

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – February 26, 2019  
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopoulos, Brillante, Chung, Crick, De Young, Diamond, Duffy, Ellis,  
5 Fuentes, Gill (for Flores-Marti), Griswold, Harris, Helldobler, Inserra, Kearney, Kecojevic,  
6 Kollia, Kothandaraman, Levitan, Liu, Makarec, Najarian, Natrajan, Nyaboga, O'Donnell, Orr,  
7 Potacco, Pozzi, Ranjan, Rebe, Rosar, Scala, Schwartz, Simon, Snyder, Spagna, Steinhart, Suess,  
8 Swanson, Tardi, Vega, Vishio, Wallace, Watad, Weisberg

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10 **ABSENT:** Guedes, Russell

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12 **GUESTS:** Alon, An, Astarita, Bannister, Bartle, Betts, Bolyai, Boucher, Brenenson,  
13 Cammarata, Chabayta, Corso, Decker, DeDeo, Feliciano, Ferguson, Ginsberg, Goldstein,  
14 Guzman, Hertzog, Hill, Hinkle, Lincoln, Lubeck, Marks, McLaughlin-Vignier, McMahon,  
15 Moore, Murad, Noonan, Ortiz, Owusu-Ansah, Pinkston, Rabbitt, Rosenberg, Ross, Schneider,  
16 Seal, Sharma, Sherman, Torres, Vasquez, and one unintelligible

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18 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Scala called the Senate meeting to order at 12:34pm. Najarian  
19 and Spagna moved the Agenda which was approved unanimously. The Draft Minutes of the  
20 January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting, moved and seconded by Kecojevic and Pozzi, were also approved  
21 unanimously.

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23 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Scala called for a moment of silence for Geoffrey Pope, long-time  
24 Anthropology professor, who died in the past week.

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26 She announced the Joshua Powers has been appointed to be the new Provost and that he will start  
27 in July.

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29 The Administrator Assessments have been sent by Qualtrics to all full-time faculty, professional  
30 staff and adjunct faculty. This year the deans are being evaluated. The survey will close on  
31 Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 4PM.

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33 Interim Provost DeYoung explained why she reduced approximately 2/3 of the 12 credit ART  
34 requests by three credits. She felt that what was requested wasn't "on top of" what is normal to  
35 expect of a faculty member teaching four courses a semester. Tardi replied that "on top of" or  
36 "above and beyond what is normal" has never been discussed or used as a criterion in the past for  
37 ART. Tardi further clarified that she was at the table negotiating this Policy and this was not the  
38 intent. She questioned how much research could be reasonably expected given a four-course  
39 teaching load and significant service demands. Natrajan commented that he had served  
40 previously on this Committee and that there should be a follow up by the administration  
41 regarding the final credits awarded. The Interim Provost responded that she provided this  
42 information to the Committee. Tardi commended Interim Provost DeYoung for providing the  
43 final administrative decisions to the Committee, but stressed the importance of giving feedback  
44 to the candidates whose award credits were decreased or denied. She pointed out that if the  
45 problem is with the writing of the proposal, mentoring needs to be provided. If the issue is the  
46 lack of a timeline or final product, the candidate needs to know in order to avoid making the  
47 same error in the next ART proposal. Scala, Kothandaraman, Snyder and Griswold commented.

48 Astarita delineated when an awardee can and cannot postpone using the credits, and pointed out  
49 that ART cannot be banked. Faculty can and must reapply in most cases.

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52 Scala announced that Lester McKee, former Director of Minority Education at WPU in the late  
53 1990s, will be on campus for a full day of activities on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. The highlight will  
54 be his presentation on “From Inclusion to Belong: A Retention Issue,” which will be in Ballroom  
55 B during Common Hour. All faculty, students and staff are urged to attend this important event  
56 since retentions is everyone’s issue. [The flyer is archived in the Packet of this meeting.]

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58 The annual Tuition Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> during Common Hour in the  
59 Library Auditorium.

60 There will be a Graduate Forum on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30-1:45 in University Commons  
61 room C221 on the topic: “What’s ahead, what’s our destination and what roads do we take?”  
62 [The flyer is archived in the Packet of this meeting.] Speakers will include: Diamond, Laud,  
63 Tardi, Ross, Lincoln, Andrew and Goldstein.

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65 The online link for Donor Scholarship Applications is now open. The deadline is April 8<sup>th</sup>.  
66 Please encourage students to apply. [The flyer is archived in the Packet of this meeting.]

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68 **GRADUATE COUNCIL: PROGRAM CHANGE IN THE M.Ed. IN CURRICULUM AND**  
69 **LEARNING: TEACHING CHILDREN MATHEMATICS:** Hinkle and Brillante moved  
70 acceptance of the Council’s resolution. Potacco questioned why there wasn’t more biology in the  
71 program. An and Alon explained where biology is covered, and noted that the focus of the  
72 program is pedagogy not content. The change was approved with one no vote.

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74 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: BY-LAWS REVISIONS:** Marks and Duffy moved approval of  
75 the Council’s resolution. Griswold and Marks explained the rationale for the changes. The  
76 motion will be voted upon at the March 26<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting.

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78 **HEALTH AND WELLNESS:** Sherman presented a PowerPoint, “Health and Well-Being of  
79 William Paterson Students” [archived in the Packet for this meeting], and answered questions.  
80 Ranjan, Natrajan, Steinhart, Scala, Snyder. Andreopoulos, Potacco, Levitan, Simon, O’Donnell,  
81 Guzman and Helldobler participated in the discussion.

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83 **BOYER MODEL:** DeYoung presented a PowerPoint: “Defining Scholarship: Boyer’s 4  
84 Models and the New Digital Scholarship: A Faculty Conversation” [archived in the Packet of  
85 this meeting]. Spagna, Snyder, Tardi, Ranjan, Pozzi, Simon, Griswold and Kothandaraman  
86 commented. DeYoung emphasized that it is for us to decide and agree what works best for each  
87 department and discipline.

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89 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:42pm.

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91 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate, will be held on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> in Ballroom C.

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93 Enjoy your Spring Break!

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95 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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