

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – March 28, 2017
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopolous, Avdeev, Basch, Broome, Clarke, Cook, K. Decker,
5 Diamond, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Fallace, Flint, Griswold, Guerrieri, Harris, Kromidas,
6 Levitan, Magaldi, Makarec, Martin, Martus, Mukherjee (for Maduro), Najarian, O'Donnell,
7 Owusu, Potacco, Pozzi, Rosar, Sandmann, Scala, Schwartz, Simon, Snyder, Steinhart, Tardi,
8 Tesfaye, Verdicchio, Vishio, Waldron, Wallace, Watad, Weiner (for Kearney), Weisberg, Wicke
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10 **ABSENT:** Helena, Kothandaraman, Swanson
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12 **GUESTS:** Burns, Boucher-Jarvis, Chabayta, Corso, Daniel-Robinson, D. Decker, Diaz,
13 DiBartolomeo, Hahn, Jackson, Kohli, Kollia, Kubeyinje, Liautaud, Lincoln, Lorah, Lubeck,
14 McLaughlin-Vignier, Moore, Noonan, Owusu-Ansah, Pinkston, Rabbitt, Refsland, Richardson,
15 Ross, Sabatino, Schneider, Seal, Shojai, Tiernan, Trelisky, Vasquez, Williams, Wolf, and one
16 unintelligible
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18 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Makarec called the Senate to order at 12:34pm. The Agenda,
19 moved by Najarian and Wicke, was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the March 9, 2017
20 meeting, moved by Martus and Wicke, were also approved unanimously. Makarec and Duffy
21 thanked Weiner for taking the Minutes at the last meeting.
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23 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Makarec introduced Allison Boucher-Jarvis, the newly appointed Vice-
24 President for Human Resources, who gave a brief update on her life since she left WPU a decade
25 ago.
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27 Waldron announced that WPU alumnus (Accounting) Joseph Velli has been named to the Board
28 of Trustees. She further noted that in like of likely retirements the Board will need new members
29 with expertise in finance, and she asked for recommendations.
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31 Lubeck reported that a Campus Climate Survey is being conducted among all undergraduate
32 students from now until the end of final exams. Scala asked for access to the questions and
33 Wicke asked that it be made available through the Senate. [The link is archived in the Packet for
34 this meeting.]
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36 Williams reminded the campus community of the upcoming Research, Scholarship and Creative
37 Expression Forum to be held on Friday, April 7th.
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39 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Magaldi announced that the annual Chairs Lunch will be held on
40 Thursday, March 30th.
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42 The Administrator Assessment Council's surveys will close tomorrow, March 29th. Tardi
43 expressed confidence in the confidentiality of the process and urged people to use their own
44 ISPs, not the University system.
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46 Elections for the 2017-2018 Senate have begun and the nomination period is open.
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48 **UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM COUNCIL: UCC ASSESSMENT:** Weisberg
49 presented a PowerPoint [archived in the Packet for this meeting] on the assessment of UCC Area
50 III E, Quantitative Thinking, and took questions. Levitan, Potacco, Tesfaye, Andreopoulos and
51 Griswold spoke, many asking for recommendations and an executive summary. Weisberg replied
52 that this was a trial run and that future surveys in other areas will incorporate improvements and
53 develop recommendations.

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55 **CLOSING THE LOOP: UPDATES TO SENATE WEBSITE:** Makarec noted that a
56 Resolutions Routing Data links have been added to the Senate website
57 [<http://www.wpunj.edu/senate/forms.html>]. She said that the Administration is now reviewing
58 resolutions passed by the Senate more promptly and that the campus can now easily track the
59 progress of the resolutions.

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61 She also noted that the Board of Trustees adopted its own Emeritus Policy [archived in the
62 Packet for this meeting], effective February 3, 2017. Essentially, it automatically grants
63 emerita/us status on faculty retirees who have served ten years at WPU. Tardi objected that this
64 is not quite true. She asked what “in good standing” means?

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66 Waldron briefly reviewed the Board’s policy. It will cover associate professors for the next five
67 years, and then be restricted to full professors. It includes the perks recommended by the Senate
68 and removes the line in the former policy that allowed retirees to attend, speak and vote at
69 departmental meetings. “In good standing” means that the person has not been disciplined for
70 egregious conduct unbecoming the University during his/her time of service at WPU.

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72 Tardi said that a faculty member who had been approved by the department and the Senate was
73 not put forward to the Board. If a violation occurs early in one’s career and one has paid for it via
74 progressive discipline and fines, will that person be penalized for it permanently? How
75 egregious must the action be?

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77 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: REVISIONS TO THE SENATE CONSTITUTION AND**
78 **BY-LAWS:** Pursuant to the Board of Trustees new Emeritus Policy, the Senate will have no
79 role in the emeritus process by the end of this academic year. Thus, the Council presents two
80 resolutions removing emeritus from the Constitution and By-Laws. Today the resolutions are
81 presented for discussion. They will be formally moved and voted upon at the next full Senate
82 meeting (April 25th).

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84 **NEW BUSINESS:** Andreopoulos and Flint moved that the next Senate meeting (April 11th at
85 Valley Road) be a close meeting – a meeting of the Faculty and Professional Staff, at which only
86 voting members of the Senate (and the Parliamentarian) are permitted to attend. Steinhart asked
87 what specific topics would be discussed. Watad, Andreopoulos and Tardi will develop an
88 Agenda. The motion was approved by voice vote with 5 no votes and 5 abstentions.

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90 Waldron reminded the campus of the annual Tuition Hearing to be held on April 13th during
91 Common Hour in the Library Auditorium. She also pointed out that despite the continued
92 lowering of the credit rating of the State of New Jersey, WPU’s credit is good and that we saved
93 over half a million dollars by refinancing last year. Proposals in Washington may create more
94 money problems for states.

95 Tardi asked everyone to attend Thursday's Union meeting. She is not optimistic about the
96 contract.

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98 **ADJOURNMENT:** Upon Wicke and Najarian's motion, the Senate adjourned at 1:47pm.
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100 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 in the Valley Road
101 Auditorium. It will be a meeting of the Faculty and Professional Staff. As such, it will be a
102 closed meeting: only voting members of the Senate will be permitted to attend.

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104 The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 in Ballroom C.

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106 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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108 THIS AND OTHER SENATE DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:
109 www.wpunj.edu/senate