

1 WILLIAM PATERON UNIVERSITY -- **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES** – September 24, 2002

2 FACULTY SENATE WEBPAGE: <http://www.wpunj.edu/senate> --- E-mail Discussion: faculty senate@list.wpunj.edu

3 **PRESENT:** Bareford, Bhat, Bing, Boroznoff, Burns, Catarina, Chung, Coomes, Cunningham, Duffy, Dye,
4 Edelstein, Ekmekjian, Finnegan (for Principe), Goldstein, Hayden, Hourigan (for DiMaio), Kelly, Kim, Levitan,
5 Maheshwari, Makarec, Miller, Morganstern, Mukherjee, Overdorf, Parras, Rabbitt, Robb, Rothman, Sesay,
6 Speert, Strasser, Sreenivas, Swanson, Tardi, Thompson (for Steinhart), Villar, Wagner, Wahrman, Weisberg,
7 Weltman

8 **ABSENT:** Hartley

9 **GUESTS:** Agard-Jones, Bolyai, Chalmers, De Young, Feola, Fountakidis, Gillette, Godar, S. Goldstein,
10 Gulbranson, S. Hahn, Hill, Jemmott, Kaplan, Morgan, Nag, Schaeffer, Watts

11 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairman Edelstein called the Senate to order at 12:36 PM. Duffy and Tardi moved and
12 seconded that the agenda be adopted. Duffy and Bhat moved and seconded that the minutes of the September
13 10, 2002 be approved. Both motions passed unanimously.

14 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Morganstern was recognized and he solicited donations to Eva's Soup Kitchen in
15 Paterson, in support of their work on behalf of the needy. He accepted pledges based on his wearing of shorts
16 throughout the fall semester. Edelstein announced that Steve Thompson had replaced Eric Steinhart as
17 Philosophy's representative to the Senate. He announced that Chris Hourigan will substitute for Iris Torres-
18 DiMaio while she is on leave. Edelstein distributed copies of the Final Report of the Faculty Senate for 2001-
19 2002, adding that the document will be distributed to the faculty and staff. He asked that questions be sent to
20 him. Burns moved and Duffy seconded that the document be distributed in electronic format. Wagner suggested
21 that the file be converted to Acrobat .pdf format. With four nays, the motion passed. Edelstein announced that
22 the vacancy on the Senate Executive Committee existed and that the Committee nominated Sandeep
23 Maheshwari. Burns and M. Goldstein, nominated at the September 10 Senate meeting, had withdrawn from
24 contention. Edelstein said that no other nominations had been made, and asked the Secretary to cast one vote for
25 Maheshwari, who was thus elected. Edelstein introduced a resolution to honor the recently deceased David
26 Cheng for his contributions to the University. M. Goldstein and Duffy moved and seconded adoption of the
27 resolution, which passed unanimously. Edelstein announced that there had been no suggestions for a new
28 Parliamentarian and asked that the Senators canvass their departments for a volunteer and bring the name
29 forward for consideration. He also asked that Senators contribute ideas for agenda items to the Senate Office.
30 Edelstein distributed a final roster of the Senate and a brief summary of parliamentary motions and how they are
31 to be handled. Edelstein thanked the Provost for his positive comments about the Faculty Senate at the recent
32 Faculty meeting. Edelstein distributed a letter from President Speert to Edelstein concerning the recent
33 Faculty/Staff evaluation of the President, Provost and Vice-Presidents. The letter thanked the committee that
34 drafted the final report and outlined how the Board of Trustees would use the evaluation. Bob Bing, AFT
35 representative to the Senate, congratulated the Senate, President and Provost for this evaluation. Edelstein
36 thanked the 181 respondents.

37 **VICE CHAIR'S REPORT:** Wahrman distributed a table of the Senate Councils & Committees. She said that
38 the names in italics have not been approved by a Senate vote and asked for additional nominations. Hearing
39 none, Wahrman moved that the Senate approve the membership. Levitan seconded and the motion passed
40 unanimously. Edelstein said that the Council and Committee charges were distributed last week. Wahrman
41 asked that she be kept apprised of council and committee activity.

42 **REPORT FROM THE SENATE LIAISON TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' FINANCE & AUDIT**
43 **COMMITTEE:** Sue Godar reported on the June 4 and August 28 meetings of the Committee, both of which
44 discussed University budget cuts: a 5% overall cut and no additional money for contractually required salary

45 increases. She said that this had created a \$6.2 million deficit. She said that increased enrollment in summer
46 courses and increased tuition had raised revenues somewhat. She reported that the FY 2002 operating budget
47 year ended with a \$15,000 loss, that the dormitories are oversubscribed, and that a coach service had been
48 contracted to transport students from temporary housing at a local motel as well as to meet the transportation
49 needs of the new Valley Road Building. Edelstein thanked Godar for her report.

50 **PRESENTATION BY STEVE BOLYAI, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION AND**

51 **FINANCE:** Bolyai remarked that master planning is an open-ended process and that recent changes in the
52 University such as the addition of the Valley Road Building will necessitate revision and updating of the Master
53 Plan. He said that this process would involve many constituencies. Bolyai said that the VRB is open and
54 working. He said that a list of issues and problems is being addressed with the contractors and architects and
55 that this will take a month or two to finish. He said that the cafeteria is awaiting a final fire inspection. He listed
56 several other items that will be corrected. He said that the additional parking lot would be opened in October. In
57 response to Weltman's question about the bus service, Bolyai said that the service was intentionally above need
58 and that this would be adjusted. In response to Ekmekjian's question about inadequate sidewalk lighting, Bolyai
59 responded that this was an issue that will be corrected with temporary lighting. Duffy commented that the large
60 busses are blocking the parking lots of the main campus and suggested that curb cutouts be installed to
61 accommodate the busses. Bolyai said that this is being looked at. Maheshwari said that the intersection of
62 Valley Road and Hamburg Turnpike has become increasingly dangerous and asked if anything could be done
63 about this. Bolyai described how responsibility for this lay with both Wayne and Passaic County and that relief
64 would be slow to come. In response to Maheshwari's question, Bolyai said that the University is not liable for
65 accidents that occur in transit. Bolyai responded to Kim's question about parking saying that upon completion of
66 the additional lot, parking at VRB would be adequate. Catarina said that there are not enough medical parking
67 spaces, and Bolyai said that he'd look into the situation. Strasser praised the new facility, saying that despite a
68 few glitches, the multimedia technology works well and that the offices are great. Burns voiced concern that the
69 older buildings on the main campus are in need of work and that the VRB diverted attention from this concern.
70 Duffy said that campus police need to more strictly enforce parking regulations. Tardi said that she never sees
71 campus police on patrol late in the evening. Bolyai said that he would contact Campus Police and get a copy of
72 their patrol schedule. Boroznoff suggested that this schedule be synchronized with the evening class schedule.
73 Maheshwari said that there should be an obvious police presence in the parking lots. In response to a question
74 by Overdorf, Bolyai said that there are some vacant positions in the police staff and that they are working to
75 enlist officers. Cunningham said that there is an insufficient number of handicapped parking next to the Library,
76 and that some of the daycare spots should be reassigned. Weisberg said that some rooms in Hunziker and Shea
77 are overheated. Bolyai said that engineers have been hired to recommend decentralized heating for the buildings
78 and to recommend other upgrades. Strasser defended the daycare parking, saying that parents with children
79 need the parking places, especially during inclement weather. Edelstein congratulated everyone who helped get
80 VRB open, especially the staff of IRT and Information Systems. He asked whether classes that had been moved
81 back to the main campus would be moved back to VRB. Provost Sesay responded that classes would gradually
82 be reassigned back to VRB.

83 **REPORT FROM THE GRADUATE COUNCIL:** Rochelle Kaplan, Graduate Council Chairperson,
84 presented a summary and recommendations stemming from the Third Annual Forum on Graduate Studies held
85 on February 28, 2002. She said that all university departments should work harder to coordinate recruitment
86 efforts. She said that there is a need for more support for faculty who are developing online courses. She said
87 that graduate program budgets should be more clearly delineated with respect to regular budgets. She said that
88 departmental and administrative offices should develop some flexible staff scheduling so that they could be
89 open during some evening hours. She said that further discussions to increase enrollment and support of
90 graduate programs should be a priority of the Director's Council. Burns spoke in support of the work of the
91 Graduate Council, saying that faculty must respond to initiatives of the Graduate Office to help increase
92 admissions. Kim inquired about the number of graduate students and whether this was increasing. Kaplan
93 replied that there are about 1600 graduate students at present and that the goal was about 2000. Bareford
94 commented that there is less financial support for graduate students. Coomes said that there should be more

95 community outreach, weekend and summer programs. Kaplan said that the Graduate Office should work to
96 carefully coordinate such efforts. Edelstein thanked Kaplan for her work as Chair of the Graduate Council, and
97 she received a round of applause.

98 **REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WRITING THE FINAL REPORT OF THE**
99 **EVALUATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENTS:** Terry Finnegan and
100 Sandeep Maheshwari collaborated on this report and entertained questions from the floor. Levitan commended
101 them for their work. Finnegan suggested that henceforth the information from the survey be saved electronically
102 to speed the analysis of the results.

103 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:44 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 8 at
104 12:30 PM in SC 203, 4 & 5.

105 Respectfully Submitted, [Kurt W. Wagner](#), Secretary

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