

1 WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY -- **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES** -- January 25, 2011

2 FACULTY SENATE WEBPAGE: <http://www.wpunj.edu/senate> -- Email discussion: faculty senate@list.wpunj.edu
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4 **Present:** Andreopoulos, Bernstein, Bhat, Boroznoff, Cunningham, Davis, Diamond, Linda Diaz, Donaghy, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-
5 Romaine, Ferris, Finnegan, Garcia (for Harris), Gardner, Godar, Kelly, Kim, Knaus, Ku, Levitan, Lindsey, Martus, McNeal,
6 Nyamwange (for Thiuri), Overdorf, Pardi, Parras, Pavese, Potacco, Quicke, Refsland, Rehberg, Ricks, Rosar, Scala, Schwartz, D.
7 Snyder, Steinhart, Tardi, Thiuri, Verdicchio, Waldron, K. Walsh, Weil, Weiner (for Wagner), Weisberg, Wong

8 **Absent:** D'Haem, Healy, Robb

9 **Guests:** Barnes, Basu, Bolyai, Burns, Chabayta, Ciliberti, Daniel-Robinson, Deller, Dobnick, Goldstein, Hahn, Hill, Jemmott,
10 Kashyap, Lawrence, Lazarus, Liautaud, Miller, Olaye, Rosengart, Torres-Santos, Trelisky, Wagner, Watad, Weiland, Williams, Zeff

11 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Verdicchio called the Senate to order at 12:35 PM. The Agenda, moved
12 and seconded by Martus and Pavese, was approved unanimously. The Draft Minutes of the November
13 23rd meeting, moved and seconded by Levitan and Parras, were accepted unanimously after the
14 correction of a typo.

15 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Chairperson Verdicchio welcomed everyone back from Winter Break.

16 He yielded the floor to President Waldron, who thanked the campus for its patience during the endless
17 snowstorms. She congratulated the Eileen Gardner and the Biology Department for winning a \$600,000
18 National Science Foundation Grant. Waldron listed some of the big issues WPU must confront during the
19 upcoming semester: Implementation of UCC is of the utmost importance. Middle States will be coming
20 in March. WPU's final document will be posted soon. [An electronic copy has now been posted for the
21 William Paterson University Community in WPCConnect under the Employee tab in Provost's Office
22 Reports. The electronic copy is searchable by keyword. There are links to supporting documents
23 embedded in the electronic text, indicated by blue shading.] Intensive work on the Facilities Plan and the
24 Strategic Plan will begin immediately after Middle States. S. Bolyai will be convening a faculty group to
25 advise on major and minor projects on campus. She noted that she will soon be completing her visits to
26 all the departments on campus, and that she has already begun to address issues raised during these
27 meetings and to make appropriate changes.

28 Verdicchio introduced the new SGA representative, Caitlyn Garcia, the Junior Class President. He
29 congratulated Pavese upon his reelection as Adjunct Faculty representative and welcomed J. Bernstein
30 (who is replacing Martinez) and K. McNeal (who is replacing Lawrence).

31 He reminded the campus of the special meeting of the Faculty Senate that will be held on Thursday,
32 February 24th in the Ballroom. Only UCC business will be discussed at this meeting. The Budget and
33 Planning Council will be holding a Town Hall meeting on the 2011-2012 budget on March 3rd. Details to
34 follow.

35 Verdicchio took a few moments to review the Senate's activities during the past semester. To facilitate
36 better communication during Senate meetings, there are now microphones arrayed around the tables
37 and there are nameplates for each senator. (If there are any errors, please contact May Chabayta.) He is
38 keeping posted office hours in the Senate Office each week. The Senate again has a permanent

39 Parliamentarian, G. Overdorf, who has extensive experience in the Senate as former Chair and long-time
40 member.

41 In grading his own performance as the presiding officer during the Fall, Verdicchio gave himself a 2.75, a
42 B- to C+ rating. He believes that getting the Senate deeply involved in work on the Strategic Plan is a
43 major accomplishment, as is the essential role of the faculty in budgeting and planning. The ongoing
44 work on the UCC was noted. VP Deller's presentation on the activities of the Development Office was
45 applauded as a move towards greater transparency. He has also initiated regular meetings with SGA
46 leaders. One disappointment is the lack of progress on a statement of academic priorities.

47 The Senate Executive Committee meets with the Administration informally once a month to clarify
48 issues and discuss a variety of topics, many of which are not brought up at the Senate (e.g.: facilities
49 issues, calendar problems, safety matters, etc.).

50 Verdicchio's agenda for the Spring includes: Middle States, UCC, the Strategic Plan, budgeting, having VP
51 Martone return to speak about enrollment issues, and discussing the Kean Report.

52 Duffy reminded the community of the upcoming Wine Tasting fund raiser, sponsored by the WPU
53 Foundation, to be held on February 10th in the Ballroom. For tickets, contact A. Walsh: 973-720-2615.

54 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** In addition to the new members introduced earlier, Ellis welcomed M.
55 Nyamwange, who is replacing P. Thiuri as the representative from Geography. He is in the process of
56 updating all council rosters. He presented nominees to fill openings on the UCC Expression Panel. Duffy
57 and Tardi nominated M. Mukherjee and J. Beal, and they were approved with one abstention.

58 Ellis announced that there were 197 responses to the Advisement and Registration Council survey. Zeff
59 is crunching the numbers and a report will be forthcoming soon.

60 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

61 **ACADEMIC STANDARDS COUNCIL: RECORDING IN CLASS – CONSENT FORM:** Discussion resumed on
62 the Godar and Martus motion to delete the paragraph dealing with students with disabilities. Diaz said
63 the Council intended this paragraph to be informative, so disabled students would know that
64 accommodations were available. Diamond held that this is too general and is based on 1973 issues; it
65 needs to be better defined. Kelly's attempt to amend was challenged by Martus' point of order. Gardner
66 called the question. The motion to delete the paragraph was defeated by voice vote. Kelly and Tardi
67 moved to amend "should" to "may" in the second paragraph. This was approved unanimously. Pavese
68 and Godar moved to read "any recording devices," but this motion was defeated after brief debate.
69 Kelly and Godar then moved to amend to read: "using any electronic recording devices during class
70 sessions." The question was called and the amendment was accepted unanimously. Discussion returned
71 to the main motion. Potacco and Martus moved to add the copyright statement after the first sentence.
72 Diaz suggested that it would be better after the second sentence, and Potacco agreed. Duffy and Kim
73 moved to send the document back to council to refine the wording. Levitan and Kim said that too much
74 time was being spent on the Senate floor on this issue, but Tardi, Martus and Scala felt that agreement

75 was near. Gardner and Parras called the question, and the motion to return to council was soundly
76 defeated. The Potacco/Martus amendment was then approved with two nays and four abstentions.
77 Steinhart and Refsland called the question on the main motion. The amended Consent Form was then
78 approved with three abstentions.

79 The approved wording of the Recording Lectures Policy Agreement reads:

80 Students must obtain the written permission of their instructor with this form before
81 using any electronic recording devices during class sessions. Information contained in
82 recorded lectures is protected under federal copyright laws and may not be published or
83 quoted without the express consent of the lecturer and without giving proper identity
84 and credit to the lecturer.

85 Students with disabilities who are unable to take or read notes and who are requesting
86 recording may make such requests to the Office of Disability Services, not to instructors,
87 by following the procedures provided to students by that Office. Permission to make
88 recordings will not be withheld if such recordings are reasonably necessary to
89 accommodate a student's disability as defined by law.

90 Pledge: I have read and understand the above policy on recorded lectures at William
91 Paterson University of New Jersey, and I pledge to abide by the above policy with regard
92 to any lectures I record as a student at William Paterson University of New Jersey. The
93 Academic Integrity Policy and applicable law will cover any violations of this agreement.

94 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: BILINGUAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT:** Walsh and McNeal moved the
95 proposal. Parras, Bernstein, Rabbit, Kim, Weiland, Ferris and Trelisky discussed various issues that were
96 problematic in forging this compromise proposal. Cunningham and Walsh called the question, and the
97 proposal was approved with one negative vote.

98 **ADJOURNMENT:** Upon Godar's motion, the Senate adjourned at 1:48 PM. The next meeting of the
99 Faculty Senate will be held on Tuesday, February 8th at 12:30 PM in the University Commons Ballroom.

100 Respectfully submitted: B. Duffy, Secretary

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