

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES –October 28, 2014
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4 **PRESENT:** Alon, Andreopoulos, Avdeev, Broome, Decker, Diamond, Dinan, Duffy, Ellis,
5 Falk-Romaine, Furst, Gazzillo-Diaz, Griswold, Gundling (for Cunningham), Kearney, Kim,
6 Kothandaraman, Ku, Levitan, LoMartire, Louie (for Aktan), Lum, Maduro, Magaldi, Makarec,
7 Martin, Martus, McNeal, O'Donnell, Owusu, Perez, Polchak, Rosar, Sabogal, Sandmann,
8 Schwartz, Sheffield, Smith, Snyder, Steinhart, Tardi, Tirado, Verdicchio, K.Wagner, Waldron,
9 Wallace, Wicke

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11 **ABSENT:** Swanson

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13 **GUESTS:** Brenenson, Burns, Cammarata, Chabayta, Corso, Daniel-Robinson, DeDeo, DiNoia,
14 Escobar, Feola, Ferguson, Fuller-Stanley, Glassman, Godar, Green, Hahn, Huckvale, Jackson,
15 Jones, Liautaud, McCoy, Miller, Moore, Nauta, Olaye, Rabbitt, Refsland, Rosenberg, Rosengart,
16 Roux, Sandford, Schneider, Seal, Shojai, Tiernan, Trelisky, V. Wagner, Yoo, Yucel (and one
17 unintelligible)

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19 **PRELIMINARIES:** Levitan called the Senate to order at 12:30PM. The Agenda, moved by
20 Martus and Dinan, was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the 10/14/2014 meeting, moved
21 by Dinan and Martus, were also approved unanimously with a minor correction.

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23 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Dinan and Martus' motion that L. McLaughlin Vignier be added as the
24 Arts and Communication representative to the Student Success team was approved unanimously.

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26 Levitan announced that Cindy Simon has been elected to be the new Adjunct Faculty
27 representative to the Senate. She also noted that many slots are still open for several important
28 committees, and urged faculty to step up and serve.

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30 On October 17th, the first Student Success event after the summer conference was held. It was a
31 lively, interactive session, but more faculty input is needed. Sherman will post all the documents
32 generated during the day on the Provost's webpage. More sessions will be held.

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34 **VICE CHAIRS REPORT:** Dinan reminded the body that the Honors College is continuing to
35 collect coats for the Passaic County Head Start program.

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37 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: BA IN GEOGRAPHY:** Roux and Duffy moved approval
38 of this program change, which was then approved unanimously without debate.

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40 Roux and Duffy moved approval of the Italian and Italian-American Studies Minor. Tardi noted
41 the many advantages this program has compared to others in the state. Perez stated that one
42 course had not been approved by the College of Business, but others said that it had. Duffy
43 suggested that the program be approved and that this conflict be settled later. The program was
44 then approved unanimously.

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46 **GRADUATE COUNCIL: MASTERS OF EDUCATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION**
47 **WITH CONCENTRATION IN AUTISM:** Yoo, Yucel and Duffy moved approval of this
48 proposal which had been discussed previously, but had been returned to the Council due to use

49 of an incorrect form. Diamond asked if one were admitted into the MA program, does one get
50 the Certificate after 21 credits, and can one get the Certificate without going for the MA? Yoo
51 and Huckvale replied yes, the Certificate program can stand on its own. Huckvale responded to
52 Kim's request for information about autism. The program was approved unanimously.
53 Kothandaraman suggested that procedures be changed so a student already admitted into either
54 program need not be forced to take another exam.

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56 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: EMERITA AND EMERITUS RESOLUTIONS:**

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58 Duffy and Martus moved and Duffy read the Governance Council's resolution recommending
59 Anne Ciliberti for Emerita status. Tardi commented on Ciliberti's professionalism. The
60 resolution was approved unanimously.

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62 Jackson and Martus moved and Jackson read the Governance Council's resolution
63 recommending Rob McCallum for Emeritus status. Snyder, Verdicchio, Martus and Levitan
64 spoke warmly in support of his work in the department and on UCC. The resolution was
65 approved unanimously.

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67 **FINANCIAL AID AND STUDENT ENROLLMENT SERVICES:** Corso and Schneider's
68 PowerPoints (which are archived in the Packet for today's meeting) presented the in-depth
69 material that they highlighted and then responded to questions. Corso noted the inflexibility of
70 governmental regulations regarding deadlines, satisfactory academic progress, maximum time to
71 graduation, etc. He and Schneider and their staffs are always available to assist students with
72 form, problems and the like. Kim, Schwartz, Steinhart, McNeal and Sandmann engaged Corso
73 with a variety of questions, including the issue of whether students choose other institutions due
74 to financial aid.

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76 **ACADMEIC STANDARD COUNCIL: CLASS CAPS:** Sandford resumed the discussion by
77 reviewing the nearly two-year process leading to the resolution on the floor. He noted that it is a
78 compromise that tried to balance the competing needs of different sectors of the campus. Martus,
79 Steinhart, Sheffield and Martin, raised questions about Basic Skills courses, how this new policy
80 would have impacted last year's students how many times a course can be repeated, the C- issue,
81 transfer grades, etc. Martus and Sheffield moved that the policy read: *A student may repeat any*
82 *course for which that student has already received a grade lower than a C in order to improve*
83 *their GPA.* Steinhart, Sheffield, Martus, McNeal, Kothandaraman, Diamond, Verdicchio,
84 Magaldi, Perez, Rosar and Tardi argued pros and cons. The motion was approved by a vote of 31
85 yes, 4 no, with 3 abstentions.

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87 Debate continued on the original motion as amended. Diamond feared a paradoxical lowering of
88 standards. Tardi stated that this must be a university policy. Exceptions should be student-wise,
89 not by department. Steinhart inquired about exceptions and the number of courses that are
90 repeated. Trelisky provided statistics (archived in the Packet for this meeting): Last year there
91 were over 300 students who repeated a single class. 201 repeated two classes. 61 repeated five
92 classes – and one person graduated after repeating 23 classes. The most frequently repeated
93 classes are: Psych 1100, Phil 1100, Math 1060, Hist 1020 and Eng 1100. McNeal, Griswold,
94 Martus and Andreopoulous carried the discussion further as time ran out. Levitan assured the
95 Senate that the issue would be on the next Agenda.

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97 **ADJOURNMENT:** Wicke and Ku moved for adjournment, which occurred at 1:54pm.

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99 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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102 www.wpunj.edu/senate