

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – September 22, 2015
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopolous, Avdeev, Betts (for Kim), Broome, Cano, Cook, Crick,
5 Decker, Diamond, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Fallace, Flint, Gazzillo-Diaz, Harris, Helena,
6 Hong, Kothandaraman, Levitan, Maduro, Magaldi, Makarec, K. Martin, Martus, Najarian,
7 Natrajan, O'Donnell, Owusu, Rosar, Sabogal, Sandmann, Sheffield (for Tesfaye), Simon,
8 Snyder, Steinhart, Swanson, Tardi, Verdicchio, Wagner, Waldron, Wallace, Watad. Weisberg,
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11 **ABSENT:** Griswold, Nobler, Polanco

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13 **GUESTS:** Bolyai, Burns, Cammarata, Chabayta, Clarke, Daniel-Robinson, DeDeo, Dunlap,
14 Feola, Ferguson, Fuller-Stanley, Goldstein, Hahn, Jackson, Joachim, Kollia, Liautaud Lincoln,
15 Martin, McLaughlin-Vignier, E. Martin, Miller, Moore, Owusu-Ansah, Rabbitt, Refsland,
16 Rosenberg, Rosengart, Sherman, Shojai, Tiernan, Tsiamtsiouris, Vovchuk, Wolf

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18 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Falk-Romaine called the Senate to order at 12:33PM. The
19 Agenda, moved by Martus and Najarian, was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the
20 9/8/2015 meeting, moved by Snyder and Martus, were also approved unanimously.

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22 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Falk-Romaine greeted Tom Fallace, the new senator from Secondary
23 Education.

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25 She reiterated her call for a volunteer to serve as the new Parliamentarian. If anyone is interested,
26 please contact the Falk-Romaine.

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28 The Board of Trustees is conducting a five-year review. Falk-Romaine has been invited to meet
29 with Dr Cartwright. An e-mail address is available for anyone who wishes to comment upon the
30 President's performance.

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32 **PROVOST SANDMANN:** Sandmann reported (for Corso) that the University adheres to all
33 federal financial aid requirements and is responding to the government's requests for information
34 about student attendance from several years ago. Levitan and Flint suggested that reporting
35 forms have places to indicate that some students never attend while others come for the first class
36 and then never show up again.

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38 **VICE CHAIRS REPORT:** Magaldi moved (Duffy seconded) acceptance of five new members
39 for Senate councils: Chriss Williams –Academic Standards – Arts and Communication; Jennifer
40 Owlett –Assessment- Arts and Communication; William Davis – Research -Professional Staff;
41 Shan Feng – UCC – Business; Karen Swanson – UCC – At Large. They were approved
42 unanimously.

43 She then moved (Duffy seconded) the appointment of Meaders and Owusu to Mbgoni's DAC.
44 They were likewise approved unanimously.

45 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: EMERITUS/A POLICY:** Jackson moved (Martus seconded)
46 the Governance Council's proposal recommending changes in the Board of Trustees' Emeritus
47 Policy. Extensive discussion ensued. Gazzillo-Diaz asked why the policy needed to be revised.
48 Levitan said that while she was Chair a number of issues arose that were referred to Governance.
49 Tardi objected to excluding the Senate from the process, seeing another erosion of faculty
50 governance. Jackson said that the Council attempted to align WPU's policy with the majority of
51 the other NJ state colleges and universities. Tardi warned against doing this since some of the
52 other institutions don't even have true faculty senates.

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54 Verdicchio and Kothandaraman supported the current policy which honors retiring colleagues by
55 bringing emeritus recommendations to the Senate floor. Andreopolous wants to expand faculty
56 participation, not limit it.

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58 Gazzillo-Diaz supported several of the proposed changes (e.g., 10 years' service, nomination
59 within 5 year of retirement), but she and Andreopolous suggested that some sort of appeal
60 process should be include in the process.

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62 Verdicchio and Cook moved to return the proposal to Governance for changes in line with the
63 Senate discussion. Martus and Sheffield countered that the document could be amended on the
64 floor at this meeting. The motion failed in a voice vote. Diamond wondered how a person who
65 had been reviewed for tenure, promotion and the like could be denied emeritus status.

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67 Steinhart proposed an amendment: If an individual is not nominated by the department, he or she
68 can appeal to the Senate. This was not formally seconded. He then suggested another amendment
69 (Weisberg seconded): that the Senate has the right to vote on all emeritus recommendations.
70 Falk-Romaine, Steinhart, Gazzillo-Diaz, Duffy, Tardi, Verdicchio, Martus, Kothandaraman,
71 Andreopolous, Snyder and others addressed various aspects of the possible appeal processes.
72 Some voiced support for a direct appeal to the entire Senate. Others, noting the sensitive personal
73 and departmental issues often involved in non-nominations, preferred that the appeal be sent to a
74 smaller, confidential group like the Governance Council, or that Council and the Executive
75 Committee. Falk-Romaine suggested that the movers withdraw the motion and that the proposal
76 be returned to the Governance Council for further consideration in light of the Senate debate.
77 The movers agreed, and then Levitan and Verdicchio moved that the matter be returned to
78 Governance. That motion was approved by voice vote, with three negatives and one abstention.

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80 **ELECTIONS COUNCIL:** Joachim proposed (Tardi seconded) a slightly revised schedule for
81 Senate elections, which was approved unanimously. He also reminded the faculty that one
82 cannot sit on a committee for which one is applying for ART, sabbatical leave, etc.

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84 **BOOKSTORE:** Dunlap called the bookstore the WPU marketplace and campus store. He
85 briefly described and discussed a variety of services that they provide. Martin discussed rental
86 and digital alternative to purchasing expensive textbooks. He recommended rental as the best
87 option for most students. In response to a question by Martus, he cautioned against purchasing
88 second-hand books from sellers like Amazon since they may not include necessary access codes,
89 etc. Avdeev noted that even books sold on campus sometimes don't have access codes activated
90 for several weeks into the semester.

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92 **ADJOURNMENT:** Upon Wicke's motion, the Senate adjourned at 1:39pm.

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94 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, October, 13nd in Ballroom C.

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96 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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