARIES:** Levitan called the Senate to order at 12:32PM. The Agenda, moved by  
18 Martus and Snyder, was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the 4/14/2015 meeting, moved  
19 by Wagner and Martus, were also approved unanimously.  
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21 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Levitan welcomed new senators and thanked those whose terms had  
22 expired.  
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24 Africana World Studies, a small department, needs an outside member for Danielle Wallace's  
25 RTP Committee. Arlene Scala was nominated (by Wicke and Duffy) and was approved  
26 unanimously.  
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28 Duffy and Aktan move acceptance of the 2015-2016 Senate calendars, which were approved  
29 unanimously.  
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31 All deans and chairs were sent copies of the Research and Scholarship report and asked to review  
32 and discuss the report with their faculty.  
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34 A closed Faculty and Professional Staff meeting was held on 4/16. After thanking the members  
35 of the committees that conducted the evaluations, Levitan moved (Dinan seconded) formal  
36 Senate acceptance of the Administrator Evaluations for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. The reports  
37 were accepted unanimously without comment. Levitan stated the reports will be sent to the  
38 Board of Trustees, and that she will request time to speak at the next Board meeting on May 1,  
39 2015.  
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41 Levitan thanked those senators with whom she worked on the Executive Committee over the past  
42 two years (Dinan, Duffy, Lee, Makarec, Martus, Perez, Slaymaker and Tirado) and Kearney for  
43 his service as Parliamentarian. She expressed frustration about the Senate's inability to settle the  
44 repeat grade issue and reminded the campus that compromises will need to be made by everyone  
45 if progress is to be made. The only point upon which the Senate has reached agreement is "repeat  
46 a grade below C." She commended the Academic Standards Council for its efforts and noted that  
47 the Provost has asked the Executive Committee to have a discussion of University vs.  
48 departmental standards on the Senate floor.

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50 **PROVOST SANDMANN:** Sandmann announced this year's winners of the Faculty Awards for  
51 Excellence: Research: Emmanuel Onaivi; Teaching: Hilary Wilder; Service: Nancy Weiner. He  
52 also thanked Levitan and Dinan for their strong leadership of the Senate for the past two years.

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54 **VICE CHAIRS REPORT:** Dinan reported that the UCC would like to have its expanded size  
55 approved for another two years. Martus suggested (Dinan seconded) that the Governance  
56 Council make this a permanent change. The motion was approved unanimously.

57 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: EMERITA STATUS FOR ALICE DEAKINS:** Jackson  
58 moved (Dinan seconded) and read the Council's nomination, which was approved unanimously.

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60 **ELECTIONS COUNCIL: ELECTION OF 2015-2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

61 Joachim read the approved election procedures.

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63 Weisberg and Duffy nominated Falk-Romaine for Chair. There were no other nominations. A  
64 secret ballot vote resulted in 39 votes being cast. Falk-Romaine received 36 yes votes; there were  
65 2 no votes and one abstention.

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67 Weisberg and Tardi nominated McNeal for Vice-Chair. Aktan and Verdicchio nominated  
68 Magaldi. Each candidate made brief remarks before the closed ballot was taken. There were 39  
69 votes cast. Magaldi received 28, McNeal received 11 and there were no abstentions.

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71 Griswold and Cook nominated Duffy for Secretary. There were no other nominations. There  
72 were 39 votes cast. Duffy received 35 yes votes and there were 4 no votes.

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74 Joachim then took nominations for the three remaining positions on the Executive Committee.  
75 Weisberg and Tardi nominated Cook. Ellis and Tardi nominated Weisberg. Levitan and Aktan  
76 nominated Makarec. Levitan and Falk-Romaine nominate Tesfaye. The closed ballot resulted in  
77 39 votes being cast, with Makarec and Weisberg obtaining 27 each, thereby being elected. Cook  
78 and Tesfaye both received 22 votes. Levitan and Falk-Romaine called for a paper vote to be held  
79 in the Senate Office over the following week. [That vote resulted in Tesfaye receiving 13 votes  
80 and Cook 6 votes with one abstention.

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82 **VICE-PRESIDENT BOLYAI: BUDGET DISCUSSION:** Bolyai briefly reviewed the  
83 PowerPoint (archived in the Packet for this meeting) statistics and entertained questions. Many  
84 senators commented: Kothandaraman, Snyder, Watad, Kim, Verdicchio, Diamond, Simon, Tardi  
85 and Falk-Romaine. The presentation was fragmented due to the Election (and he will come to the  
86 Senate again in the fall semester).

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88 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:56pm.

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90 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, September, 8<sup>th</sup> in Ballroom C.

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92 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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