

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – April 25, 2017
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopolous, Avdeev, Basch, Broome, Clarke, K. Decker, Diamond,
5 Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Fallace, Flint, Griswold, Guerrieri, Harris, Kothandaraman, Levitan,
6 Magaldi, Makarec, Martin, Martus, O'Donnell, Orr, Owusu, Potacco, Rosar, Sandmann, Scala,
7 Schwartz, C. Sheffield (for Tesfaye), Simon, Snyder, Steinhart, Tardi, Verdicchio, Vishio,
8 Wallace, Watad, Weisberg, Wicke
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10 **ABSENT:** Cook, Kearney, Kromidas, Maduro, Najarian, Pozzi, Waldron
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12 **GUESTS:** Andrew, Bartle, Betts, Brenenson, Brillante, Burns, Cammarata, Chabayta, Corso,
13 DeDeo, DiBartolomeo, Escobar, Gelindo, Goldstein, Hinkle, Jackson, Kashyap, Liautaud,
14 Lincoln, Lorah, Lubeck, McLaughlin-Vignier, Noonan, Owusu-Ansah, Rabbitt, Refsland,
15 Rosenberg, Ross, Scardena, Schneider, Seal, D. Sheffield, Theus, Williams, Wolf, Yakubov, and
16 two unintelligible names
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18 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Makarec called the Senate to order at 12:33pm. The Minutes
19 of the March 28 meeting, moved and seconded by Snyder and Martus, were approved
20 unanimously, as were the Minutes of the April 11 Faculty and Professional Staff meeting.
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22 Wallace of Africana World Studies needs members for her promotion committee from outside
23 her department. Aktan and Levitan's motion that Scala and Kalaramadan serve on this committee
24 was approved unanimously.
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26 Makarec reminded the community of the Town Hall meeting on the Budget to be held today in
27 the Library Auditorium at 3pm.
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29 The Nursing Department achieved full accreditation from the New Jersey State Board of Nursing
30 until 2024.
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32 The Student Recording Policy, approved by the Senate in 2011 has been slightly revised by the
33 Provost and is now official University Policy. [It is archived in the Packet for this meeting.]
34 Levitan suggested faculty include this in their syllabi.
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36 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: MINOR IN DISABILITY STUDIES:** D. Sheffield
37 moved (Duffy seconded) acceptance of the Council's resolution. Potacco, Scala, Levitan, Simon,
38 Martus, Makarec and Flint commented on various aspects and suggested other courses that might
39 be included. The Minor was approved by voice vote with one abstention.
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41 **GRADUATE COUNCIL: MBA PATHWAY CERTIFICATE:** Hinkle and Duffy moved
42 acceptance of the Council's resolution. Verdicchio, Diamond, Levitan, Potacco and Griswold
43 discussed various topics. Tardi expressed concern about a proliferation of certificates that are not
44 State approved, and asked if they actually work for our students. Yakubov replied that there is
45 tremendous demand for them, especially from students who were not originally business majors.
46 They are definitely a pathway to the MBA. The resolution was approved unanimously.
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48 **GRADUATE COUNCIL: MBA HUMAN RESOURCES CONCENTRATION:** Hinkle and
49 Duffy moved acceptance of the Council’s resolution, which was approved unanimously.
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51 **ACADEMIC STANDARDS COUNCIL: NEW ACADEMIC STANDARDS POLICY:**
52 Brillante and Duffy moved acceptance of the new policy, which would add an extra semester of
53 probation prior to dismissal. Numerous senators (Levitan, Martus, Martin, Potacco,
54 Kothandaraman, Scala, Avdeev, Refsland, Verdicchio) expressed concerns about adding debt to
55 students who would not be likely to improve their academic standing and other related issues.
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57 Martus and Snyder moved to add “Failure to maintain the Academic Contract for three semesters
58 or” to the beginning of the provision entitled Academic Suspension. C. Sheffield and Snyder
59 moved to change “or” to “and,” which was approved by voice vote, with two no votes and eight
60 abstentions. Steinhart, Martus, Potacco, Kothandaraman, Brillante, and Simon addressed the
61 amendment, which was then rejected by voice vote.
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63 Debate then returned to the original motion. Simon, Wicke, Brillanate, Guerrieri and Snyder
64 addressed the topic. Sandmann attempted to clarify the issue: There are now significant academic
65 supports in place to prevent students accumulating excess debt with little hope of progressing.
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67 Tardi and Wicke moved to send the resolution back to the Academic Standards Council.
68 Steinhart observed that a large body is not a good place for wordsmithing texts. Weisberg and C.
69 Sheffield called the question, which was approved by voice vote with one negative. The motion
70 to return the policy to council was then approved by voice vote with one negative.
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72 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: BY-LAWS AND CONSTITUTION CHANGES:** Jackson and
73 Wicke moved acceptance of the Council’s resolutions. Tardi reiterated her problem with the new
74 Board Emeritus Policy, especially its vague “in good standing throughout one’s career”
75 provision. In light of only the bylaws and not the constitution being considered at this meeting
76 and the concern about clarity issue raised by Tardi, Makarec agreed to holding off acting on
77 these resolutions until September.
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79 **OLD BUSINESS:** Harris moved the motion he crafted at the Faculty and Professional Staff
80 meeting: That the Senate form an ad hoc committee to address means by which faculty can be
81 involved in student enrollment and retention issues. The motion was approved unanimously.
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83 **NEW BUSINESS:** Tardi told the Senate that at the last Board of Trustees meeting Chairperson
84 Gruel stated that he does not see administration-faculty relations as a “we versus them” matter.
85 In that light she moved (Wicke seconded) a resolution [archived in the Packet of this meeting]
86 that a tenured full professor be elected to serve on the Board of Trustees. Wallace, Tardi,
87 Verdicchio, Levitan, Potacco, Andreopoulos, Ellis and Vishio commented. The motion was
88 approved unanimously.
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90 **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Makarec welcomed Lynn Orr, who has replaced Refsland as a
91 Professional Staff representative.
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93 She lauded May Chabayta, the Senate Office Administrative Assistant, for another year of
94 exceptional service. She also wished a fond farewell to Jason Wicke who will be stepping off the
95 Senate next year.

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97 Tardi congratulated Charley Flint who is retiring after thirty-three years at William Paterson.
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99 Andreopoulos inquired about the status of the Administrator Evaluations. Makarec reported that
100 the Council is nearly finished its preliminary work on them, but that they would not be available
101 for the Executive Committee until the end of the summer, and they will distributed to the Senate
102 in the fall.

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104 Aktan reminded the campus that the Board of Trustees will be meeting in the Library
105 Auditorium at 10:30 on Friday. After the Board meeting, the Union meeting will be held in the
106 Multi-Purpose Room in University Commons.

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108 **ADJOURNMENT:** Upon Diamond and Magaldi's motion, the Senate adjourned at 1:47pm.
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110 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on **THURSDAY**, May 4, 2017 in Ballroom C. It
111 will be the first meeting of the newly elected and continuing senators.

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113 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary
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116 www.wpunj.edu/senate