

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – November 28, 2017
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopolous, Basch, Crick, K. Decker, Diamond, Duffy, Egers, Ellis,
5 Falk-Romaine, Fallace, Felson, Flores-Marti, Griswold, Harris, Kearney, Kothandaraman,
6 Kromidas, Levitan, Maduro, Magaldi, Makarec, Martin, Martus, Najarian, Nyaboga, O'Donnell,
7 Orr, Perez, Potacco, Pozzi, Rosar, Sandmann, Scala, Schwartz, Simon, Snyder, Suess, Swanson,
8 Tardi, Tesfaye, Thompson, Verdicchio, Vishio, Wallace, Watad, Weisberg
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10 **ABSENT:** Galindo, Owusu, Waldron
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12 **GUESTS:** Alford, Astarita, Bartle, Berg, Bolyai, Boucher-Jarvis, Burns, Cammarata, Chabayta,
13 Daniel-Robinson, Davis, D. Decker, Diaz, Escobar, Ferguson, Fuller-Stanley, Goldstein, Griffin,
14 Hawk, Heinzen, Jones, Kubeyinje, Leckey, Lincoln, Matthew, McLaughlin-Vignier, Owusu-
15 Onsay, Pinkston, Refsland, Rosenberg, Ross, Schneider, Seal, Sharma, Shojai, Vasquez
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17 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Scala called the Senate to order at 12:36pm. The Agenda,
18 moved by Scala and Kromidas, was adopted unanimously. The Minutes of the November 44,
19 2017 meeting, moved by Scala and Perez, were also approved unanimously.
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21 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Scala reminded senators of their obligation to represent their
22 constituencies by attending all meetings. When a senator is unable to attend, s/he should get a
23 substitute. A departmental representative must get a member of the department. An at-large
24 senator may ask any member of the faculty, library or professional staff.
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26 The NJ Presidents' Council has approved the Senate-approved BS in Actuarial Science.
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28 Cheng Library will again be open 24/7 during pre-exam and exam weeks. As always, the AFT,
29 the Provost, the Alumni Association and the SGA are providing food for students studying
30 during those late hours.
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32 Tardi has been added to Governor-Elect Murphy's transition for higher education.
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34 Scala stated that the Senate-sponsored Student Forum, which will be moderated by G. Marks, is
35 scheduled for February 8, 2018 during Common Hour. Student panelists are being recruited.
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37 The Executive Committee met with the Provost to seek clarity regarding the reasons why
38 program might be placed on hiatus status. Among the factors Sandmann identified are: the
39 number of degrees awarded, the number of new students in the program, the total current
40 enrollment of students in the program, the number of students in classes. Programs subject to
41 hiatus will be given up to three years to develop new curricula. He noted that approximately 60%
42 of the advertising budget is targeted to graduate programs.
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44 Kothandaraman asked about newly-approved programs. Sandmann replied that they are given
45 3-4 years to establish themselves, and trend lines are examined.
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47 Aktan inquired about the status of Program Directors. Sandmann said they could be faculty or
48 professional staff.

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50 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** H. An will be serving as Acting Assistant Dean of the COE and
51 thus must step down from the Graduate Policies Council. Griswold and Pozzi's nomination of
52 Hong to be her replacement was approved unanimously.

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54 Lincoln reminded all departments that new programs for next year must be sent to the Senate by
55 December 8th at the latest for possible implementation in Fall 2018.

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58 **ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT:** VP Ross presented a detailed report and PowerPoint [both
59 archived in the Packet for this meeting] and took many questions.

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61 Weisberg, Levitan, Verdicchio and Diamond asked various questions about the numbers of
62 students enrolled. Andreopoulos, Kothandaraman, Tardi and Aktan focused on reputation and
63 niche issues. Potacco, Harris and Simon suggested several strategies: admitted students days,
64 more online course for graduate students, helping faculty to assist in retention efforts, etc.

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66 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:50pm.

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68 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday December 12th in Ballroom C.

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70 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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73 www.wpunj.edu/senate