

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – September 11, 2018  
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3 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopoulos, Brillante, Chung, Crick, De Young, Diamond, Duffy, Ellis,  
4 Flores-Marti, Griswold, Harris, Helldobler, Inserra, Jitianu (for Snyder), Kearney, Kecojevic,  
5 Kollia, Kothandaraman, Levitan, Makarec, Najarian, Natrajan, O'Donnell, Orr, Owusu, Potacco,  
6 Pozzi, Ranjan, Rebe (for Tesfaye), Rosar, Scala, Spagna, Steinhart, Suess, Tardi, Vega,  
7 Verdicchio, Vishio, Wallace, Watad, Zhang (for Schwartz)

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9 **ABSENT:** Fallace, Guedes, Nyaboga, Perez, Simon, Weisberg

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11 **GUESTS:** Andrew, Bannister, Bartle, Bolyai, Boucher, Cammarata, Chabayta, DeDeo,  
12 Deloatch, Escobar, Ferguson, Fuller-Stanley, Hawk, Hill, Hughes, Goldstein, Griffin, Johnson,  
13 Klose Hrubes, Liautaud, Lincoln, Lowe, Marshall, McLaughlin-Vignier, Murad, Ortiz, Owusu-  
14 Ansah, Pinkston, Rabbitt, Refsland, Rosenberg, Ross, Schneider, Sharma, Tiernan, Weiner,  
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17 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Scala called the Senate meeting to order at 12:32pm. The  
18 Agenda, moved and seconded by Scala and Najarian was approved unanimously with the  
19 addition of a new item #6: Reinstatement of the Ad Hoc Committee on Retention. The Draft  
20 Minutes of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, moved and seconded by Scala and Aktan, were also approved  
21 unanimously.

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23 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Scala imparted best wishes to celebrants of Rosh Hashanah and Al  
24 Hijra/Muharram.

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26 She solemnly noted that today is the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. In addition, she  
27 announced that an undergraduate Psych student, Emily Desbiens, was killed in an auto accident  
28 on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Senate observed a moment of silence for both events.

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30 She welcomed our new President, Richard Helldobler, and our returning Provost, Sandra De  
31 Young. Helldobler announced that the incoming freshman class is the largest in many years and  
32 that more than half are resident students. Scala noted similar good news from VP Ross's latest  
33 weekly report.

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35 All Senators were reminded to report back to their departments about Senate activities and to  
36 bring concerns to the Senate.

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38 Scala and Kothandaraman moved to add Betts and Kashyap to the Professional Sales  
39 department's Assessment and Retention committees. They were approved unanimously.

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41 **REINSTATEMENT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF**  
42 **STUDENT SUCCESS:** Scala and Najarian moved to reinstate the Ad Hoc Committee on  
43 Retention under a new name. Harris, last year's chair of the Committee briefly reviewed its  
44 purposes and said that much discussion focused on student satisfaction. Verdicchio  
45 recommended that the Committee look carefully at the NSSE data. The renamed Ad Hoc  
46 Committee was approved unanimously.

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48 **PUBLIC SAFELY PRESENTATION:** Charles Lowe, the Director of University Police and  
49 Public Safely presented sample handouts and screened a video about how to respond in an active  
50 shooter situation. [all are archived in the Packet for this meeting] and answered questions. He  
51 reiterated the RAVE Guardian app that VP Bolyai mentioned in an e-mail to the campus last  
52 week. It is an emergency alarm system that enables two-way communication campus-wide. He  
53 reminded the campus that the Police emergency phone number is X2300.

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55 Potacco, Tardi, Kothandaraman and Scala raised question about safety issues in various campus  
56 buildings, especially University Hall, Raubinger Hall and the Valley Road building. Bolyai and  
57 Lowe said that there is an ongoing process of assessing the safety issues in all of the campus' 40  
58 buildings. Ellis, Scala, Flores-Marti, Crick, Tardi, Potacco, Watad, Aktan, Andreopoulos,  
59 Natrajan, Zhang, and Kecojevic addressed a variety of specific issues, including the need for  
60 more training, new locks on doors, and other safety features such as cameras (of which we have  
61 500 already), etc.

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63 A repeated theme was the feeling of many faculty and students that this is not a safe campus.  
64 Bolyai and Lowe responded that this is a misperception and that by any statistical measure this is  
65 a very safe campus. Many speakers would like to see a list of the buildings that have been  
66 deemed to be in greatest need of safety upgrades and a firm schedule for making the  
67 improvements and updates.

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69 **OLD BUSINESS:** Watad reiterated his call for a study of what is the essence of WPU. What  
70 are we?

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72 **NEW BUSINESS:** Klose Hrubes, the Library's Digital Initiatives librarian, announced the  
73 upcoming roll-out of WPU's Institutional Repository. This will be a showcase for WPU  
74 researchers who will be able to store pre-prints, data sets, OER publications, etc. Kearney noted  
75 that our IR will be indexed in Google Scholar. He announced that the Library will hold an Open  
76 Access Week, October 22-25. In response to Verdicchio's question, Klose Hrubes said that  
77 student work will be permitted it approved by a faculty mentor.

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79 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:25pm.

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81 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 12:30 in the  
82 Valley Road auditorium.

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84 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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