

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES –September 24, 2013
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Alon, Andreopolous, Bernstein, Bhat, Bliss, Broome, Cunningham, D’Haem,
5 Diamond, Dinan, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Finnegan, Furst, Garfinkel, Gazzillo-Diaz,
6 Kearney, Kim, Kothandaraman, Ku, Lee, Levitan, Maganuco, Makarec, Martus, McNeal,
7 Natrajan, Nyaboga, Nyamwange, Parras, Pavese, Perez, Rosar, Sabogal, Schwartz, Sheffield,
8 Slaymaker, Smith, Snyder, Steinhart, Swanson, Tardi, Verdicchio, Wagner, Waldron, Wallace,
9 Wicke

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11 **ABSENT:** None

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13 **GUESTS:** Chabayta, Wolf, Williams, Goldstein, Liautaud, Orr, Gordon-Nesenjuk, Moore,
14 Rabbitt, Rosenberg, Seal, Ciliberti, Miller, Daniel-Robinson, Flint, Fallace, Leshner, Ferguson,
15 Burns, Stoppel, Bolyai, Murphy, Rosengart, Nautu, Escobar, Davis-Dukes, Griffin, DeLoatch,
16 Refsland, Schneider, Fuller-Stanley, Burton, Vasquez, Darby, Cohen, Hahn, T. Duffy, Weiland,
17 Peck, Ekmekjian, Schaeffer, Gardner.

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19 **PRELIMINARIES:** Levitan called the Senate to order at 12:32 PM. *Pavese and Wicke moved*
20 *and seconded a motion to accept the Agenda as distributed and the motion passed unanimously.*
21 *A motion to approve the Minutes from the September 10, 2013 meeting of the Faculty Senate was*
22 *made and seconded by Duffy and Dinan. The motion was approved unanimously.*

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24 **CHAIR’S REPORT:** Levitan initiated a discussion regarding privacy concerns associated with
25 sending “cookies” from personal computers while using the university sanctioned course
26 management software, Blackboard. Eric Rosenberg (CIO ~ Information Technology) pointed
27 out that the small bits of information associated with a “cookie” are essential to running web
28 sites and the information is only used for the Bb system. A senator requested that a written
29 statement from Information Technology, should be made, that would clarify the issue and assure
30 the faculty that their privacy is respected. Levitan read a prepared statement from Provost
31 Sandmann that indicated no decisions have been made about the Blue Ribbon Task Force’s
32 recommendations and for this year we are following the same established procedures as the
33 previous year. Levitan also said that twenty-eight faculty members have volunteered to be
34 mentors to first year tenure track faculty members. Currently, only seven new faculty members
35 in their first year responded that they were interested in the program. A second call will be sent
36 out and Wicke suggested that the pool be opened to include second year untenured faculty
37 members. Levitan informed the faculty that on October 8, 2013 WPUNJ will host the 2013
38 Gubernatorial Debate between candidates Christie and Buono. The debate is being held on the
39 same day as the next Senate meeting and parking on the main campus maybe difficult for faculty
40 and staff from the Valley Road Campus. A limited number of free tickets will be made available
41 to the campus community starting September 26, 2013.

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43 **VICE CHAIR’S REPORT:** *Dinan and Duffy moved and seconded the acceptance of the*
44 *following slate of Senate Council appointments; Rajender Kaur (HSS) Advisement and*
45 *Registration, Brian O’Broin (HSS) UCC, Justina Ekeocha (At-Large) UCC. The motion to*
46 *accept the appointments was approved unanimously.*

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48 Levitan forwarded a committee composition request from the Geography Department. *Sheffield*
49 *and Duffy moved and seconded that Charley Flint and Mark Ellis to be included in the*
50 *Geography Department's Retention and Tenure Committee. The motion was approved*
51 *unanimously.*

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53 Levitan forwarded a committee composition request from the Anthropology Department.
54 *Levitan and Duffy moved and seconded that Mark Ellis to be included in the Anthropology*
55 *Department's Retention and Tenure Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.*

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57 **TASK FORCE REPORT ON ADVISEMENT:** Glenn Sherman (Associate VP and Dean of
58 Student Development) led the discussion on the Blue Ribbon Task Force's recommendations.
59 The members of the Task Force were introduced and included E. Ekmekjian (COB), Gardner
60 (COSH), Weiland (COE), Makarec (HSS), Peck, Soto (student representative), Marc Schaeffer
61 (Advisement Center), and Tina Leshner (Senate Council on Advisement and Registration). An
62 executive summary and a summary of the Task Force's recommendations were previously
63 distributed in the senate packet. A number of points and issues were raised by the Faculty Senate
64 and addressed by the Task Force. {A summary of the comments is being made available to the
65 Task Force and is available on-line at <http://www.wpunj.edu/senate/forms.dot> }. The Senators
66 were reminded that all faculty members can still submit comments and questions electronically
67 on the Blue Ribbon Task Force's web site <http://www.wpunj.edu/blueribbontaskforce/index.dot>.
68 Levitan announced that at the next Senate meeting (October 8, 2013) the discussion will continue
69 beginning with the list of the senators who did not have a chance to speak at this point in time.

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71 ADJOURNMENT: The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:42PM.

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73 Respectfully Submitted: Kevin Martus, Secretary

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76 www.wpunj.edu/senate