

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES –November 11, 2014
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Alon, Andreopoulos, Avdeev, Broome, Cano, Cunningham, Diamond,
5 Dinan, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Furst, Gazzillo-Diaz, Griswold, Huckvale (for Decker),
6 Kearney, Kim, Ku, Levitan, LoMartire, Lum, Maduro, Makarec, Martin, Martus, McNeal,
7 O'Donnell, Owusu, Perez, Polchak, Rosar, Sabogal, Sandmann, Sheffield, Simon, Smith, Snyder,
8 Steinhart, Swanson, Tardi, Tirado, Uhlein (for Schwartz), Verdicchio, K.Wagner, Waldron,
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11 **ABSENT:** Kothandaraman, Magaldi, Wallace

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13 **GUESTS:** Brenenson, Brown, Burns, Chabayta, Daniel-Robinson, Davis, Diaz, DiMaio, DiNoia,
14 Feola, Ferris, Fuller-Stanley, Glassman, Godar, Goldstein, Hahn, Jackson, Jones, Liautaud,
15 Miller, Moore, Nagaraj, Nauta, Olaye, Refsland, Rosenberg, Rosengart, Ross, Sandford,
16 Schneider, Sherman, Trelisky, Vasquez, V. Wagner, Wilder, Yoo, Yucel

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18 **PRELIMINARIES:** Levitan called the Senate to order at 12:32PM. The Agenda, moved by
19 Sheffield and Martus, was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the 10/28/2014 meeting,
20 moved by Dinan and Martus, were also approved unanimously with a minor correction.

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22 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Moments of silence were held for Tom Norton of Information Systems
23 and for those who are honored on Veterans Day.

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25 Levitan welcomed Cindy Simon as the new Adjunct Faculty representative to the Senate.

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27 Levitan urged the campus community to attend the open fora for the candidates for the Associate
28 Provost of Curriculum and International Studies. Hahn announced the open nomination period
29 for those interested in serving on the Paterson Metropolitan Research Center.

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31 K. Wagner announced that faculty are invited to learn more about Dream Works at an open
32 session on November 18th at 11am in the Library Auditorium.

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34 The Executive Committee continues to work with the Provost's Office on the completion of an
35 Academic Program Manual that will address the course and program change and approval
36 process.

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38 Bob Seal will make his annual report on the NSSE Survey at the 11/25 meeting.

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40 On Thursday, 11/13, the Faculty and Professional Staff meeting (closed meeting) will be held
41 during Common Hour in the Atrium Auditorium. The sole topic will be the Administrative
42 Evaluations.

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44 Sherman announced that the next Student Success event will be held on December 5th. Details to
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47 Duffy reminded the body that all documents, PowerPoints and the like that are presented at
48 Senate meetings will be permanently archived in the Packet of that day's meeting.

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GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: EMERITUS STATUS FOR JAMES MANNING: Nagaraj and Jackson presented (Duffy seconded) and Nagaraj read the Council’s resolution. Gazzillo-Diaz spoke warmly of his mentoring of colleagues and students. The resolution was approved unanimously.

GRADUATE COUNCIL: CHANGE IN THE MASTERS OF ARTS IN PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION: Yoo, Yucel and Duffy moved approval of this program change which permits more electives, and changes the name of the track from: New Media and Professional Communication” to “Digital Media and Professional Communication.” The program change was approved unanimously.

GRADUATE COUNCIL: CHANGE IN THE MFA IN CREATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING: Yoo, Yucel and Duffy moved approval of this program change which makes the requirement of a standardized test an option. After brief discussion of the preferred scores on the MAT or GREs (Verdicchio, Kim, Jackson, Griswold and Broome), the program change was approved unanimously.

ACADMEIC STANDARD COUNCIL: COURSE REPEAT POLICY: Levitan reopened discussion of the Council’s proposal. Aktan, Tardi, Gazzillo-Diaz, Steinhart, Snyder, Sheffield, Fuller-Stanley, Martin, Andreopoulos, Martus, Sandmann, Wicke, Huckvale, McNeal, Alon Sandford and Levitan addressed various issues. Several motions were made and voted upon, but eventually a vote on the variously amended text was overwhelmingly defeated, returning the issue to the current policy. Levitan asked that the remainder of the meeting be spent giving the Academic Standards Council the opportunity to learn the sense of the Senate on the issue. Sheffield and Martus moved to reiterate the previously passed amendment (that had been eliminated by the defeat of the entire motion): “lower than a C” to replace “lower than an A,” but the motion was not formally voted upon. Levitan recognized speakers holding various viewpoints on the subject: Makarec, Aktan, Polchak, Davis, Martin, Steinhart, Gazzillo-Diaz, McNeal, Tirado, Trelisky, LoMartire, Andreopoulos and Kim. Sandford and the Council members will work with the Executive Committee to attempt to forge a compromise resolution that will address the primary concerns of all interested parties.

ADJOURNMENT: Martus and Verdicchio moved for adjournment, which occurred at 1:50pm. The next regular Senate meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 during Common Hour in Ballroom C.

Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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