

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – October 24, 2017
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopolous, Basch, Crick, Decker, Diamond, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-
5 Romaine, Fallace, Felson, Flores-Marti, Galindo, Griswold, Harris, Kromidas, Levitan, Maduro,
6 Magaldi, Makarec, Martin, Martus, O'Donnell, Orr, Owusu, Perez, Potacco, Pozzi, Rosar, Scala,
7 Simon, Snyder, Suess, Tardi, Tesfaye, Verdicchio, Vishio, Waldron, Wallace, Watad, Weiner
8 (for Kearney), Weisberg
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10 **ABSENT:** Kothandaraman, Nyaboga, Sandmann, Schwartz, Swanson, Thompson
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12 **GUESTS:** Andrew, Bartle, Berg, Boucher-Jarvis, Cammarata, Chabayta, Corso, Daniel-
13 Robinson, D. Decker, Diaz, Fuller-Stanley, Hawk, Lincoln, Lorah, Marks, McLaughlin-Vignier,
14 Noonan, Ortiz, Pinkston, Rabbitt, Ramirez, Refsland, Rosenberg, Schneider, Seal, Sharma,
15 Sherman, Torres, Vasquez, Williams.
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17 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Scala called the Senate to order at 12:32pm. The Agenda,
18 moved by Najarian and Harris, was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the October 10, 2017
19 meeting were moved by Najarian and Martus were approved unanimously after a minor addition
20 by Wallace.
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22 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Martus needs a member for his UFRAC Committee. Scala and Najarian
23 nominated Rosar, who was approved by voice vote with one abstention.
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25 Sandman announced that the Academic Standards proposal, approved by the Senate at the
26 October 10th meeting, has been adopted as official University Policy.
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28 The annual Town Hall on Enrollment and Finances to be held in the Library Auditorium this
29 afternoon from 3:00-4:30PM.
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31 Scala's announcement that Ken Schneider has been the new Director of Undergraduate
32 Admissions was met with applause.
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34 Scala reminded senators that they should get substitutes if they are unable to attend a Senate
35 meeting.
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37 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Griswold's nomination (Martus seconded) of Hylton-Lindsay for
38 the UCC Justice and Diversity Review Panel was approved unanimously.
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40 Griswold noted that there are no volunteers from the College of Business for the newly formed
41 Ad Hoc Committee on Retention.
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43 He also reminded senators and council members about the Council Chairs Lunch on Thursday
44 during Common Hour in UC 211.
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46 **LEARNING COMMUNITIES:** Lincoln described the new Learning Communities which have
47 replaced the Clusters. Aktan suggested that training take place earlier; that lists of all participants
48 be made available, and that assessment be done.

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50 Simon asked if adjunct faculty could participate, to which Lincoln replied yes.

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52 Andreopoulos asked how the learning communities are being formed – and noted that she was
53 assigned to one without her knowledge. Watad asked what incentives exist for faculty to
54 participate. Lincoln said that personal interest is the primary motivation. Scala inquired if there
55 were any extra monies involved for participants. Lincoln said that there might be some for
56 planning or unusual activities outside class time.

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58 Scala noted that there were few HSS departments involved. Lincoln urged interested faculty to
59 contact him. Kromidas asked for comparative information regarding clusters and learning
60 communities; Lincoln said was not involved in the older program and thus couldn't comment.
61 Tardi pointed out that the clusters didn't connect with civic engagement.

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63 Potacco suggested that Lincoln see what colleges have successful learning communities, and to
64 see what other efforts on campus are working well. Ellis asked how learning communities will
65 connect with academic support services and the Pioneer Success Seminars. Lincoln replied that
66 every learning community will be linked to a PSS, but how the connection will be used is up to
67 the faculty involved.

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69 **PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH:** Scala noted that some faculty have expressed concern that the
70 Presidential Search Committee does not include representation from all five colleges.

71 Andreopoulos and Perez made the case for a member from the College of Business (as well as
72 one from Arts and Communication).

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74 Aktan moved (Perez seconded) that the Faculty Senate supports representation of all five
75 colleges on the Presidential Search Committee.

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77 Martus noted that it is unlikely that the current committee membership would be altered, but that
78 this motion could provide guidance for future committees.

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80 Scala and Tardi, as members of the Committee, are not permitted to talk about matters discussed
81 in the Committee, but they noted that adding two more faculty would only increase the
82 membership from 15 to 17.

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84 Duffy noted that the Waldron Search Committee had only three faculty members (Godar and
85 Tardi, as heads of the Senate and Union, and Davis who was elected by vote of the faculty).

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87 The motion carried by voice vote with one negative and three abstentions.

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89 Andreopoulos and Tesfaye moved that the Board reveal the criteria used for selecting members
90 for the Presidential Search Committee. The motion passed by voice vote with one negative and
91 seven abstentions.

92 **UCC UPDATE:** Lincoln and Weisberg very briefly reported and noted that Banner now
93 makes it easier to identify Writing Intensive and Technology Intensive courses.

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95 **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:** Scala asked if there will be money for civic engagement projects.
96 Lincoln there will be an announcement soon. Tardi was pleased about the work done so far on
97 civic engagement, but she would like to see an actual definition of the term.

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99 **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Wallace announced that there would be a faculty workshop, “Teaching
100 Charlottesville,” sponsored by the Social Justice Project in the Paterson room at 12:30pm on
101 10/12.

102 **ADJOURNMENT:** Upon the motion of Najarian and Aktan, the Senate adjourned at 1:27pm.
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104 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday November 14th in the Valley Road
105 Auditorium.

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107 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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