

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – February 9, 2016
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4 **PRESENT:** Andreopolous, Avdeev, Cano, Cook, Crick, Decker, Diamond, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-
5 Romaine, Fallace, Flint, Fondeur, Griswold, Harris, Hodges (for Gazzillo-Diaz), Hong, Kaur,
6 Kearney, Kim, Kollia (for Magaldi), Kothandaraman, Levitan, Maduro, Makarec, Martin,
7 Martus, Nocella (for Aktan), Owusu, Potacco, Ritter (for Uhlein), Rosar, Sandmann, Scala,
8 Simon, Snyder, Steinhart, Tardi, Tesfaye, Verdicchio, Wallace, Watad, Wicke
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10 **ABSENT:** Helena, Natrajan, Swanson, Waldron
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12 **GUESTS:** Bolyai, Brenenson, Cammarata, Chabayta, Corso, Cupo, Daniel-Robinson, Ferguson,
13 Flores-Marti, Fuller-Stanley, Goldstein, Hahn, Liautaud, Lim, Lincoln, Martin, McCoy,
14 McLaughlin-Vignier, Mulrine, Noonan, Obrecht, Owusu-Ansah, Oyola, Rabbitt, Refsland,
15 Rosenberg, Ross, Roux, Sabatino, Schmidt, Schneider, Seal, D. Sheffield, Shojai, Tiernan,
16 Trelisky, Victorino, Williams, Wolf
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18 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Falk-Romaine called the Senate to order at 12:31pm. The
19 Agenda, moved by Martus and Snyder, was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the
20 1/26/2016 meeting, moved by Cano and Martus were also approved unanimously. Martus asked
21 that documents – especially very long ones – be included in the Packet sooner. Falk-Romaine
22 explained that the Packets are usually available no later the Thursday prior to the Senate
23 meetings, but sometimes items aren't received until after that.
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25 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Falk-Romaine reported that the Board of Trustees approved the Senate's
26 Emerita/us recommendations for Cheo, Blonna and Hayden.
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28 The Advisement and Registration Council's e-mail survey regarding advisement is due by
29 Friday.
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31 In Magaldi's absence, Falk-Romaine nominated (Duffy seconded) Maureen Martin to serve on
32 the Governance Council during Jackson's sabbatical. This was approved unanimously.

33 Due to problems constituting a Range Adjustment Committee for Martus, the Executive
34 Committee (in consultation with the Provost and the Union) approved three members from
35 outside his department: Ku, Rosar and Zeleke.

36 **ELECTIONS COUNCIL: ELECTION OF AN AT-LARGE SENATOR:** Mulrine opened
37 nominations to fill Weisberg's seat on the Senate for the remainder of the current term. No
38 nominations came from the floor, but a number had been sent to the Executive Committee during
39 the past two weeks: Bliss, Flores-Marti, Marshall, Nyaboga, Perez, Potacco and Victorino. The
40 election was held using paper ballots. The results of the voting were: Bliss – 5; Flores-Marti – 8;
41 Marshall – 2; Nyaboga – 7; Perez – 0; Potacco – 15; Victorino – 3. Potacco was declared the
42 winner and immediately assumed her seat.
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44 **ELECTIONS COUNCIL: ELECTION OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER:**
45 Mulrine took nominations for a replacement on the Executive Committee. Levitan nominated
46 Wicke, Verdicchio nominated Griswold, and Martus nominated Potacco (who declined). The

47 election was held using paper ballots. The results were: Griswold – 19 and Wicke – 21. Wicke
48 was declared the winner and will serve until the end of this year’s Senate.
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50 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: ENGLISH LITERATURE MINOR:** Sheffield and Duffy
51 moved acceptance of the department’s proposal, which was approved unanimously.
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53 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: ENGLISH WRITING MAJOR:** Sheffield and Duffy
54 moved acceptance of the resolution, which was approved unanimously.
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56 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: CRITICAL AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING**
57 **MINOR:** Sheffield and Duffy moved acceptance of the resolution. Tardi suggested that there is
58 potential for more social science writing. Levitan, Scala, Martin, Diamond, Kim, Falk-Romaine,
59 Steinhart and Kothandaraman also recommended broadening the writing options. The proposal
60 was then approved by a vote of 20 yes, 14 no with 4 abstentions.
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62 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MINOR:** Roux and Duffy
63 moved acceptance of the proposal. Scala, Andreopoulos, Wallace, Owusu, Tesfaye, Verdicchio
64 Tardi, Potacco, Rabbitt and Treisky discussed various aspects of the proposal, with some
65 speakers calling for more geography courses. Tardi, Levitan and Falk-Romaine requested that
66 when interdisciplinary offerings like this are developed, all departments that could offer relevant
67 courses should be notified in advance in order to participate. Martin and Flint moved to
68 substitute Econ 3500 with 3700; this was approved unanimously, as was the amended proposal.
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70 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES MINOR:** Roux and
71 Duffy moved acceptance of the proposal. Tesfaye, Snyder, Verdicchio, Kothandaraman, Cook,
72 Steinhart, Andreopoulos, Simon Wicke, Falk-Romaine, Scala, Potacco and Tardi discussed
73 various aspects of the proposal; many comments were similar to those in the previous discussion.
74 The proposal was approved by voice vote, with two opposed and one abstention.
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76 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: BS IN KINESIOLOGY:** Roux and Wicke moved
77 acceptance of the department’s proposal. Hodges clarified a point for Martus, and Falk-Romaine
78 suggested that the proposal be modified to reflect the correction. Martus and Wicke’s motion to
79 change #3 from 2 times to zero was approved unanimously, as was the amended proposal.
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81 **GRADUATE PROGRAMS COUNCIL: MFA IN CREATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL**
82 **WRITING:** Sabatino and Duffy moved acceptance of the department’s proposal, which was
83 approved unanimously.
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85 **GRADUATE PROGRAMS COUNCIL: MA IN ENGLISH – LITERATURE**
86 **CONCENTRATION:** Sabatino and Duffy moved approval of the department’s proposal. Cook
87 asked if there were an option for courses taken outside the department. Kaur said not at the
88 graduate level. The program was approved by voice vote with one abstention.
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90 **UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM: ASSESSEMENT:** Williams gave a PowerPoint
91 presentation (archived in the Packet for this meeting). Scala, Griswold, Wicke, Snyder, Falk-
92 Romaine and Simon commented on various aspects of the presentation.
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94 **ADJOURNMENT:** Steinhart called for adjournment at 1:47, which was approved unanimously.

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96 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 in Ballroom C.

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98 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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