

1 WILLIAM PATERON UNIVERSITY -- **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES** -- November 13, 2001

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4 **PRESENT:** Bing, Burns, Cho, Danzinger, De Young, Duffy, Edelstein, Garcia, Goldstein, S. Hahn, Hartley, Hayden,
5 Jaber, Jemmott, Kim, Levitan, Maheshwari, Makarec, Mattos, Miller, Morganstern, Murphy, Mwaura, Nag, Oratio,
6 Overdorf, Owusu, Parras, Phadia, Principe, Scala, Schmidt (for Dye), Steinhart, Strasser, Swanson, Tardi, Tirado, Tracy
7 (for Bareford), Villar, Wagner, Wahrman, Weltman, Williams (for Rabbitt), Wolf

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9 **ABSENT:** Frierson-Campbell, Leach, McClean, Rothman

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11 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Edelstein called the Senate to order at 12:36 PM. He distributed the latest iteration of
12 the Senate Roster and said to contact Barbara Liput at the Senate Office (x2136 Hunziker 203A) with any corrections. He
13 also distributed an updated version of the Senate calendar for Spring 2002. The agenda, moved and seconded by Tardi and
14 Kim, was accepted unanimously. The minutes of the 10/9/2001 meeting were amended to reflect the presence of Marj
15 Goldstein. Moved and seconded by Wolf and Garcia, they were accepted unanimously. The minutes of the 10/23/2001
16 meeting were amended to reflect the presence of Marj Goldstein. Moved and seconded by Weltman and Garcia, they were
17 accepted unanimously.

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19 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Lois Wolf announced that on December 8th the Annual Social will be held. More details to follow.
20 Edelstein announced that he has information that other state college and university senates have passed resolutions urging
21 the state government to fully fund the salary program. He expects them all to pass such resolutions soon at which time he
22 will send copies of them to NJ legislative and executive offices. Edelstein announced that he is arranging for a meeting of
23 college and university senate Chair and Vice-chair people to be held in Spring 2002. He acknowledged the work of past
24 Chairperson Overdorf, who began this initiative. Edelstein announced that the ad hoc committee to revise the assessment
25 questionnaire for the President and Provost has met twice and meets again on 11/14 and that the questionnaire will be
26 revised in January 2002 and will be utilized later in the Spring semester. Terry Finnegan chairs the committee. Edelstein
27 reported that about 30 faculty and administrators attended the October 30th Forum at which the Middle States report was
28 discussed. Edelstein thanked all who attended for their feedback. Edelstein summarized some topics that were discussed at
29 the forum: assessment of General Education, technology across the curriculum, enrollment management,
30 admissions/enrollment planning, 1st year experience, and the basic skills coordinator position. Edelstein said that he had a
31 productive meeting with the Provost on 10/31. Among the matters they discussed were a recruitment forum to be held in
32 the Spring, the possibility of having Richard Light as the next Freshman Convocation speaker, and the composition and
33 function of the 1st Year Experience Committee. Edelstein remarked that he believed the Provost's GE reform document
34 does not reflect language passed by the Senate. He indicated that foreign language reform passed by the Senate was not
35 included in the Provost's document. Burns interjected that since assessment of GE was not a consideration of the 1985 GE
36 reform, the language of GE reform is now different. Goldstein voiced concern that there were not published minutes from
37 the October 30th Middle States forum and that the Senate Chair and Provost were determining Senate priorities. Levitan
38 commented that the forum was intended for faculty to speak out and react to the Middle States document. Edelstein
39 reported that the Promotions Committee and UFRAC elections will be held November 14 and 15 and that there are a
40 number of contested positions. The balloting will be web based and accessible through the Senate Web Page
41 www.wpunj.edu/senate. Edelstein announced that Steve Hahn, in conjunction with the Friends of the Library, will present
42 a talk entitled "Thoreau and the Bonds of Civil Society" at 7:30 PM, November 16 in the Library Auditorium. Edelstein
43 reminded the senators to complete their surveys on faculty governance and suggestions for senate agenda items and
44 forward these to the Senate Office, Hunziker 203A. He also reminded the senators to report back to their department
45 meetings and return feedback from the departments to the Executive Committee. Edelstein stated that no university
46 document could be credited with "broad faculty approval" unless it has passed through the Senate.

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48 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Garcia placed Donna Potacco, Professional Staff from the Science Enrichment Center, in
49 nomination for the Graduate Council. Moved and seconded by Overdorf and Wahrman, the appointment passed
50 unanimously.

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52 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL PROPOSAL-CHANGE IN HISTORY MAJOR:** Weltman, on behalf of the
53 Undergraduate Council, read the proposal to increase the number of credits required for a major in history from thirty-
54 three to thirty-six. Edelstein explained that a new core course, Historical Methods, had been added, driving this increase.
55 After brief discussion Burns moved, Goldstein seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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57 **EXCELLENCE 2000 FRAMEWORK DISCUSSION:** Discussion continued from the last meeting in the Committee of
58 the Whole. Edelstein pointed out that the Senate was not being asked to endorse or approve the Excellence 2001
59 Framework, but simply provide reaction and input. Janet Tracy was present to note feedback and answer questions. Wolf
60 spoke at length about references to ADA, accessibility, and the university's accommodation for people with disabilities in
61 the Framework document and cited numerous instances of lack of accommodation presently on campus. Tracy noted these
62 comments. Goldstein remarked that this issue is one that goes back a long time on this campus and that she felt most
63 changes in this regard that have been made are cosmetic only. Murphy asked if the current review and commentary on the
64 Framework document was the proper business of the Senate. Fountakidis replied that the Senate feedback was important.
65 Weltman spoke on behalf of the Executive Committee, saying that the Framework document was presented to the Senate
66 from the Administration for discussion, not a decision. Overdorf commented that Middle States criticized the depth of our
67 GE program and voiced concern over the presence of 100-level courses as upper level GE electives. Weltman responded,
68 saying that several education programs needed these courses and that compliance with NCATE standards was the issue.
69 He asked whether departments could work together to form articulations or cross-departmental course sequences.
70 Edelstein noted that the Senate has approved GE reforms providing for increased curricular coherence. He said that our
71 GE program is like many, having breadth but lacking depth. Garcia asked Tracy about the process by which faculty input
72 reached the Excellence and she replied that current documents such as the Student Success Plan were used as well as
73 retreats held over the last five or six years. Weltman remarked that the fact that about ½ of our students come here from
74 junior colleges is not addressed in the Framework and that more work needs to be done on how junior college credit is
75 applied here. Strasser said that her department works to articulate their program with those of local community colleges.
76 Goldstein asked when Senate discussion of the Framework would conclude. Edelstein answered that this meeting would
77 be the last discussion of the document. Morganstern said that our discussions on the Framework were appropriate and
78 focused and in the general interest. Steinhart moved and Overdorf seconded coming out of the Committee of the Whole.
79 This was accepted unanimously.

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81 **OLD BUSINESS AND NEW BUSINESS:** Burns asked that the Registrar be invited to the next Senate meeting to
82 answer questions about glitches in registration and the impact of the Valley Road Building on class scheduling.
83 Morganstern asked that the discussion not be a recounting of horror stories but rather a discussion of improvements and
84 problem resolutions.

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86 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:48 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 27 at 12:30
87 PM in SC 203,4 & 5.

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

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