

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – May 3, 2018
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3 **PRESENT:** Andreopoulos, Aktan, Brillante, Crick, Diamond, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine,
4 Fallace, Flores-Marti, Griswold, Harris, Kearney, Kecojevic, Kollia, Kothandaraman, Levitan,
5 Makarec, Najarian, Nyaboga, O'Donnell, Orr, Owusu, Perez, Potacco, Pozzi, Ranjan, Rosar,
6 Scala, Schwartz, Simon, Snyder, Spagna, Steinhart, Suess, Tardi, Tesfaye, Vega, Verdicchio,
7 Vishio, Wallace, Watad, Weisberg

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9 **ABSENT:** Chung, Natrajan, Sandmann, Swanson, Waldron

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11 **GUESTS:** Andrew, Bae, Bolyai, Boucher, Cammarata, Chabayta, Chambers, Corso, Daniel-
12 Robinson, Davis, Feola, Figueroa, Fuller-Stanley, Gill, Kretinin, Lim, Lincoln, Malindretos,
13 Matthew, McLaughlin-Vignier, Miles, Moore, Nyaanga, Owusu-Ansah, Rosenberg, Ross, Roux,
14 Sabatino, Seal, Sharma, Shojai, Smith

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16 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Scala called the Senate meeting to order at 12:32pm. The
17 Agenda, moved and seconded by Najarian and Wallace was approved unanimously. The Draft
18 Minutes of the April 24th meeting of the Faculty and Professional Staff, moved and seconded by
19 Perez and Levitan, were approved unanimously. The Draft Minutes of the regular Senate meeting
20 held on April 24th, moved and seconded by Wallace and Aktan, were also approved
21 unanimously.

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23 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Scala reported that the Summary of the Faculty Senate Student Forum
24 prepared by moderator Gary Marks is available [archived in the Packet for this meeting.] There
25 is a YouTube audio of the Forum:

26 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nDa5W98QSY&feature=youtu.be>. Wallace noted that a
27 YouTube of the open forum on racism and diversity held in the Atrium on May 4th is available:
28 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nDa5W98QSY&feature=youtu.be>.

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30 Harris and Potacco moved acceptance of the calendar of Senate meetings for the 2018-2019
31 academic year. It was approved unanimously.

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33 Duffy reminded the body that the Cheng Library is open 24/7 during pre-exam and exam week,
34 and he thanked the AFT, the Provost, Student Life, Alumni Relations and other groups that have
35 provided food for the students who work late in the Library those nights.

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37 Kothandaraman stated that Professional Sales, a small department, needs a tenured member to
38 serve on its tenure and promotion committee. Levitan and Aktan nominated Kashyap, who was
39 approved unanimously.

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41 **ELECTIONS COUNCIL: ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Miles,
42 chair of the Elections Council, conducted the election of the officers and at-large members of the
43 Executive Committee.

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45 **Chairperson:** Weisberg and Levitan nominated Scala. There were no other nominations. Duffy
46 called the role and paper ballots were collected by members of the Elections Council. There were

47 40 votes cast. Scala received 38 votes and there were two no votes. Scala was declared the
48 winner.

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50 **Vice-Chairperson:** Verdicchio and Brillante nominated Griswold. There were no other
51 nominations. 40 votes were cast. Griswold received 37 votes. One voter abstained and there were
52 two no votes. Griswold was declared the winner.

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54 **Secretary:** Kearney and Levitan nominated Duffy. There were no other nominations. 40 votes
55 were cast. Duffy received 37 votes. There was one illegal vote, one no vote and one abstention.
56 Duffy was declared the winner.

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58 **At-Large Members:** Duffy nominated Levitan. Tardi nominated Andreopoulos. Andreopoulos
59 and Verdicchio nominated Tardi. Ellis and Vishio nominated Weisberg. Each candidate made a
60 brief statement. Miles explained that senators could vote for up to three candidates. There were
61 120 votes cast (not all senators voted for three nominees). Andreopoulos received 26 votes.
62 Levitan received 28 votes. Tardi received 28 votes. Weisberg received 21 votes. There were 10
63 abstentions and one no vote. Andreopoulos, Levitan and Tardi were declared the winners.

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65 Scala thanked the Elections Council for conducting the election.

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67 **GRADUATE PROGRAMS COUNCIL: CHANGE IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE**
68 **AND SPORTS STUDIES:** Sabatino and Makarec moved acceptance of the Council's
69 resolution. Scala noted that there is nothing explicit about diversity in the proposal. Bae replied
70 that it is covered in Legal Aspects of Sport. The change was then approved unanimously.

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72 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: CHANGE IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD**
73 **EDUCATION MAJOR, ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJOR AND SECONDARY**
74 **EDUCATION MAJOR:** Roux and Duffy moved acceptance of the Council's resolution, which
75 was approved unanimously

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77 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: CHANGE IN ALL UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION**
78 **MAJORS (EARLY CHILDHOOD, ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, MUSIC AND**
79 **PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** Roux and Makarec moved acceptance of the Council's resolution.
80 There was some discussion of the zero credit course (Scala, Griswold, Ranjan, Tardi, Levitan,
81 Aktan, Potacco, Pozzi). Feola explained the rational, state requirements and the history of this
82 type of course. The change was then approved by voice vote with one abstention.

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84 **OLD BUSINESS:** Verdicchio, Scala, Griswold, Potacco, Tardi, Wallace, Ranjan, Levitan,
85 Simon, Crick and Davis discussed issues raised at the Senate Student Forum and at the Town
86 Hall on racism and diversity. Scala assured the body that these important topics would be
87 discussed at Senate meetings next year.

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89 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:48pm.

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91 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate – the first meeting of the fall semester – will be held
92 Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 12:30 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

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94 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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