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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopoulos, Brillante, De Young, Diamond, Duffy, Ellis, Flores-Marti,
5 Griswold, Harris, Helldobler, Inserra, Jitianu (for Snyder), Kearney, Kecojevic, Kollia,
6 Kothandaraman, Levitan, Makarec, Natrajan, O'Donnell, Orr, Owusu, Potacco, Pozzi, Rebe,
7 Rosar, Scala, Schwartz, Spagna, Steinhart, Suess, Tardi, Vega, Verdicchio, Vishio, Wallace,
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10 **ABSENT:** Chung, Crick, Guedes, Inserra, Najarian, Perez, Ranjan, Russell, Swanson,

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12 **GUESTS:** Andrew, Astarita, Bannister, Bartle, Bolyai, Chabayta, Corso, Ginsberg, Goldstein,
13 Hill, Hughes, Goldstein, Johnson, Lincoln, McLaughlin-Vignier, Moore, Murad, Owusu-Ansah,
14 Pinkston, Refsland, Ross, Seal, Sharma, Tiernan, Urgolo Huckvale, Williams

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16 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Scala called the Senate meeting to order at 12:35pm. The
17 Agenda, moved and seconded by Levitan and Potacco, was approved unanimously. The Draft
18 Minutes of the September 11th meeting, moved and seconded by Kecojevic and Aktan, were
19 approved with one abstention.

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21 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Scala reported that the Honors College is recruiting first and second year
22 students with high GPAs. Faculty are urged to nominate good students, especially those from
23 underserved communities. Please refer the students to Barbara Andrew.

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25 On October 11th Ian Marshall and Murli Natrajan will hold an open forum to discuss the needs
26 and strategies to improve retention among black and Latino male students.

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28 She reminded the campus the audio and video recordings are not permitted in class without
29 written notice of accommodation from the Accessibility Resource Center (formerly Disability
30 Services) or permission from the instructor

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32 Summarizing data from VP Ross, she noted that new student enrollment is up 11% this fall, and
33 that 83% of students re-enrolled.

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35 Scala and Duffy nominated Ellis to serve on Nyamwange's Geography and Urban Studies DAC.
36 The nomination was approved unanimously.

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38 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Griswold announced that nearly all the councils had held their
39 initial meetings and he asked the chair(s) of each council to send minutes of their meetings to
40 him after each meeting.

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42 **OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS: REVISED CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
43 **POLICY:** Williams presented a PowerPoint to discuss the changes in the campus Conflict of
44 Interest Policy. [His PowerPoint and both the old and new polices are archived in the Packet of
45 this meeting.] Revisions were necessary due to the ineffectiveness and inefficiency of the old
46 policy, changes in ethics laws, who is covered, etc. The primary motivation was the need to
47 comply with changes in federal and state regulations. He emphasized five key points: education,
48 documentation, disclosure, record keeping and adjustments. The campus Ethics Liaison Officer

49 (ELO) is Ugonma Chukwunyere (X2397). Scala noted that since these changes are mandated by
50 higher authorities, the Senate need not vote upon them.

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52 **REGISTRAR AND FINANCIAL AID: ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION:** Susan Astarita
53 and Michael Corso presented the historical background for WPU’s student enrollment
54 verification process: It is, essentially, a requirement for students to receive government money.
55 They fielded numerous questions from Scala, Tardi, Diamond, Aktan, Simon, Levitan,
56 Andreopoulos, Flores-Marti, Nyaboga, Pozzi, Natrajan, Harris, Vega, Potacco and Orr. Much of
57 the discussion centered on how to treat students who get de-registered. A generous spirit is
58 encouraged, and many faculty would like students to continue to attend classes – how can one
59 catch up if s/he misses a couple of weeks of class? Helldobler noted that there are serious
60 liability issues for the University if a student suffers an injury, especially in labs, studios or
61 internships. Astarita urged faculty with questions to talk with their deans and with her.

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63 **TOBACCO FREE INITIATIVE: 100% TOBACCO AND SMOKE FREE CAMPUS**
64 **POLICY PROPOSAL:** Kecojevic’s PowerPoint [archived in the Packet of this meeting]
65 presented the rationale for such a policy and statistics on how the other New Jersey colleges are
66 addressing the issue. There are no positive physical effects from smoking, and the negative
67 effects on smokers and victims of second hand smoke are clear.

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69 He emphasized that the Task Force’s proposal is a work in progress, open for debate and
70 modification. He suggests a step-by-step process with education before any heavy enforcement,
71 much less punishment. The culture of smoking has to be changed.

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73 Potacco, Tardi, Simon, Harris, Andreopoulos and Kothandaraman noted that this addiction can’t
74 be overcome quickly or easily. Ways to promote the program in a positive, non-punitive manner
75 were suggested.

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77 Scala called for a vote to show the Senate’s support for the proposal (not a vote on a final draft
78 policy). The vote was 19 yes, 3 no with one abstention.

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80 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:49pm.

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82 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 12:30 in
83 Ballroom A.

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85 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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