

1 WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY – **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES** – March 8, 2005

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4 **PRESENT:** Agard-Jones, Bhat, Bone, Chirichello (for Pagano), Cunningham, De Young, Diaz, Duffy, Ferris, Ginsberg
5 (for Newton), Godar, Gulbranson, S. Hahn, Heluk, Kalish, Kaplan, Kaufman, Kovaleski, Kim, Lelyveld, Levitan, Martus,
6 McCallum (for Charlebois), Mukherjee, Nag, Northington, Overdorf, Pavese, Pollak (for Gundling), Potacco (for Dye),
7 Principe, Rivela, Rothman, Scala, Sesay, Speert, Stern, Stroppel, Swanson, Swingle, Tardi, Thompson, Tracy (for
8 Bareford), Wagner, Wahrman, Wang (for Korgen), Weisberg, Weltman, Xu

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10 **ABSENT:** Robb, Torres-DiMaio

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12 **GUESTS:** Boucher, Ciliberti, Daniel-Robinson, Fanning, Feola, Floyd, E. Gonzalez, Griswold, Pardi, Schaeffer, Sebetich,
13 Seplocha, Strasser, Swanson, Villar, Weiner

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15 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Wahrman called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. Duffy moved and Godar
16 seconded adoption of the agenda, and this passed unanimously. Duffy moved acceptance of the minutes of the
17 February 8, 2005 meeting. Stroppel asked that the minutes be amended with regards to the report of the
18 Admissions and Academic Standards Council, that their numbers are increasing in all categories, not just 'high
19 achievers'. With this change, seconded by Godar, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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21 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Wahrman announced the recent birth of a baby boy, Matthew Michael, to Amber
22 Charlebois, and asked the Senate to join her in congratulations to Amber and her family. Wahrman reminded
23 everyone that on April 21 the annual Senate Appreciation Luncheon, for all Senators and members of Senate
24 Councils and Committees will be held at Hobart Manor. Wahrman announced that the Research Council will hold
25 a forum on April 14. Wahrman discussed the process by which Donna Potacco, nominated by the Executive
26 Committee to replace Linda Dye (who is on medical leave), happens. She said that Potacco will serve until the
27 next Senate election; the candidate who is then elected completes the term. She said that she will check the
28 Senate Bylaws, but this is how she believes it works. As the nomination was made at the February 8 meeting
29 and no further nominations were heard, Wahrman asked the Secretary to cast a single vote, electing Potacco.
30 Overdorf reminded everyone that the Assessment Committee will hold a forum on Program Assessment on April
31 1. She encouraged department chairs and Committee members to attend and said that refreshments will be
32 served. Wahrman announced that a DAC committee is needed for Professor Scala. Wahrman said that Scala
33 proposes a committee comprised of Professors Levitan, Sheffield, and R. Rosen, all of whom are able to assess
34 Scala's work. Duffy and Tardi moved and seconded this, which passed unanimously. Wahrman announced that
35 a DAC committee is needed for Professor Martus and that Professors Rivela, E. Goldstein, and Hu have agreed
36 to serve and are able to assess Martus's work. Duffy and Tardi moved and seconded this, which passed with
37 one abstention. Wahrman noted that the Board of Trustees Education Policy Committee recently reported that
38 the Board is reinstating the Economics program. She congratulated the Board on adopting the Senate's May
39 1995 resolution that called for the reinstatement of this program. Godar reported on the January 31st meeting
40 of the Finance and Audit Committee. Among topics discussed were meetings being held with users of the
41 Science Building preparatory to the renovation of the facility, slight slippage of the new residence hall
42 construction, and University plans to purchase a system to improve communication with applicants and
43 accepted students to increase enrollment. Wahrman noted that the recent AACSB accreditation of the College of
44 Business was reported on in a recent Bergen Record edition. Wahrman reported on the recent series of open
45 forums on campus security and discussion of arming campus police. She said the forums had small attendance
46 but in addition to the forums, the Task Force collected a significant amount of information via e-mail responses.
47 Wahrman reported that the Senate Elections are underway and that the first round of nominations is complete.
48 She said that some departments have no nominees, and asked everyone to make sure their department
49 nominates someone for the open positions. Wahrman asked Dorothy Feola to comment on the recent Graduate
50 Studies forum. Feola said that there were about 20 attendees and an interesting conversation and that a full
51 report to the Senate on outcomes of the capstone studies program will be made at an upcoming Senate
52 meeting.

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54 **VICE CHAIR'S REPORT:** Principe asked the Senate to confirm some Council & Committee replacement
55 members. Duffy and Wagner moved and seconded the nomination of Nancy Weiner to the GE Committee, and
56 this passed unanimously. Duffy and Godar moved and seconded the nomination of Brandolini to the
57 Governance Council, and this passed unanimously. Principe said that a member of the Professional Staff is
58 needed to fill a slot on the GE Committee. Principe promoted the summer program at Cambridge University that
59 he administers and thanked everyone for their notes of concern and support during his recent family emergency.

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61 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS (D. POTACCO):** Potacco presented a series of resolutions in the
62 form of proposals to amend Senate Bylaws. The Senate packet included the text of these changes. A. To amend
63 Bylaws to make Adjunct Faculty eligible to serve on the Senate. Tardi asked if the Senate can assist in compiling

64 a list of current adjuncts. The resolution passed unanimously. B. Resolution on Adjunct Faculty Representatives
65 on Councils. Kaplan said that adjuncts should not have their own seats on Senate Councils and Committees and
66 that their circumstances are not the sort of matters that these bodies are concerned with. Potacco said that the
67 Governance Council feels that adjunct needs and perspectives are valuable and should be voiced. Weisberg said
68 that the proposed adjunct representative should be perceived as another at-large member and will not cause a
69 disruption in the work of these groups. Tardi echoed this position. With one opposed and one abstention the
70 motion passed. C. Resolution on Adjunct Faculty Representation on Committees. With one opposed and one
71 abstention the motion passed. D. Resolution on Adjunct Faculty electronic voting procedure. Potacco said that
72 she has been working with Weiner of the Elections Council to see how adjuncts could vote electronically. They
73 proposed having the adjunct election in the early fall. Scala asked that the word 'manpower' in the resolution be
74 changed to 'peoplepower'. Principe said that most Councils and Committees don't get up to speed early in the
75 semester and such an election should not be problematic. After more discussion the motion passed. Wahrman
76 noted that the section of bylaws being reviewed in this discussion confirmed the mechanism of replacing an At
77 Large Senator on leave as discussed earlier. Parliamentarian Weltman concurred. Wahrman congratulated the
78 Governance Council and Potacco for their perseverance in getting these resolutions perfected and passed.
79 Rivela asked again about Potacco's status as a replacement Senator, and whether she was an interim or a
80 replacement and what this exactly means. Gazillo said that Dye should be informed about the particulars of this.

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82 **GRADUATE COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION ON 5 COLLEGE OF EDUCATION PROPOSALS:** Seplocha said
83 that the P3 Teacher Certification Program proposal has been withdrawn. The P3 Modified Alternate Route Initial
84 Teacher Certification Program passed unanimously. The 30 Credit Principal Endorsement Program and 12 Credit
85 Supervisory Endorsement Program both passed unanimously. Tardi asked if the M.Ed. in Reading proposal was
86 reviewed by the entire Reading faculty. Feola said that it was, and the proposal passed unanimously. Wahrman
87 congratulated the Graduate Council for their work on these proposals.

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89 **ACCELERATED B.S./M.S. PROGRAM IN ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE (D. FEOLA, E.**
90 **GONZALEZ):** Rivela asked whether the required prerequisites to the Chem 401 course were appropriate.
91 Swanson defended the rationale behind the prerequisites. Duffy asked whether Chem 211 should be listed in
92 the M.S. program as it is not upper-division. The motion passed unanimously.

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94 **GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT (P. GRISWOLD) ASSESSMENT RESULTS; GE UPPER**
95 **LEVEL ELECTIVE COURSES FROM COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES; RESOLUTION**
96 **ON 300 LEVEL GE ELECTIVES:** Griswold distributed a handout of results of GE course assessment showing
97 areas where improvements are needed. The College of Humanities and Social Sciences is proposing that some
98 200 level courses be renumbered as 300 level, and that these should require lower-division prerequisites.
99 Pollack said that there are a number of Anthropology courses that are affected and that Anth 130 will be a
100 prerequisite for many of these renumbered courses. Tardi asked for a review of how often these electives are
101 offered to ensure a student can create a reasonable course of study. There was a general discussion on the
102 nature of General Education courses and the need for prerequisites for upper level courses. Villar said that in
103 some cases a Junior or Senior status is required to register for certain classes. Levitan moved and Rivela
104 seconded tabling discussion on the resolution that 300 level course proposals include investigation of
105 reasonable potential prerequisites from other departments.

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107 **ADJOURNMENT:** Levitan moved and Godar seconded adjournment at 1:44 PM. The next Senate meeting will
108 be held on Tuesday, March 29 at Valley Road Room 1016

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110 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary