

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – May 4, 2017
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopolous, Avdeev, Basch, Crick, Decker, Diamond, Ellis, Falk-
5 Romaine, Fallace, Felson, Flores-Marti, Griswold, Harris, Kearney, Kromidas, Levitan, Magaldi,
6 Makarec, Mandik, Martin, Martus, Mukherjee (for Maduro), O'Donnell, Orr, Owusu, Perez,
7 Potacco, Pozzi, Rosar, Sandmann, Scala, Simon, Snyder, Tardi, Tesfaye, Verdicchio, Vishio,
8 Waldron, Wallace, Watad, Weiner (for Duffy), Weisberg, Williams (for Schwartz)

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10 **ABSENT:** Clarke, Helena, Kothandaraman, Najarian, Owusu, Swanson

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12 **GUESTS:** Alford, Bartle, Beal, Bernstein, Betts, Brenenson, Brillante, Burns, Chabayta, Corso,
13 Cupo, Daniel-Robinson, Darby, DiBartolomeo, Eng, Finnegan, Gardner, Hahn, Hawk, Hill,
14 Kernan, Kollia, Liataud, Lim, Lincoln, Lindemann, Lorah, Louie, Matthew, Martinez,
15 McLaughlin-Vignier, Miles, Moore, Mulrine, Ortiz, Owusu-Ansah, Rabbitt, Refsland,
16 Richardson, Rosenberg, Sabatino, Schneider, Seal, Sheffield, Strasser, Stroppe, Tajes, Theus,
17 Tiernan, Trelisky, Urgolo-Huckvale, Vasquez, Watanabe, Wolf, Zeng

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19 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Makarec called the Senate to order at 12:34pm and noted that
20 the Academic Standards Council agenda item would be discussed before the Councils'
21 Achievements. Tardi proposed an amendment to the agenda seeking updates on the "3+1"
22 Resolution and the Administrative Evaluations. Makarec noted updates on both items would be
23 included in the Chair's Report. The amended Agenda, moved by Martus and Martin, was
24 approved unanimously. The Minutes of the April 25, 2017 meeting, moved by Magaldi and
25 Martus, were approved unanimously.

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27 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Makarec welcomed the newly elected senators and then invited CIO
28 Rosenberg to the microphone to introduce Gamin Bartle, who joins the University as the new
29 Director of Instruction and Research Technology. Members of the Senate warmly welcomed
30 Bartle.

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32 Scala and Martus moved acceptance of the proposed calendar for 2017-2018 Senate meetings.
33 Levitan noted that one meeting a semester should be held at Valley Road. Makarec indicated this
34 would be the case but is not yet reflected on the calendar. The calendar was approved
35 unanimously.

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37 Makarec called upon Levitan to read the Senate Resolution on the Retirement of Nina Trelisky,
38 acknowledging her many years of service to the University. Levitan and Makarec presented
39 Trelisky with a commemorative copy of the resolution amidst the rousing applause.

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41 Makarec noted that the Senate Resolution seeking election of a faculty member to serve on the
42 Board of Trustees was brought to the attention of President Waldron. Makarec shared the email
43 response from President Waldron: "Dear Prof. Makarec, I have received your letter requesting
44 that I bring the issue of a faculty member serving as a WP Board of Trustees member to the
45 attention of the William Paterson University Board. I will bring this to the attention of the Board
46 as the Faculty Senate has requested."
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48 Makarec also noted that we have yet to receive a response from the Board of Trustees regarding
49 the “3+1” Senate Resolution that was adopted in January.

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51 Makarec reported the results of the Administrative Evaluations were submitted to the Senate
52 Office earlier this morning. Before being publically released, the results are first sent to the
53 person being evaluated. This process was adopted several years ago and follows those set forth
54 by the American Association of University Professors and the results will soon be shared with
55 the University community.

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57 **VICE-CHAIR’S REPORT:** Magaldi reminded everyone that Councils will need to be re-
58 populated and that Chabayta would be sending out an email seeking volunteers. Please alert your
59 colleagues about these opportunities.

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61 **ELECTIONS COUNCIL: ELECTION OF A NEW SENATE EXECUTIVE**

62 **COMMITTEE:** Members of the Election Council were in attendance and Beal briefly outlined
63 the procedures for the election of the new Executive Committee. Beal called for nominations for
64 Chair: Wallace and Kromidas nominated Scala. Levitan and Magaldi Nominated Makarec. By a
65 roll call closed ballot (41 votes cast) Scala received 24 votes and Makarec 15 votes with 2
66 abstentions. Makarec congratulated Scala who shared a few brief remarks, highlighting her
67 commitment to William Paterson.

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69 Beal called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Decker and Harris nominated Griswold. There were
70 no other nominations. There were 41 votes cast. Griswold received 40 votes and there was one
71 abstention.

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73 Beal then called for nominations for Secretary. Kearney and Martin nominated Duffy. There
74 were 41 votes cast. Duffy received 39 votes. There was one illegal vote and one abstention.

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76 Nominations were opened for the three At-Large positions on the Executive Committee. Aktan
77 and Kromidas nominated Andreopolous. Scala and Potacco nominated Tardi. Andreopolous and
78 Watad nominated Perez. Aktan and Levitan nominated Magaldi. Mukherjee and Magaldi
79 nominated Levitan. Tardi and Levitan nominated Martin. Each candidate made brief remarks.
80 There were 41 ballots and 123 votes cast. Andreopolous received 26 votes. Tardi received 26
81 votes. Levitan received 24 votes. Martin received 18 votes. Perez received 16 votes. Magaldi
82 received 12 votes.

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84 The Executive Committee for 2017-2018 will be: Scala, Chair; Griswold, Vice-Chair; Duffy,
85 Secretary, with Andreopolous, Levitan and Tardi as the At-Large members.

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87 **ACADEMIC STANDARDS COUNCIL: PROPOSED ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

88 **POLICY.** Brillante noted the addition of Item 4 to the policy and the deletion of the chart.

89 Brillante and Martus moved acceptance of the Council’s resolution. Verdicchio moved to table
90 the resolution, noting the policy has many moving parts and it needs to be thoroughly vetted and
91 not rushed. Scala seconded. The motion to table the resolution was approved by 20 yes votes, 11
92 no votes with 5 abstentions.

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94 **FACULTY SENTATE COUNCILS’ ACHIEVEMENTS 2016-2017.** Magaldi thanked all
95 those serving on a Senate Council this past year. Council chairs or members in attendance were

96 asked to provide a brief summary of accomplishments that were also highlighted in a PowerPoint
97 presentation {archived in the Packet of this meeting.} During the presentations, Martus asked
98 Strasser, Chair of the Administrator Assessment Council, whether the Dean of Students was
99 evaluated. Strasser noted the Council was provided with a list of who would be evaluated and it
100 did not include the Dean of Students. Martus noted that since the bylaws state that all deans be
101 evaluated, we need to consider this going forward.

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103 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: EMERITA STATUS FOR DONITA D'AMICO.** Makarec and
104 Weiner moved acceptance of the Council's resolution. Aktan spoke warmly in support of the
105 resolution, which was then approved unanimously.

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107 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: EMERITA STATUS FOR OFELIA GARCIA.** Makarec and
108 Weiner moved acceptance of the Council's resolution, which was then approved unanimously.

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110 **NEW BUSINESS:** Scala read and moved a "No Confidence in President Waldron" Resolution,
111 seconded by Tardi. Levitan requested a closed paper ballot. Aktan requested clarification as to
112 what yes means. A yes vote supports the resolution. Without discussion, Election Committee
113 members handled the ballots. There were 41 votes cast, 24 yes votes, 10 no votes, no illegal
114 votes and 7 abstentions. The "No Confidence" Resolution passed.

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116 **ADJOURNMENT:** Upon Levitan and Marin's motion, the Senate adjourned at 2:02pm.

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118 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on **Tuesday, September 12.**

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120 Respectfully Submitted: Nancy Weiner, Secretary *pro tem*

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