

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – January 31, 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, Kecojevic, Kollia, Kothandaraman,
6 Levitan, Liu, Makarec, O'Donnell, Orr, Potacco, Pozzi, Ranjan, Rebe, Rosar, Scala, Schwartz,
7 Snyder, Spagna, Steinhart, Suess, Tardi, Vega, Vishio, Wallace, Watad, Weiner (for Kearney),
8 Weisberg

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10 **ABSENT:** Guedes, Najarian, Natrajan, Nyaboga, Russell, Simon, Swanson,

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12 **GUESTS:** Andrew, Astarita, Bannister, Bartle, Bolyai, Brenenson, Cammarata, Chabayta,
13 Corso, Dobrick, Fanning, Feliciano, Ferguson, Ginsberg, Goldstein, Guzman, Jackson, Khan,
14 Lubeck, McLaughlin-Vignier, Pinkston, Refsland, Rosenberg, Ross, Roux, Schneider, Sherman,
15 Slaymaker, Tiernan, Williams

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17 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Scala called the Senate meeting to order at 12:35pm.
18 O'Donnell and Aktan moved the Agenda which was approved unanimously. The Draft Minutes
19 of the December 11th meeting, moved and seconded by Levitan and Aktan, were also approved
20 unanimously.

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22 Scala called for a moment of silence for Kyle Wilkinson, a WPU senior History major, and for
23 Robert Taylor, Board of Trustee Emeritus, both of whom died in the past week.

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25 Bartle (X2530) distributed flyers for “Teaching with Technology Showcase: Excellence in
26 Action,” a workshop to be held on February 22nd.

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28 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Scala announced that the Administrator Assessment Council will be
29 conducting the biennial review of the deans in mid-February. All faculty, professional staff and
30 adjuncts will be receiving an explanatory e-mail from her next week, and they will then receive
31 an e-mail from QUALTRICS around February 11th containing the links to the survey
32 instruments. Faculty will receive surveys for the dean of their college. Everyone will receive the
33 survey for the Dean of the Library. Scala urged all recipients to complete the surveys and to
34 include additional comments in the section provided. The anonymity and confidentiality of all
35 responses and comments are assured.

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37 Documents related to the Boyer Model, which may be used on campus, are included in the
38 Packet for today's meeting. The model will be discussed at the next Senate meeting.

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40 The Senate will hold an open forum during Common Hour on Thursday, March 21st to discuss
41 issues regarding race, retention and student behavior. Details to follow.

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43 On Thursday, March 7th the Senate, the President and the Provost will host a presentation by
44 Lester McKee, former Director of Minority Affairs at WPU, on retention of students of color.

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46 **PRESIDENT HELLDOLBLER:** The Faculty and Staff Service Award is being reinstated at the
47 annual Legacy Gala to be held on Thursday, April 25th. Fifteen nominations have been received
48 so far.

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50 The Provost Search is nearing its completion. Three candidates came to campus for two day
51 interviews. Helldobler hopes to make an announcement within two weeks.
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53 The First Year Experience is being reformulated. Among the plans are pre-packaged block
54 scheduling for all incoming freshmen, three day a week schedules, professional advisors to guide
55 students and lessen the non-teaching aspects for faculty teaching first years students, etc. All
56 these student-centered efforts are aimed at increasing retention and student success. Scheduling
57 exceptions will be made for specialized programs (e.g., Nursing).
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59 Tardi asked about how faculty would be scheduled for three-day and two-day courses. The
60 President replied that equity must exist: the deans and chairs will have to assure that everyone
61 will have to take a turn. There must be Monday and Friday classes to accommodate the largest
62 incoming class ever (1700 students).
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64 In response to Tardi's question regarding students who are employed, he said that most students
65 and employers will prefer block scheduling since it assures that students will have stable
66 schedules.
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68 Makarec asked about faculty who prefer large classes. Astarita said that such classes can be
69 scheduled.
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71 Tardi and Astarita discussed the varying needs of Education and Business graduate students, the
72 preference some faculty have for double length graduate classes.
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74 Ranjan and Andreopoulos reiterated the need for longer stretches of time for faculty research.
75 Andreopoulos stated that class size is an important variable related to student retention, but
76 Helldobler countered that research doesn't support the idea that retention is connected to class
77 size.
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79 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: CHANGE IN THE PERFORMING AND LITERARY**
80 **ARTS HONORS TRACK:** Roux and Levitan moved acceptance of the Council's resolution.
81 After brief discussion, the change was approved unanimously.
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83 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: ACCELERATED BS/MS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY:**
84 Roux and Levitan moved approval of the Council's resolution. After brief discussion, the
85 program was approved unanimously.
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87 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: CHANGE IN THE BS IN BIOLOGY:** Roux and
88 Levitan moved acceptance of the Council's resolution. After brief discussion the change was
89 approved unanimously.
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91 **GENERATION Z:** Orr presented a PowerPoint [archived in the Packet for this meeting] and
92 answered questions. Potacco, Snyder, Griswold, Harris, Ellis, Kothandaraman, Scala,
93 Andreopoulos, Rosenberg, Levitan, Flores-Marti, Fanning and Tardi discussed various issues
94 regarding face-to-face and online instruction.
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96 **ADJOURNMENT:** Scala reminded senators to report about Senate activities during their
97 department meetings and to bring feedback and ideas for discussion.

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99 The Senate adjourned at 1:42pm.

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101 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate, will be held on Tuesday, February 12th in Ballroom C.

102 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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