

4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopolous, Basch, Broome, Decker, Diamond, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-  
5 Romaine, Fallace, Flint, Griswold, Harris, Hong, Kearney, Kothandaraman, Kromidas, Levitan,  
6 Maduro, Magaldi, Makarec, Martin, Martus, Najarian, O'Donnell, Potacco, Refsland, Rosar,  
7 Sandmann, Scala, Schwartz, Simon, Snyder, Tardi, Tesfaye, Verdicchio, Vishio, Wallace,  
8 Watad, Wicke  
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10 **ABSENT:** Avdeev, Cook, Guerrieri, Helena, Owusu, Steinhart, Swanson, Weisberg  
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12 **GUESTS:** Ashnai, Bolyai, Brenenson, Burns, Chabayta, Corso, Daniel-Robinson, Dean,  
13 DeDeo, Diaz, Goldstein, Hahn, Jackson, Liautaud, Lowe, McLaughlin-Vignier, Miller, Moore,  
14 Mulrine, Noonan, Owusu-Ansah, Rabbitt, Richardson, Rosenberg, Seal, Sherman, Smith (for  
15 Clarke), Tiernan, Urgolo Huckvale, Vasquez, Weiner, Wolf, Zimmerman  
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17 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Makarec called the Senate to order at 12:33pm. The Agenda,  
18 moved by Wicke and Martus, was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the October 25<sup>th</sup>  
19 meeting, moved by Najarian and Wicke, were also approved unanimously.  
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21 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Makarec introduced Michelle Zimmerman the new Administrative  
22 Assistant to President Waldron.  
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24 She reported that Birge has resigned from the Sabbatical Leave Committee and will be replaced  
25 by Weisberg.  
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27 Kothandaraman said that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual National Sales Challenge will be held at William  
28 Paterson next week, with over thirty colleges participating.  
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30 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** No report.  
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32 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: EMERITA STATUS FOR JANE HUTCHISON:** Duffy and  
33 Levitan moved the Council's resolution. Miller spoke warmly about her years working with  
34 Hutchison. The resolution was approved unanimously.  
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36 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: EMERTIUS STATUS FOR MEHENDRA JANI:** Dean and  
37 Duffy moved the Council's resolution. Rosar spoke about Jani's dedication to students and the  
38 University. The resolution was approved unanimously.  
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40 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: EMERITA STATUS FOR DONNA PERRY.** Jackson and  
41 Duffy moved the Council's resolution. Levitan, Verdicchio and Ellis spoke in favor of the  
42 resolution, which was approved unanimously.  
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44 **UNIVERSITY POLICE:** Makarec introduced the new Head of Public Safety, Charles Lowe.  
45 He mentioned his years of experience on campus and in town in Florida, and stressed his desire  
46 to continue the professionalism of the Department.  
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48 **ASSESSMENT COUNCIL: REPORT ON THE ASSESSMENT SURVEY:** Ashnai  
49 presented a PowerPoint [archived in the Packet of this meeting]. Among the findings: Faculty  
50 want simple, not complex, assessment tools, and there need to have assessment workshops  
51 targeted at specific colleges and departments. Martus urged that there be workshops within  
52 departments.

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54 Flint asked if 20 responses (out of 70 distributed) is representative. Ashnai replied that responses  
55 were received from all the five colleges, though he admitted, in reply to Ellis' question, that the  
56 Library had not been included.

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58 Snyder asked if there were plans to close the loop. Ashnai said that this survey was very broad  
59 and information-seeking.

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61 Potacco asked if the administrative units had been surveyed, to which Ashnai replied, no.

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63 Sandmann noted that all assessment activities are aimed at improving what we can do for our  
64 students.

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66 **DUAL ENROLLMENT PROPOSAL:** Noonan resumed discussion of the University's  
67 proposal on responding to the State's mandates regarding the granting of college level credits to  
68 students taking certain high school classes. [The Proposal is archived in the Packet for this  
69 meeting.]

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71 A member inquired about courses like the Pioneer Success Seminar. Daniel-Robinson replied  
72 that all students who come to WPU with fewer than 12 credits must take PSS, unless they have  
73 had a similar course elsewhere.

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75 Tardi said that there is a model for using WPU adjuncts, this has not been negotiated with the  
76 Union and there are questions about pay equity. She further asked how high school teachers who  
77 are not certified with a major in one of the "-ologies" could teach such courses. She was  
78 concerned that students in such classes wouldn't be prepared for true college work in their  
79 majors. Students might well be taking these courses for no reason since they won't be accepted  
80 by more prestigious colleges, while AP courses would be.

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82 Potacco and Makarec expressed concern about having only two observations of the high school  
83 teachers and about the real possibility of these courses being watered down, not up to our  
84 standards. Noonan replied that while the State is going to pursue this model and that it wants the  
85 high school teacher conducting the classes, we will be in charge of the standards. Courses must  
86 meet WPU standards and objectives.

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88 Andreopoulos asked about the suggested course offerings. Noonan replied that those listed are  
89 the ones that the high schools have requested, not necessarily the ones we would want. Magaldi  
90 noted that it is the students' responsibility to check which courses will be accepted by the  
91 colleges to which they will be applying.

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93 O'Donnell and Snyder raised the issue of pre-requisites; Noonan said that all pre-requisites  
94 would have to be met. Diamond asked what happens if there were issues with the high school

95 courses. Sandmann responded that these things will be handled by the Provost's Office. Also, a  
96 course will not be offered again if it fails to meet our expectations.

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98 Martus thought that this sort of program could be a good thing if it introduces high school  
99 students to subjects like Physics.

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101 Griswold said we must understand and support the high school teachers. Fallace noted that our  
102 adjuncts may be teaching more since fewer high school teachers are getting advanced content  
103 area degrees any more. Verdicchio offered cautious support. Ellis urged that there be workshops  
104 for the high school teachers.

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106 Noonan also noted that some Passaic County Community College teachers received complaints  
107 from the parents of some high school students due to certain controversial topics covered in the  
108 classes. He said that in the K-12 setting there are different rule and that one must take the parents  
109 into account.

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111 After a bit of parliamentary discussion, Wicke and Snyder moved acceptance of the Proposal. It  
112 was approved by a vote of 16 yes, 14 no with 6 abstentions.

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114 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:50pm.

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116 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 in Ballroom C.

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118 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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