

1 William Paterson University – **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES** – December 11, 2001

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4 **PRESENT:** Aagard-Jones, Bareford, Bing, Bolyai, Burns, Cho, Chung, Coomes, Danzinger, De Young, Duffy, Dye,  
5 Edelstein, Frierson-Campbell, Garcia, Gillette, M. Goldstein, Gulbranson, S. Hahn, Hayden, Jemmott, Kim, Levitan,  
6 Maheshwari, Makarec, McClean, Miller, Morganstern, Murphy, Mwaura, Oratio, Overdorf, Owusu, Phadia, Principe,  
7 Rabbitt, Reiss, Scala, Steinhart, Strasser, Swanson, Tardi, Tirado, Villar, Wagner, Wahrman, Weltman, Wolf, Zhang (for  
8 Rothman)

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10 **ABSENT:** Leach, Parras, Rosario

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12 **GUESTS:** Bennett, Ciliberti, Evangelista, Fountakidis, S. Goldstein, Hartley, Kearney, Malanga, Newton, Roux,  
13 Schaeffer, Urinyi

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15 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Edelstein called the Senate to order at 12:37 PM. Wolf and Weltman moved  
16 and seconded adoption of the agenda, which passed unanimously. Duffy and Goldstein moved and seconded  
17 acceptance of the minutes of the November 27, 2001, and this was also passed unanimously.

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19 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Edelstein reported that the Provost asked the Senate Executive Committee to recommend  
20 individuals to serve on a new Excellence Document Review Committee that will provide commentary and  
21 suggest revisions to the document. A representative from each College, one Librarian and one Professional Staff  
22 will be nominated. Edelstein said that Morganstern (Arts and Communication), Rudnick (Business), M.  
23 Goldstein (Education), Baumgartner (Humanities & Social Sciences), Maheshwari (Science & Health), Harris  
24 (Professional Staff) and Malanga (Library) have all agreed to serve. Duffy moved and Danzinger seconded  
25 these nominations, which were passed unanimously. Edelstein thanked the new committee. He said that the  
26 Committee's report would be before the Senate by April, 2002. Edelstein announced that the Department of  
27 Special Education and Counseling requests the Senate name a tenured faculty member for a retention/tenure  
28 committee. Rochelle Kaplan was nominated. Moved and seconded by Wolf and Weltman, the nomination was  
29 approved unanimously. Edelstein discussed the upcoming elections for Sabbatical Leave Committee and the  
30 fact that 3 of 5 colleges did not provide a nominee. Dye replied that the nomination forms did not arrive in a  
31 timely manner and asked whether campus mail has been delayed. Edelstein said that the election would be held  
32 December 18-19 for the contested slots. He said that the Executive Committee will discuss ways to improve the  
33 nomination process and that three colleges will not have representation on the committee. Wolf said that the  
34 election dates are inappropriate and need to be changed. Tardi said that there was no notification that positions  
35 were open and that balloting should be postponed. Edelstein said that a postponement would not correct the  
36 absence of nominations from the colleges. Duffy said that two opportunities for nominations were duly  
37 provided and the election should continue. Wolf said that if vacancies exist a committee is constituted as  
38 nominated. Edelstein said that poll watchers would be provided. Wolf asked why electronic balloting was not  
39 being done. Edelstein replied that technical problems prevented this.

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41 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Garcia reported that the December 6 meeting of the Executive Committee with  
42 the chairs of the Senate Councils and Committees had occurred and a beneficial exchange of ideas resulted. He  
43 said that the next meeting would be held on March 6, 2002. He reported that three vacancies on councils were  
44 yet to be filled.

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46 **REPORT FROM MARIA VILLAR, LIAISON - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINORITY AFFAIRS**

47 **COMMITTEE:** Villar reported that Tom Gundling, Anthropology Department, substituted for her at the  
48 meeting. She referred to the summary distributed to the Senate, which included 2001-2002 Supplier Diversity  
49 Program and 2002 Vendor Fair, 2001 Expenditures Report on Goods and Services, Minority Data Bank,  
50 Minority Enrollment and Hiring, and a discussion of the new Asian Studies program.

52 **REPORT FROM MARK EVANGELISTA, REGISTRAR:** Evangelista responded to questions about upper  
53 level electives. He said that usual practice for transfer students was that negotiations for transfer and application  
54 of credit generated a lot of waivers and this disrupted the overall system. He said that faculty requested a  
55 relaxation of the process to decrease the amount of mediation needed and that to some degree this was in  
56 violation of University policy. Burns discussed situations where students were receiving double credit for  
57 courses. He asked for an explanation of this and whether it has been corrected. Evangelista said that this was not  
58 a routine occurrence. Hayden remarked that students are being allowed to fill upper level electives with 100-  
59 level courses. Weltman voiced similar concerns. Evangelista said that this will be dealt with and he will return  
60 to the Senate with a report. Edelstein said that the Executive Committee would receive this report and distribute  
61 it to the Senate. Evangelista next discussed course scheduling at the new Valley Road Building (VRB). He said  
62 that meetings with the College of Business and College of Education are ongoing to discuss modules, majors,  
63 courses, rooms, time box, and typical scenarios. He said that with some flexibility, this would all be worked out.  
64 Levitan expressed concern about "back-to-back" courses on both campuses. Evangelista said that scheduling  
65 should alleviate this difficulty and work is being done to prevent students from having to travel back and forth  
66 too much. He said that ideas and suggestions from the faculty are welcome. Goldstein said that she hopes the  
67 VRB campus is not estranged from the main campus. Evangelista said that travel time between campuses is  
68 being taken into consideration. Burns asked why some classes are scheduled to end at 8:30 p.m. and others at  
69 8:40 p.m. Evangelista said this could be a typo. Dye asked whether summer class schedules could be published  
70 at the same time as the spring schedule. Evangelista said that this could be done. Wahrman suggested that the  
71 summer schedule be placed online along with the spring schedule. Again, Evangelista said this is easily done.  
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73 **REPORT FROM STEVE BOLYAI - RENOVATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PAPER BUILDING:**

74 Bolyai, Bob Bennett, and John Urinyi presented current floor plans of the VRB that include the layout of  
75 classrooms, common areas, computer labs, faculty offices and workspaces, along with technology support and  
76 infrastructure areas. Bolyai said that work is ongoing and many things would occur in January and February. He  
77 said that the 150,000 square foot facility required much coordination and that a staged move-in during the  
78 summer is anticipated. He discussed the 50 classroom spaces, offices for 13 department chairs, 93 faculty, and 6  
79 adjunct offices. He pointed out student lounges, academic and support spaces, IT classrooms, a large cafeteria  
80 and study areas. He said that a tour on January 7 would be provided. He pointed out the large, 174 seat  
81 auditorium on the first floor along with classrooms, computer labs and common areas. He described the third  
82 floor instruction space, six tiered classrooms with 48 seats and faculty offices and faculty lounge. Bolyai said  
83 that used furniture would likely be procured to furnish the building. In reply to Burns' question of ADA  
84 compliance, Bolyai and Urinyi said that the renovated building would be 100% accessible. Bolyai also reported  
85 that the faculty offices would be single occupancy. Bareford asked how the new facility would ease classroom  
86 scheduling on the main campus. Bolyai said that the VRB would provide 50 new classrooms. Mwaura asked if  
87 there is a professional conference suite. Bolyai replied that there is a "board suite" on the fourth floor that will  
88 serve this purpose. He said that all instruction space would have data ports for network access. He said that  
89 security issues were being addressed and that "swipe" card locks may be employed along with 24-hour security  
90 personnel. Garcia asked if the facility's elevators would accommodate large equipment. Urinyi replied that a  
91 freight elevator exists. As discussion turned to the disposition of spaces in Raubinger, Tardi moved to adjourn.  
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93 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:46 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 29,  
94 2002 in SC 203, 4,5

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96 Respectfully Submitted, [Kurt W. Wagner](#), Secretary

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