

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – February 27, 2018

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5 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Bae (for Flores-Marti), Basch, Crick, Decker, Diamond, Duffy,
6 Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Fallace, Felson, Galindo, Inserra (for Egers), Kothandaraman,
7 Kromidas, Levitan, Maduro, Magaldi, Makarec, Martin, Martus, Najarian, Nyaboga,
8 O'Donnell, Orr, Owusu, Perez, Potacco, Pozzi, Rosar, Sandmann, Scala, Schwartz,
9 Simon, Snyder, Steinhart, Suess, Tardi, Tesfaye, Urgolo Huckvale (for Griswold),
10 Verdicchio, Vishio, Wallace, Watad, Weiner (for Kearney), Weisberg

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12 **ABSENT:** Abouk, Harris, Waldron

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14 **GUESTS:** Brenenson, Bolyai, Cammarata, Chabayta, Corso, Daniel-Robinson, F. Diaz,
15 M. Diaz, Feola, Hawk, Hinkle, Lincoln, Lubeck, Marcone, Noonan, O'Neal, Owusu-
16 Ansah, Refsland, Rosenberg, Ross, Sabatino, Schwartz, Seal, Sharma, Sherman

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18 **PRELIMINARIES:** Scala called the Faculty Senate to order at 12:32PM. The Agenda,
19 moved by Najarian and Martus, was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the
20 February 27, 2018 meeting, moved by Martus and Perez, were approved unanimously
21 with one correction to the attendance.

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23 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Scala reminded the campus that the second round of Senate
24 elections began at noon today and will close next Tuesday.

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26 The AFT send four busses of students and faculty to Washington, DC in support of the
27 March for Our Lives.

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29 The Administrator Assessment Council will present its report to the Senate at the April
30 24th meeting. Those being assessed have already received the raw data. Tardi and Watad
31 moved to approve this procedure. Crick asked if this approach has been codified. Scala
32 said it is open to revision. The motion was approved with one no vote and one abstention.

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34 Richard Helldobler, the newly-hired President of WPU, will take office on July 1st.

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36 Matthew Diaz of the Women's Center wants to create a directory of openly LGBT
37 student and faculty. Anyone wishing to participate should contact him:
38 diazm39@student.wpunj.edu.

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40 Scala thanked Diamond for organizing the Graduate Forum held last week.

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42 Linda Brown, the third grader at the center of the landmark Brown vs. Board Supreme
43 Court decision that ended segregation in public education, died on March 25th.

44 Duffy noted that May Chabayta, the Senate Office secretary started work at WPU eleven
45 years ago today. He said that he hired her when he was Chair of the Senate – one of his
46 wisest acts as Chair. She was applauded heartily.

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48 Scala thanked Sandmann, who will be retiring in June, for his commitment to diversity
49 and justice.

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51 Wallace said that the Center for Teaching Excellence and the Social Justice Project will
52 hold a Lunch and Learn on the topic of gender in the academy on Wednesday at 2PM in
53 the Ballroom.

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55 **GRADUATE PROGRAMS COUNCIL: PROGRAM CHANGE IN THE EARLY**
56 **CHILDHOOD CONCENTRATION OF THE M Ed IN CURRICULUM AND**
57 **LEARNING:** Sabatino and Scala moved approval of the program change, which was
58 then approved unanimously.

59 **GRADUATE PROGRAMS COUNCIL: PROGRAM CHANGE IN THE M Ed IN**
60 **SPECIAL EDUCATION, TEACHERS OF STUDENTS WITH DISSABILITIES**
61 **CONCENTRATION:** Sabatino and Aktan moved approval of the Council’s resolution.
62 Scala noted that diversity has been removed from the title of some of the course
63 offerings. O’Neal stated that the courses are now named according to national standards,
64 and that diversity is stressed in all courses. The resolution was approved unanimously.

65 **GRADUATE PROGRAMS COUNCIL: PROGRAM CHANGE IN THE MBA**
66 **CONCENTRATION IN MUSIC MANAGEMENT TO MBA CONCENTRATION**
67 **IN MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT MANAGEMENT:** Sabatino and Weisberg
68 moved acceptance of the Council’s resolution. The resolution was approved
69 unanimously.

70 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE CONSTITUION:**
71 **SECOND READING:** The amendment (to eliminate emeritus consideration from the
72 Senate Constitution) was approved with one abstention.

73 **ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCILS: ACADEMIC**
74 **INTEGRITY POLICY:** Snyder and Makarec moved acceptance of the Council’s
75 resolution to have these two councils revise the existing University policy on academic
76 integrity next year. A previous revision was approved by the Senate years ago and sent to
77 Trenton for review – and was never returned to WPU. Sandmann said that now that we
78 have our own in-house counsel there is no need to send this sort of thing to Trenton and
79 things will move much more quickly. The motion was approved unanimously.

80 **REPORT ON STUDENT DEVELOPMENT:** Vice-President Cammarata presented
81 the 2016-2017 Student Co/Extra-curricular Involvement Report and a detailed

82 PowerPoint [both items are archived in the Packet for this meeting], and took numerous
83 questions. Several senators (Tesfaye, Verdicchio, Aktan, Tardi, Perez, Wallace, Scala)
84 raised assorted issues regarding the funding process for student-oriented events.
85 Cammarata replied that some of the problems were caused by strict SGA rules and
86 procedures, but that she would work to see if things could be streamlined.

87 SGA VP Galindo stated that some students (e.g., more conservative ones) fear speaking
88 out during class. Simon followed that point up by noting that while many aspects of
89 diversity are stressed and addressed on campus, disability issues are usually left out. Ellis
90 wondered what students will say to new President Helldobler when he ask them what
91 they think about WPU. Cammarata pointed to NSSE results which demonstrate that WPU
92 students support diversity. There are sometimes bureaucratic walls, but students feel
93 supported.

94 Cammarata also advised the campus that WPU sporting events can be followed on the
95 Athletics website: <http://wpupioneers.com/>

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97 **ADJOURNMENT:** Upon Najarian's motion, the Senate adjourned at 1:40PM.

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99 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday April 10th in the University
100 Commons, Multi-Purpose room.

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102 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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106 www.wpunj.edu/senate