

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – November 14, 2017
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4 **PRESENT:** Andreopolous, Diamond, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Fallace, Felson, Flores-
5 Marti, Griswold, Hinkle (for Decker), Kecojevic (for Basch), Kim (for Harris), Kearney,
6 Kothandaraman, Kromidas, Levitan, Maduro, Magaldi, Mathew (for Aktan), Martin, Martus,
7 Nyaboga, O'Donnell, Orr, Owusu, Perez, Potacco, Pozzi, Rosar, Sandmann, Scala, Schwartz,
8 Simon, Snyder, Suess, Tardi, Tesfaye, Thompson, Verdicchio, Vishio, Waldron, Wallace,
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11 **ABSENT:** Crick, Egers, Galindo, Makarec, Najarian, Swanson
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13 **GUESTS:** Astarita, Bartle, Boucher-Jarvis, Brenenson, Burns, Chabayta, Corso, Daniel-
14 Robinson, De Deo, Diaz, Fuller-Stanley, Gill, Godar, Hawk, Kecojevic, Kubeyinje, Liautaud,
15 Lincoln, McLaughlin-Vignier, Mwaura, Payanides, Refsland, Rosenberg, Ross, Samuel,
16 Schneider, Seal, Sheffield, Shery, Urgolo Huckvale, and one unintelligible
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18 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Scala called the Senate to order at 12:39pm. The Agenda was
19 moved by Scala and Levitan. Scala moved to delete item #9 on working with the new Governor,
20 and replace it with a discussion of academic spaces and a new #10 on registration. The amended
21 Agenda was then approved unanimously. The Minutes of the October 24, 2017 meeting, moved
22 by Scala and Martus, were also approved unanimously.
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24 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Scala moved a motion to approve the Promotion Committee for Cynthia
25 Northington-Purdie and Kabba Colley from Secondary and Middle School Education to include
26 Paula Danzinger from Special Education and Counseling to be the third member because the
27 department does not have three eligible members to serve. Martus and Levitan seconded. The
28 motion was approved unanimously.
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30 Scala announced that the Student Forum will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018 during
31 Common Hour in Ballroom A. Gary Marks from the Library, who has deep ties in the student
32 body, will recruit student panelists. Waldron suggested that Cammarata be involved.
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34 Scala noted that there are many empty slots on the Career Development Committee.
35 Nominations close on 11/16 – please volunteer or get someone from your college to do so.
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37 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Griswold and Snyder nominated the members of the Ad Hoc
38 Committee on Enrollment and Retention [archived in the Packet for this meeting]. Malindretos
39 was added for the College of Business. All were approved unanimously.
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41 Griswold and Perez nominated Nagaraj (COB) for membership on the Area 6 Global Awareness
42 Review Panel. Her nomination was approved unanimously.
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44 Griswold noted that the UCC needs a representative from the College of Business and the
45 Assessment Council needs a replacement from HSS.
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47 **GRADUATE PROGRAMS COUNCIL: MS IN APPLIED BUSINESS ANALYTICS:**
48 Hinkle and Duffy moved the Council's resolution. Perez discussed the program and answered
49 questions raised by Levitan, Potacco, Diamond, Simon, Scala, Thompson and Flores-Marti. The
50 program was then approved unanimously.

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52 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: BS IN FINANCE: CREDIT ANALYSIS AND**
53 **COMMERCIAL BANKING:** Sheffield and Snyder moved the Council's resolution, which
54 was unanimously approved without discussion.

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56 **STUDENTS AND HUNGER:** Scala noted Cammarata's recent announcement about the
57 opening of a food pantry for students. Many spoke about problems they've discussed with
58 students regarding food, tuition payments, etc.: Levitan, Scala, Tardi, Potacco, Waldron,
59 Astarita, Tesfaye, Martin, Bartle, Kromidas, Perez, Wallace, Griswold, Diaz and Simon.
60 Waldron and Diaz assured the body that arrangements are always made for individual students
61 who have serious problems.

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63 **ACADEMIC SPACES:** Sandmann (in Bolyai's absence) briefly outlined some of the factors
64 that are considered in assigning academic spaces: current use, potential future use, alternative
65 use, etc. Gill detailed serious problems the Kinesiology Department is encountering. Ellis, Rosar
66 and Perez noted similar problems. Falk-Romaine urged chairs to use the Comments feature when
67 scheduling rooms for the next semester. Tardi and Gill pointed to the lack of communication
68 with and input from affected departments.

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70 **REGISTRATION ISSUES:** Tardi noted that some students had received the wrong PINs, and
71 that advisors had not been told of the problem. Astarita said the situation was quickly resolved.
72 Sandmann said that the deans would help resolve problems. Tardi pointed out that graduating
73 seniors have certain difficulties; Astarita replied that she is working on them.

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75 Ellis raised the issue of students being deregistered from courses for lack of timely payment.
76 Astarita, Sandmann, Tardi, Perez, Snyder, Andreopoulos, Martin, Ross, Griswold, Brenenson
77 and Refsland addressed various aspects of the issues involved, especially regarding online
78 classes when students are blocked from BlackBoard. Some faculty recommend that students
79 continue attending classes while their financial problems are being resolved since it is nearly
80 impossible to make up two or three weeks of missed classes. There may legal/insurance reasons
81 for forbidding this. Use of the new Starfish early alert was also recommended.

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83 **ANNOUNCEMENT:** Alex Kecojevic of Public Health announced an anti-tobacco initiative
84 and mentioned that many campuses (including Montclair) have gone smoke-free. He hopes that
85 WPU would adopt a similar policy.

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87 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:46pm.

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89 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday November 28th in Ballroom C.

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91 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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94 www.wpunj.edu/senate