

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – January 26, 2016
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopolous, Avdeev, Cano, Cook, Crick, Decker, Diamond, Duffy, Ellis,
5 Falk-Romaine, Fallace, Flint, Fondeur, Gazzillo-Diaz, Griswold, Harris, Helena, Hong, Kaur,
6 Kearney, Kim, Kothandaraman, Levitan, Maduro, Magaldi, Makarec, Martin, Martus, Natrajan,
7 O'Donnell, Owusu, Rosar, Sabogal, Sandmann, Simon, Snyder, Steinhart, Swanson, Tardi,
8 Tesfaye, Uhlein, Verdicchio, Waldron, Wallace, Watad, Wicke
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10 **ABSENT:** Kothandaraman, Weisberg
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12 **GUESTS:** Bolyai, Brenenson, Cammarata, Chabayta, Corso, Daniel-Robinson, Diaz, Fuller-
13 Stanley, Gundling, Hahn, Kernan, Liautaud, Loran, McCoy, McLaughlin-Vignier, Miller,
14 Moore, Noonan, Owusu-Ansah, Rabbitt, Refsland, Rosenberg, Ross, Roux, Schneider, Seal,
15 Sheffield, Tiernan, Trelisky, Williams, Wolf
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17 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Falk-Romaine called the Senate to order at 12:34pm. The
18 Agenda, moved by Wicke and Cano, was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the 12/8/2015
19 meeting, moved by Martus and Aktan, were amended at line 67 to add: Tardi asked if there were
20 a timeline and the Provost said no. They were then also approved unanimously.
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22 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Falk-Romaine reminded the body of the President's address to the campus
23 on Thursday during Common Hour in the Ballrooms.
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25 Due to his sabbatical, Weisberg is resigning his position on the Executive Committee and taking
26 the spring semester off from his At-Large position on the Senate. Falk-Romaine briefly detailed
27 how his replacements will be chosen at the next Senate meeting. The Senate will elect his
28 replacement on the Executive Committee from among the members of the Senate. Falk-Romaine
29 will advise the eligible members of the campus community of the one-semester vacancy on the
30 Senate. Nominations will be made on the Senate floor and the members of the Senate will elect
31 the person to serve for the remainder of the academic year.
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33 At the December 8, 2015 Senate meeting the new FN grade was discussed and was sent to the
34 Academic Standards Council for revision. Due to severe time pressure from the federal
35 government, the administration had to enact the FN grade before today's meeting. The revised
36 version incorporates the suggestions from the Senate. Since the original version was voted down
37 by the Senate, Duffy and Martus moved that the revised FN policy be approved. It passed with
38 two abstentions.
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40 **VICE CHAIRS REPORT:** Magaldi and Duffy moved the nominations of Joachim and C.
41 Zhang to the Technology Council and Cupo to the Elections Councils They were approved
42 unanimously.
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44 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: EMERITUS STATUS FOR ANTHONY COLETTA:** Duffy
45 moved (Fallace seconded) and read the Council's resolution. Duffy, Verdicchio, Griswold and
46 Fallace commented upon his impact on WPU and its graduates. The nomination was approved
47 unanimously.

48 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: EMERITA STATUS FOR TINA LESHER:** Duffy moved
49 (Aktan seconded) and read the Council's resolution, which was approved unanimously.
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51 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: EMERITA STATUS FOR LINDA HAMALIAN:** Duffy
52 moved (Fallace seconded) and read the Council's resolution. Kaur and Scala spoke, after which
53 the nomination was approved unanimously.
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55 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: ADMINISTRATOR ASSESSMENT COUNCIL:** Duffy
56 presented the Council's resolution for a second reading. There was no discussion and the new
57 council was created by voice vote with one abstention.
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59 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR AND MINOR:** Sheffield
60 and Duffy moved acceptance of the department's proposals. Scala, Cook and Kim spoke in
61 support. They were approved unanimously.
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63 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: APPLIED HEALTH MAJOR:** Sheffield and Duffy
64 moved acceptance of the resolution. Griswold, Kernan, Aktan, Ellis and Scala briefly discussed
65 the proposal, which was approved unanimously.
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67 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: BA/MA ACCELERATED PROGRAM IN**
68 **COMMUNICATION DISORDERS:** Roux and Duffy moved acceptance of the resolution.
69 Griswold, Magaldi, Aktan, Gazzillo-Diaz and Levitan briefly discussed the proposal, which was
70 then approved unanimously.
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72 **NEW BUSINESS:** Sandmann, Tardi and Waldron discussed the move by two-year colleges to
73 receive permission to award four-year degrees in nursing. The differences between the two types
74 of schools were emphasized, but even though the proposal was narrowly defeated, it is likely to
75 come back and may include other disciplines in addition to nursing.
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77 Kim distributed material regarding student loan debt and urged everyone to study the material
78 carefully.
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80 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:29pm.
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82 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 in Ballroom C.
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84 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary
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