

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – April 9, 2019  
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopoulos, Brillante, Chung, Crick, De Young, Diamond, Duffy, Ellis,  
5 Flores-Marti, Fuentes, Griswold, Harris, Helldobler, Inserra, Kearney, Kecojevic, Kollia,  
6 Kothandaraman, Levitan, Liu, Makarec, Natrajan, Nyaboga, O'Donnell, Orr, Potacco, Pozzi,  
7 Ranjan, Rebe, Rosar, Scala, Schwartz, Simon, Snyder, Spagna, Steinhart, Suess, Swanson, Tardi,  
8 Vega, Vishio, Wallace, Watad, Weisberg

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10 **ABSENT:** Guedes, Najarian, Russell

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12 **GUESTS:** Abouk, Arevalo, Bartle, Boucher, Corso, Ferguson, Finnegan, Fuller-Stanley,  
13 Gazzillo-Diaz, Ginsberg, Green, Hill, Hinkle, Kerzner, Kim, Liautaud, Lincoln, Malindretos,  
14 Mankiw, Marks, Martin, Martus, McLaughlin-Vignier, Moore, Nassiripour, Owusu-Ansah,  
15 Panayides, Puchalski, Rabbitt, Refsland, Richardson, Ross, Schneider, Seal, Sharma, Williams  
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18 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Scala called the Senate meeting to order at 12:36pm. She and  
19 Levitan moved the Agenda which was approved unanimously. The Draft Minutes of the March  
20 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, moved and seconded by Scala and Aktan, were also approved unanimously.

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22 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Scala announced that the Administrator Assessment Reports would be  
23 discussed at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The first part of the meeting will be a Faculty and  
24 Professional Staff Meeting – a closed meeting. Only elected members of the Senate and  
25 members of the Administrator Assessment Council may attend that session. The regular Senate  
26 meeting will begin at 1pm.

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28 Associate Provost Lincoln is accepting nominations for a new Director of the University Core  
29 Curriculum.

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31 She announced that applications for the annual AFT Scholarships are now available at the  
32 Reference Desk in the Library. The deadline for applications is April 26<sup>th</sup>.

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34 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: ACCELERATED BA/MA IN SOCIOLOGY:** Mankiw  
35 and Ellis moved approval of the Council's recommendation. In response to Levitan's question,  
36 Ellis confirmed that students can apply up to 12 upper level undergraduate credits towards the  
37 masters. The program was then approved unanimously.

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39 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: MINOR IN MUSIC CREATION AND ARRANGING:**  
40 Mankiw and Vishio moved approval of the Council's recommendation. The minor was approved  
41 unanimously with no discussion.

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43 **GRADUATE COUNCIL: ACCELERATED 3 + 2 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN**  
44 **SPORTS MEDICINE / MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING:** Hinkle and  
45 Flores-Marti moved acceptance of the Council's recommendation. Gazzillo-Diaz briefly  
46 responded to two questions, and the program was approved unanimously.

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**GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FOR AMENDING THE BY-LAWS:** Marks and Duffy moved the Council’s recommendation at the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. The amendment was approved unanimously by voice vote.

**GRADUATE POLICY COUNCIL: GRADUATE LEAVE OF ABSENCE POLICY:** Diamond and Aktan moved acceptance of the Council’s resolution. After brief discussion the proposal was approved unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT CONSOLIDATION DISCUSSION:** Discussion resumed on the President’s intention to consolidate small departments (< 50 majors; < 10 graduates a year; < 5 faculty).

Scala asked if more than two departments could merge. DeYoung said there were no set plan yet, but that the idea could be discussed. Tardi warned that two small departments could merge yet still not meet the requirements set by the President.

Andreopoulos said that 50 majors was too high; 30 is more realistic. Scala said that the number of minors should also be counted. Natrajan added that the number of student credit hours should be included. He, Nyaboga, Seuss, Crick, Tardi and Potacco also questioned the savings to be realized by having secretaries cover several departments.

Rosar asked about destination departments having rights. DeYoung said that all consolidations must make academic sense.

Kim reiterated his oft-expressed point that WPU needs to more aggressively pursue foreign students.

Wallace and Scala expressed the fears that small departments will lose their identity and status, and will become less stable and vulnerable.

Tardi noted that the President stated that there would be no layoffs – faculty nor staff – as a result of consolidation and she expects him to stick to his word.

**GRADUATE PROGRAMS UPDATE:** Lincoln presented a PowerPoint [archived in the Packet of this meeting] on the status of WPU’s graduate programs. Kim, Levitan, Aktan, Nyaboga, Simon, Potacco, Natrajan and Helldobler commented.

**NSSE REPORT:** Hill presented a PowerPoint [archived in the Packet of this meeting]. She emphasized high impact practices.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:51pm.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate, will be held on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Ballroom C. The first half of the meeting (12:30 to 1pm) will be a Faculty and Professional Staff Meeting to discuss the Administrator Assessment Council reports. This will be a closed meeting, and only

92 elected senators and members of the Administrator Assessment Council may attend. The regular  
93 Senate meeting will begin at 1pm and is open to the campus community, as always.

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95 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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