

1 William Paterson University – **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES** – November 27, 2001

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4 **PRESENT:** Bareford, Boronico, Bolyai, Burns, Coomes, De Young, Duffy, Dye, Edelestein, Frierson-  
5 Campbell, Garcia, Gillette, Goldstein, Griswold (for Danzinger), Gulbranson, S. Hahn, Hayden, Horton (for  
6 Rothman), Jaber, Jemmott, Kim, Maheshwari, Makarec, Miller, Mwaura, Overdorf, Owusu, Parras, Principe,  
7 Rabbitt, Ryan (for Murphy), Scala, Steinhart, Strasser, Swanson, Tardi, Villar, Wagner, Wahrman, Weltman,  
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10 **ABSENT:** Cho, Chung, Leach, McClean, Morganstern, Oratio, Rosario

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12 **GUESTS:** Evangelista, Fanning, Fountakidis, Kearney, Khaneja, Schaeffer, Terraneo, M. Williams, Zeff,  
13 Zeman

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15 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Edelstein called the Senate to order at 12:36 PM. He announced that the  
16 report from University Registrar Mark Evangelista is postponed. Duffy moved and Weltman seconded the  
17 amended agenda, which passed unanimously. Wolf announced that the President's Annual Social will be held  
18 December 8 and to contact Lee Vadala at ext. 2222 for details and tickets. Wagner passed along an  
19 announcement from Victoria Wagner, Chair of the Elections Council, that the first round of nominations for the  
20 Sabbatical Leave committee are being accepted until November 28 at noon. Second round begins immediately  
21 and concludes on December 5. All nominations can be emailed, faxed, mailed or hand-carried to Victoria, at the  
22 Library. The election will be held December 19 & 20 and the format (paper ballot or electronic) is to be  
23 determined.

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25 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Edelstein circulated a flyer soliciting donations of coats and blankets for a Girl Scouts  
26 community project. He said that donations should be delivered to the Senate Office, Hunziker 203. Edelstein  
27 asked the Senate to approve a Promotion Committee for Ouseynou Traore, faculty of the African, African-  
28 American and Caribbean Studies department. Nominees for the committee are Elaine Gardiner, John Jordan and  
29 Bob Kloss. With one nay and three abstentions the committee was approved. Wolf asked whether the deadline  
30 for submitting promotion folders was extended across-the-board. Bing replied that extensions to the promotions  
31 calendar could be extended for individuals through agreements between the Union and Administration on a  
32 case-by-case basis. Edelstein reported that the November 15 meeting of the Senate Executive Committee with  
33 the President and Provost was productive and interesting. At the meeting the Provost asked the Committee to  
34 provide three names for the soon-to-be-formed First Year Experience Committee he is putting together. An  
35 email was sent to the Senate soliciting suggestions. The Executive Committee also nominated individuals. Of  
36 these, the Executive Committee recommended Catarina Feldman, Evelyn Gonzalez and Bob Wolk. Goldstein  
37 asked about the criteria used to select nominees. Weltman replied, on behalf of the Executive Committee, that  
38 the three persons selected by the Executive Committee from the seven names suggested agreed to serve, teach  
39 and serve in areas with a great deal of contact with 1st year students, and have a background in these activities.  
40 Wahrman and Overdorf moved and seconded that the three nominees be accepted. With one nay and one  
41 abstention the motion passed and the names will be forwarded to the Provost's Office. Edelstein announced that  
42 the Provost has agreed to organize a forum on student recruitment and will meet with the Senate Executive  
43 Committee on Wednesday, December 12. The forum will be scheduled for Spring 2002. Edelstein announced  
44 that the Provost has asked for an ad hoc committee to be formed to review and comment on the Draft  
45 Excellence Document. The Executive Committee will gather nominations and submit names to the Provost. Dye  
46 asked Edelstein about the forum on student recruitment and he replied that it would consist, in part, of faculty  
47 'success stories' and recruitment strategies. Dye urged that the organizers of this forum keep academic standards  
48 in mind.

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50 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Garcia announced that on December 6th at 12:30 pm in the Library's Paterson  
51 Room the chairs of Senate Councils and Committees will meet with the Executive Committee for a working  
52 luncheon.

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54 **CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES:** Edelstein pointed out two inaccuracies in the Senate Minutes of  
55 11/13/2001. In the Chair's Report comments on the 10/30 forum discussion of the Middle States report the  
56 minutes report Edelstein "thanked the Provost for co-sponsoring the event." This line is struck, as this was not a  
57 Provost sponsored forum. In the Chair's comments on the Provost's GE reform document, Edelstein said that the  
58 sentence "He indicated that points from the 1985 GE reform regarding non-Western requirements..." should be  
59 replaced by "He indicated that foreign language reform passed by the Senate was not included in the Provost's  
60 document." Moved and seconded by Garcia and Duffy, the amended minutes were accepted.

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62 **REPORT BY ED BURNS - EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE:** Burns, senate liaison to the Board  
63 of Trustees Educational Policy Committee, reported that the committee meets monthly to discuss all matters of  
64 policy, programs, evaluation, and student issues. The committee submits recommendations to the Board. At the  
65 November 7th meeting Jess Boronico, Dean of the Cotsakos College of Business, made a presentation to the  
66 committee on the college's accreditation efforts. Boronico was present at the Senate and commented on the  
67 committee meeting. He said that efforts are being made to raise the level of scholarship at the college and to  
68 integrate adjunct faculty into the college. He said that retreats and meetings have been held to define and  
69 articulate the mission of the college. He referred to the high expense of licensing computer software and efforts  
70 to partner with corporations to offset these high costs. Dye asked about admissions standards and whether the  
71 combined SAT/high school ranking information was still being gathered and used. Burns referred the question  
72 to Dona Fountakidis who said that the index information is still being used. Burns said that he would put the  
73 question to the committee at their next meeting. Edelstein reported that the Admissions and Academic  
74 Standards Council is preparing a report on the freshman class. Edelstein asked if those working on accreditation  
75 have examined other local college and universities undergoing the same process. Boronico replied that  
76 Monmouth, Ramapo, Montclair and FDU have been through the process. Edelstein asked about the status of the  
77 process. Boronico replied that accreditation is expected in Fall 2004.  
78 Edelstein reported that the presentation from Mark Evangelista, University Registrar, is postponed. He asked for  
79 a moment of silence for Dr. Doris White, Professor of Curriculum & Instruction, who recently passed away.

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81 **NATIONAL SURVEY OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT:** Dona Fountakidis, Director, Office of Planning,  
82 Research & Evaluation, presented results of the National Survey of Student Engagement. Edelstein suggested  
83 moving to the Committee of the Whole. Rabbitt and Levitan moved and seconded this, which passed  
84 unanimously. Fountakidis introduced Gurvinder Khaneja, her assistant, and welcomed Jane Zeff, Director of  
85 Institutional Research from Montclair University. She provided a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate some of  
86 the survey results. Returns from WPUNJ were compared to a local index compiled from The College of New  
87 Jersey, Kean University, Ramapo College, and Stockton College. She reported a 40.3% return rate from  
88 students and a high proportion of commuters. She discussed the finding that WPUNJ students report below the  
89 other NJ institutions in analyzing, synthesizing, evaluating and applying knowledge - higher-level skills. She  
90 reported that our students report spending less out-of-class time preparing for their classes, yet report that they  
91 feel well prepared for these classes. Maheshwari suggested that this result might indicate students feel that they  
92 are not sufficiently challenged by their coursework. Fountakidis reported that high percentages of freshmen  
93 indicate that they have not participated in community service projects. She says that student responses indicate  
94 that their involvement with faculty during both their freshman and senior years are lower than the NJ and  
95 national norms. Marc Schaeffer commented that these results are not likely to be dramatically different at other  
96 institutions. Dye reacted to the survey item that was critical of faculty promptness, saying that with e-mail some  
97 students expect instantaneous feedback, which is unrealistic. Makarec commented that since WPUNJ does not  
98 use teaching assistants this could cause some student dissatisfaction with delays in returning student work.  
99 Fountakidis said that the survey's results seemed to gravitate toward the differences in freshman and senior  
100 responses. She indicated that the First Year Experience Committee might look at this. Maheshwari commented

101 that some senior faculty prefer to not teach freshman level classes, and this might have an impact on the first  
102 year experience of our freshmen. Fountakidis said that her office welcomes comment and feedback on this  
103 survey. Dye reported that the Union has asked that adjunct faculty members have paid office hours on a par  
104 with the hours they teach. She congratulated Fountakidis and her staff for this informative presentation. Wolf  
105 asked what is to be done with this information. Fountakidis said that she invites suggestions about how to put  
106 the information to use. Maheshwari suggested that the survey results be sent to the Deans and thence to the  
107 Departments for feedback. Edelstein suggested that feedback be sent to the Senate Executive Committee, which  
108 meets with the President and Provost.

109 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:50 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, December  
110 11, 2001 in SC 203,4,5.

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

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