

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES –September 10, 2013
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Alon, Andreopolous, Bernstein, Bhat, Bliss, Broome, D’Haem, Diamond,
5 Dinan, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Finnegan, Furst, Garfinkel, Gazzillo-Diaz, Kearney, Kim,
6 Kothandaraman, Lee, Levitan, Maganuco, Makarec, Martus, McNeal, Natrajan, Novak, Nyaboga,
7 Nyamwange, Pavese, Perez, Peterman (for Steinhart), Rosar, Sabogal, Sandmann, Schwartz,
8 Sheffield, Slaymaker, Smith, Snyder, Swanson, Tardi, Verdicchio, Wagner, Waldron, Wallace,
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11 **ABSENT:** Barrow, Ku
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13 **GUESTS:** Chabayta, LaSala, Kaur, Godar, Potacco, Moore, Amo, Daniel-Robinson, Rosengart,
14 Bolyai, Refsland, Escobar, Liautaud, Adeniran, Hahn, Tiernar, Williams, Weiland, Schaeffer,
15 Sherman, Wolf, Cohen, Martone, Schneider, Horvan, Vasquez, Rosenberg, Ferguson, Ciliberti,
16 Joachin, Hong, Goldstein, Noonan, Trelisky
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18 **PRELIMINARIES:** Levitan called the Senate to order at 12:32 PM. *Duffy and Pavese moved*
19 *and seconded a motion to accept the Agenda as distributed and the motion passed unanimously.*
20 *A motion to approve the Minutes from the May 2, 2013 meeting of the Faculty Senate was made*
21 *and seconded by Makarec and Sheffield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
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23 **CHAIR’S REPORT:** Levitan welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Faculty Senate.
24 Dr. Sandmann was introduced to the community and he gave a brief address. Levitan then
25 reviewed the operating guidelines of the Senate and a summary of Robert’s Rules of Order was
26 distributed with the Senate packet for reference. Levitan welcomed Dr. Waldron to the Senate
27 and the President addressed the Senate with a summary of challenges that are currently facing
28 the University. The President shared the loss of two members of the community, Roland Watts
29 and Mulgrew Miller. Pavese, a member of the Music Department, asked for a moment of silence
30 in memory of Mulgrew Miller.
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32 Levitan indicated that the Chair’s report will become less intensive and asked that Senators bring
33 the information disseminated during the Senate meetings back to their respective departments.
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35 Levitan summarized the busy agenda for the fall semester that included dashboard indicators,
36 Strategic Plan, Blue Ribbon Task Force on Advisement Report, repeat grade change, scholarship
37 programs, on-line programs, SGA voting, administrative evaluations, first year seminar,
38 sabbatical leave issue, and the assessment of UCC.
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40 **VICE CHAIR’S REPORT:** Dinan requested a motion to accept a slate of appointments to
41 various Senate Councils. *Duffy and Lee moved and seconded the acceptance of the following*
42 *appointments; Mark Sanford (Library) Academic Standards, Natalynn Dunson Harrison*
43 *(Adjunct) Academic Standards, Thomas Duffy (Adjunct) Advisement and Enrollment*
44 *Management, Richard Bartone (A&C) Assessment, Judy Matthew (Library) Budget and*
45 *Planning, Tony Joachim (Library) Elections, Jane Bambrick (Library) Graduate Policy, Michael*
46 *Gordon (HSS) Technology, and Deborah Pluss (Library) UCC. The motion to accept the*

47 *appointments was approved unanimously.* Dinan reported that the council charges are listed on
48 the Faculty Senate web site.

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50 **ELECTION OF AT-LARGE SEATS:** L. Mathews (Elections Council) called for nominations
51 for the two at-large positions. J.Bliss/S.Tardi nominated Potacco, Garfinkel/ Falk-Romaine
52 nominated Escobar, Perez/Tardi nominated Kim, Broome/ Garfinkel nominated Kaur,
53 Wicke/Wagner nominated Gazzillo-Diaz, Falk-Romaine/ Garfinkel nominated Refsland. Each
54 nominee accepted his or her respective nominations. The results of the election were Potacco
55 (15), Escobar (6), Kim (23), Kaur (8), Gazzillo-Diaz (18), Refsland (8). The elections council
56 announced that Kim and Gazzillo-Diaz would fill the one-year replacement At-Large Senator
57 positions.

58 *Tardi moved and Sheffield second a motion that the Governance Council be charged to look at*
59 *all aspects of the election process and make recommendations to the Senate. The motion passed*
60 *24 for, 0 against, and 1 abstention.*

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62 **OVERVIEW FOR THE SEMESTER:** The Senate was informed that there will be a forum
63 regarding the Blue Ribbon Task Force report which will be held later in the semester. The
64 Senators discussed access to the Blue Ribbon Task Force Report, the role of the Senate with
65 changes to the Advisement model, and the recently announced “Finish in Four” campaign.
66 Comments were made regarding the state effort to grade universities on performance based
67 indicators and that the University should look into making long-range plans (5 years). Levitan
68 reported that the agenda for the Fall semester of the Faculty Senate includes a report from
69 Academic Standards on students declaring a major after 45 credits and a discussion by the
70 Academic Standards and Technology Councils on hybrid and on-line courses. Other discussion
71 items were mentioned and included transfer students, advisement and registration, and the
72 Student Government Association request for a voting seat on the Senate. A senator requested
73 information regarding the Ad-Hoc Committee to look into the “KiHee Paper on Enrollment” that
74 was previously formed during the Spring 2013 semester. Levitan responded that the Executive
75 Council would be looking into this matter.

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77 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:48PM.

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79 Respectfully Submitted: Kevin Martus, Secretary

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81 **THIS AND OTHER SENATE DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:**
82 www.wpunj.edu/senate