

1 WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY – **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES** – March 23, 2010

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

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4 **PRESENT:** Andreopoulos, Becker, Bhat, Chung, Davis, Diamond, Donaghy, Duffy, Ekmekjian, Ellis, Finnegan,
5 Gazzillo-Diaz, Gardner, Godar, Kim, Knaus, Ku, Lawrence, Levitan, Martinez, Martus, McCallum, Mongillo, Mulrine,
6 Overdorf, Owusu (for Thiuri), Parras, Pavese, Pinkston, Pollak, Potacco, Refsland, Rehberg, Robb, Falk-Romaine, Rosar,
7 Scala, Schwartz, Steinhart, Stoppel, Tardi, Verdicchio, Wagner, Walsh, Weil

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9 **ABSENT:** Healy, Lindsey

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11 **GUESTS:** Basu, Daniel-Robinson, De Young, Deller, Goldstein, Hahn, Hilberg, Jemmott, Kashyap, Liautaud, Miller,
12 Natrajan, Noonan, Rabbitt, Richardson, Rosenthal, Seal, Wolk, Zeman

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14 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Godar called the Senate to order at 12:35 PM. The agenda, moved and seconded by
15 Duffy and Martus, was unanimously approved. The minutes of the March 9, 2010 meeting were moved and seconded by
16 Martus and McCallum and also unanimously approved.

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18 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Godar congratulated Wagner on his recent acceptance to the Library Science PhD program at
19 Rutgers University. Daniel-Robinson asked the Senate to urge their colleagues to teach first year seminar sections. She
20 said that the FYS classes can be linked to other 100-level courses and can be customized to lead into particular fields of
21 study or target particular student populations. Godar remarked upon President Speert's email to the campus community
22 regarding the Governor's FY11 Budget Recommendation that represents a 25% cut to WPUNJ's operating revenues. Weil
23 said that discussion and planning is underway at the cabinet level and that there will likely be implications affecting
24 enrollment and tuition. Weil said that faculty searches under way will not be frozen and that there will be "town meetings"
25 to discuss additional implications and options. Tardi urged everyone to attend the upcoming Union Meeting at which this
26 topic will be discussed. Godar addressed the discussion at the last Senate meeting on the Senate Minutes. She said that
27 Parliamentary Overdorf submitted a memo clarifying the process by which minutes are recorded. Godar said that the
28 minutes should be an accurate record of the meeting but since they are not a verbatim transcript, every comment and
29 statement cannot be included. Pavese said that the minutes posted to the Senate packet should be clearly designated as a
30 draft document and that any corrections should be reflected in the minutes as they are approved. Godar said that this is not
31 how they have been handled in the past. Godar said that the two representatives from Humanities and Social Sciences
32 have submitted resignations from the UCC Council. She said that if the vacancies are filled now, the new members will
33 only serve until May 6, when the Councils are reconstituted. She said that this does not seem productive. She
34 recommended that nominations be submitted and that a slate will be proposed by the Executive Committee. Levitan
35 agreed that a vote in May will be acceptable. Finnegan and Davis voiced concern that HSS will not be represented and
36 that the Council's work will be impaired at a critical period. Steinhart moved that the Senate accept nominations for these
37 vacancies to serve for the remainder of the semester. Davis seconded. Tardi said that an email was sent to the faculty of
38 HSS soliciting nominations and that there may be people willing to serve. Davis said that we should not put off filling in
39 these vacancies. The motion carried with one abstention. Steinhart nominated Pete Mandik. Godar pointed out that a
40 member from Philosophy is already on the Council and that Mandik could not serve. Rabbitt pointed out that Peterman
41 was appointed as an at-large representative. Godar said to send nominations to the Executive Committee and that a vote
42 will be taken to fill the vacancies at the next Senate meeting.

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44 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Martinez said that Robert Harris, Professional Staff member, has agreed to fill a vacancy on
45 the UCC Council for the remainder of the semester. This was approved by the Senate. Martinez said that an online
46 solicitation for Council nominations will go out soon.

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48 **REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:** Jemmott discussed international students, saying that 87 were
49 currently enrolled. She said that New Jersey ranks 12th in the nation for international enrollment. Jemmott discussed
50 statistics that showed the numbers of international students enrolled at NJ colleges and universities. She also said that the
51 highest numbers of students come from China, India, South Korea and Poland. Jemmott said that there needs to be clarity
52 in defining our international student programs and our international/global education efforts and that these are separate
53 topics. Tardi said that she had heard about 100 Chinese students ready to attend WPUNJ and asked if this was going to
54 happen. Jemmott said that the actual number attending is 21. Basu said that proposals were underway to increase
55 international admissions and that the Chinese students pay regular international student rates to attend. Jemmott said that

56 after paying at the out-of-state rate for the first year, they have in-state status subsequently. Kim asked why we only have
57 about 20 international students enrolled in the College of Business when FDU has 1200. He added that we should have a
58 goal of 350 international students. Jemmott said that we lack recruiters, an office, funding, and other infrastructure for
59 such an initiative. Jemmott discussed the planning and commitment needed to sustain this. Gardner said that her
60 department would need additional faculty to handle an increase in enrollment. She said that in biotechnology, small, lab-
61 oriented courses are difficult to expand. Verdicchio said that two years ago deans Tirado and Basu were asked to write a
62 report on international education at WPUNJ and asked what had become of it. Jemmott said that the report is on her desk,
63 has good elements, and parts of it are being used. She said that elements were incorporated into the Academic Plan, but
64 the position of Director of International Education has not been filled. Potacco related difficulties in providing translators
65 for international students. Jemmott said that the TOEFL standard is in place. Bhat said we should emphasize using current
66 international students to recruit for us in their home countries. Stroppe asked if we can cooperate with community
67 colleges like BCCC, who have a large international student population. Jemmott said that BCCC has a large infrastructure
68 supporting these students and that we lack this. Kim said we should study every aspect of FDU's international program
69 and emulate it. Knaus said that this should either be funded and supported at the expense of some other efforts, or cut, and
70 that a decision should be made. Gardner said that by lowering the TOEFL requirement and the cost, it would be easier to
71 make WPUNJ more attractive to international students.

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73 **REPORT ON GRADUATE ENROLLMENT:** Danielle Liautaud, Director of Graduate Admissions, gave a
74 presentation that summarized advertising efforts for graduate studies and her office's presence on Facebook. She said that
75 the low/no-cost Facebook presence has strong traffic. Liautaud said that graduate enrollment is up 3.8% (1545 to 1604)
76 from Spring 2009 to Spring 2010. There were no questions or discussion and Godar thanked Liautaud for her report.

77 78 **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- 79 i. Academic Standards – Stroppe said that her council has been working on the academic integrity policy with Bob Seal
80 and it has been reviewed by the Deputy Attorney General's office. She said that a revised proposal will be presented at
81 the April 13 Senate meeting. Stroppe said that they were reviewing the Latin honors proposal recently returned to
82 Council by the Senate. She said that the council will begin review of guidelines for online courses. Tardi said that a
83 policy was not yet in place and Stroppe said that it is being worked on.
- 84 ii. Admissions & Enrollment Management – Bob Wolk reported that the council has looked at whether to keep a 70-
85 credit transfer credit policy regardless of whether an AA degree was conferred. Wolk said that the council supports
86 encouraging students to complete basic skills courses in summer semesters.
- 87 iii. Advisement & Registration – Julie Rosenthal said that the council has been reviewing recommendations from their
88 recent forum and has met with the Director of Student Services and Coordinator of the Office of Testing. She said that
89 the most important issue faced is that of improving communication between offices and from the university to the
90 public. Tardi asked if the advisement policy is being examined. Rosenthal said that this was tabled pending examination
91 of improving communication. Donaghy voiced concern about Banner's ability to tag transcripts so it will be apparent if
92 a 120-credi or 128-credit program is in effect. Trelisky said that this will display on screen and that the new Banner 8
93 has other more user friendly features.
- 94 iv. Assessment – Karen Demsey said that her council's work has focused on Middle States preparation. She said that
95 most undergraduate and graduate programs have an assessment component. She said that "closing the loop" (using the
96 findings of assessment to affect organizational or program change) is of vital importance. Demsey said that her council
97 is working with the UCC Council on UCC assessment.
- 98 v. Budget & Planning – Gardner said that her council has reviewed the budget with VP Bolyai and that they have met
99 with the Middle States committee on institutional planning. Gardner said that they have delivered a questionnaire to
100 chairs on the impact of budget cuts and that it will be coming to non-academic departments. She said that the council
101 has reviewed plans for allocating economic stimulus funds totaling \$6.4 million. She said that there has been no recent
102 growth in administrative personnel. Tardi said that there was an expansion in this category but not recently.

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104 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:46 PM. The next meeting will be at 12:30 PM on Tuesday,
105 April 13 at the Valley Road Building auditorium.

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107 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary