

4 **PRESENT:** Andreopoulos, Barrow, Bernstein, Bhat, Bliss, Chabayta, Cruz Paul, D'Haem, Diamond, Dinan,
5 Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Finnegan, Garfinkel, Godar, Kearney, Kelly, Korgen, Lee, Levitan, Maganuco,
6 Martus, Mathew, Mbogoni, McNeal, Natrajan, Nyaboga, Parras, Pavese, Polchak, Rosar, Sabogal, Schwartz,
7 Sheffield, Slaymaker, Snyder, Steinhart, Swanson, Tardi, Verdicchio, Wagner, Walsh, Weil, Wicke

8 **ABSENT:** Healey, Kim, Ndjatou, Nyamwange, Perez, Waldron

9 **GUESTS:** Adeniran, Berenson, Bolyai, Burns, Cohen, Daniel-Robinson, Flint, Fuller-Stanley, Hahn, Harris,
10 Jones, Liautaud, Malanga, Martone, Miller, Novak, Potacco, Rabbitt, Rigg, Rosenberg, Schrader, Seal,
11 Stallings, Stropfel, Williams, Wolf

12 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Parras called the Senate to order at 12:33 PM. Martus and Godar moved
13 acceptance of the Agenda. Wagner and Dinan moved to add a new Item 10, a report by Sandie Miller of
14 Implementation Team IE. The amended Agenda was then approved unanimously.

15 The draft minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting, moved and seconded by Martus and Slaymaker, were also
16 approved unanimously with one correction.

17 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Parras displayed University Policy #7 and said that the Board of Trustees policies are
18 now available online and are linked to the Senate homepage.

19 He congratulated the College of Arts and Communication on the naming of its new dean, Daryl Moore, who
20 will start on April 1st.

21 On March 4th members of the Executive Committee and the Deans Council met to discuss how to make the
22 NSSE surveys more useful and relevant.

23 The Attrition Report will be on the Agenda for the March 26th meeting.

24 There is a new Retention Initiatives Officer.

25 He noted that all new hires will be subject to the proposed new Background Check Policy. Tardi said that the
26 AFT attorney is examining the policy.

27 The Academic Standards Council is looking at a new Declaration of Majors Policy that has come from the
28 Deans Council. The current policy requires students to declare a major by 60 credits. The new proposal would
29 change it to 45 credits.

30 Parras said that the proposed revisions to the Online and Hybrid Courses Policy have wide implications. Several
31 councils may have to discuss them – Technology, Academic Standards, Undergraduate and/or Graduate – or
32 perhaps an ad hoc committee may be needed.

33 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Falk-Romaine said that the Ad Hoc Committee on Administrative Evaluations
34 will meet the week after Spring Break. Since none of the members have ever served on this body before, Duffy
35 has been added to provide continuity.

36 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL EMERITUS RESOLUTIONS.**

37 Governance Council Chair Malu moved (Bhat seconded) the Council's resolution calling for Emeritus
38 Status for Jay Ludwig. After Beal, Stropfel, Lee, Akrami, Duffy and Kelly spoke in support, the resolution was
39 approved unanimously.

40 Malu then moved (Kelly seconded) the Council's resolution calling for Emeritus Status for Barry Silverstein,
41 which was approved unanimously.

42 **TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL REPORT:** Council Chair Harris mentioned some of the issues the Council
43 discusses, and called upon the campus community to send concerns and feedback to the Council. Kelly
44 expressed concern about the quality of online courses, and called for serious faculty discussion of the issue.
45 Barrow said that 20 students per online class is too high a cap. Tardi raised a number of concerns: inequities
46 among the colleges, the number of students in each class, whether faculty can be forced to teach online courses.

47 Andreopolous referred to a New York Times article that asserts that weaker students do not do well in online
48 classes; they need face-to-face contact with faculty. Steinhart found it odd that these policies are coming from
49 administrative offices, not faculty. Ellis said that there are books on how to make online courses work for
50 students. McNeal, Kelly, Wicke and Tardi questioned Parras about when the Senate would get copies of the
51 proposed revisions for discussion. He said that the Provost asked that the document be held until it's ready for
52 wider distribution. Andreopolous said that policies need theories to ground them.

53 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Rosenberg, WPU's CIO, discussed a number of improvements he has
54 instituted since coming to WPU: consolidation of IRT in Media Services in the Library, updating BlackBoard,
55 simplifying the wireless authentication system, reorganizing the HELP Desk, instituting a ticketing system for
56 all compliant, repairs, etc., improving remote access, upgrading all campus computers, updating MS Exchange,
57 totally upgrading the Print Shop and assuring next-day delivery, employing just-in-time inventory, and the like.
58 He fielded numerous questions. Finnegan said that printers in his area have not been repaired quickly. To
59 Pavese's comment about voice mail, he said that voice mail can become e-mail. Lee appreciated new
60 computers, but said that no training was provided on how to use new interfaces. Schwartz stated that Power Arts
61 does not always have WIFI, and that Macs are not well supported. Rosenberg acknowledged that WPU is not
62 authorized for Mac repairs, but that Cover is training all HELP Desk staff on Macs. D'Haem complimented the
63 HELP Desk on having human being to speak with, not just computerized responses. Sheffield was less
64 impressed by the HELP Desk's responsiveness. Rosenberg said that more serious issues are supposed to be
65 elevated to a higher level of priority, and stated that the ticketing system will address many of these issues.
66 Finnegan and Korgen noted some of Banner's failings, especially inaccurate Degree Audits. Rosenberg said that
67 these issues will be addressed very soon. Maganuco questioned Rosenberg about student printing. Rosenberg
68 said that student printing costs over \$100,000.00 a year, and that paper and toner costs must be restrained. Kelly
69 asked why is that excessive? McNeal and Korgen noted several Banner/Registrar problems. Rosenberg and
70 Cohen said that the Registrar works with the departments to load pre-requisites, etc. Rosenberg thanked the
71 Senate for its candid input and promised to address each concern.

72 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate went into adjournment at 1:44 PM.

73 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 12:30 PM in the **VALLEY**
74 **ROAD AUDITORIUM.**

75 Respectfully submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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