

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – October 10, 2017
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopolous, Basch, Crick, K. Decker, Diamond, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-
5 Romaine, Fallace, Felson, Flores-Marti, Galindo, Gazzillo-Diaz (for Tardi), Griswold, Harris,
6 Kothandaraman, Kromidas, Levitan, Maduro, Magaldi, Makarec, Martin, Martus, O'Donnell,
7 Orr, Perez, Potacco, Pozzi, Rosar, Sandmann, Scala, Schwartz, Simon, Snyder, Suess, Swanson,
8 Tesfaye, Verdicchio, Vishio, Wallace, Watad, Weiner (for Kearney), Weisberg

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10 **ABSENT:** Nyaboga, Owusu, Thompson, Waldron

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12 **GUESTS:** Astarita, Bolyai, Boucher-Jarvis, Brenenson, Brillante, Burns, Cammarata, Chabayta,
13 Corso, Daniel-Robinson, D. Decker, De Loatch, Escobar, Fuller-Stanley, Gardner, Griffin,
14 Hilberg, Kollia, Liautaud, Lincoln, McLaughlin-Vignier, Moore, Muhammed, Noonan, Peek,
15 Pinkston, Rabbitt, Ramirez, Refsland, Rosenberg, Ross, Scardena, Schneider, Seal, Sharma,
16 Slaymaker, Vasquez, Williams. [**Two names were unintelligible: Please PRINT!**]

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18 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Scala called the Senate to order at 12:33pm. The Agenda,
19 moved by Martin and Najarian, was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the September 12,
20 2017 meeting, moved by Wallace and Martin, were approved unanimously. The Minutes of the
21 September 26, 2017 Faculty and Professional Staff meeting, moved by Perez and Martin, were
22 also approved unanimously.

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24 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Scala called for a moment of silence to honor the victims of the
25 hurricanes in Puerto Rico and the other islands in the Caribbean destroyed by hurricanes.

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27 Callanan of Environmental Science needs members for her Promotion Committee. Swanson and
28 Martus nominated Griffiths, Martus and Risley, all of whom were approved unanimously.

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30 Ben Liu of Geography needs a member for his DAC Committee. Martus and Kromidas
31 nominated Ellis, who was approved unanimously.

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33 Scala announced the names of the recently retired faculty who have been granted Emerita/us
34 status in accordance with the new Board of Trustees Emeritus Policy: Jane Bambrick, Robert
35 Benno, Charley Flint, Nan Guptill Crain, Alan Lazarus, John Peterman, Gordon Schmidt, David
36 Shapiro, Pamela Theus and Hillary Wilder.

37 Vice-President Ross' Enrollment presentation has been postponed until November.

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39 There will be a Town Hall let by VP Bolyai on Enrollment and Finances to be held in the Library
40 Auditorium on October 24th from 3:00-4:30PM.

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42 WPU's Jazz Program was featured in an article in *Downbeat* in its October issue.

43 <https://twitter.com/WPMusicDept/status/912754078073212928>

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45 Andreopoulos inquired about the composition of the Presidential Search Committee. Seal said
46 that the members would be announced later this week.

47 <http://cms.wpunj.edu/university/BoardOfTrustees/presidential-search/updates/update-2.html>

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49 Aktan has been named March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Finalist for 2017 in the category of Academic
50 Educator.

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52 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Griswold nominated (Martus seconded) a number of members for
53 various UCC Review Panels [archived in the Packet for this meeting]. All were approved
54 unanimously.

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56 Griswold and Perez nominated Kretenin (COB) for membership on the Elections Council. His
57 nomination was approved unanimously. Perez and Duffy nominated M. Martin (English) to be
58 the Senate's liaison to the Board of Trustees Educational Planning and Student Development
59 Committee. Her nomination was approved unanimously.

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61 Harris inquired about the Ad Hoc Committee on Recruitment and Retention that was approved
62 by the Senate at its April 26th meeting last semester. Griswold replied that according to the
63 Senate's By-Laws, ad hoc committees expire at the end of the academic year. Harris than moved
64 (Martus seconded) that the Executive Committee form an Ad Hoc Committee to explore issues
65 of recruitment and retention. Potacco noted that we already have an Admissions and Enrollment
66 Management Council. Many senators commented: Levitan, Magaldi, Martus, Kromidas, Scala,
67 Simon, Martin and Harris. Some asked what the focus of this potentially redundant committee
68 would be, to which others replied that the existing Council is concerned mainly about
69 undergraduate issues, while this ad hoc committee should range more widely. The Ad Hoc
70 Committee on Recruitment and Retention was approved by a vote of 27 yes, 7 no and 7
71 abstentions.

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73 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: EMERITA STATUS FOR OFELIA GARCIA.** Discussion
74 resumed on the motion made at the September 12th meeting that the Senate rescind its approval
75 of the Garcia Emerita Resolution passed last year. The vote to rescind was approved by voice
76 vote, with 6 no and 5 abstentions.

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78 **ACADEMIC STANDARDS COUNCIL: PROPOSED ACADEMIC STANDARDS**
79 **POLICY.** Discussion resumed on this proposal that was tabled at the May 20th meeting.

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81 Extensive discussion ensued, with many senators describing the votes of their department for or
82 against the proposal. Some felt that giving students a third semester to improve their academic
83 standing was a good idea, while other said that it would simply cause weak students to accrue
84 more debt. The proposal was approved by a vote of 29 yes, 8 no with 3 abstentions.

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87 **ADMINISTRATOR ASSESSMENTS:** Scala moved (Najarian seconded) that the Senate
88 approve the summary report of the Administrator Assessment Council [archived in the Packet for
89 this meeting]. It was approved by voice vote with one abstention.

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91 **GRADUATE PROGRAMS HIATUS:** Sandmann said that after a painstaking process
92 involving deans and departments, three graduate programs were identified as needing a hiatus to
93 regroup and develop strategies for increasing enrollment, etc. Many senators expressed their
94 opinions: O'Donnell, Aktan, Potacco, Gazzillo-Diaz (speaking for Tardi), Tesfaye, Magaldi,
95 Andreopoulos and Scala. Martin and Slaymaker strongly protested how Biology was handled.

96 Others questioned whether there were clear rubrics and goals in place for departments to use.
97 Sandmann said that among the factors considered (and to be considered in the future) are:
98 enrollment, degrees awarded, new students admitted, average class size, etc.
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100 **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** On 10/13 there will be an LGBT conference.

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102 On 10/18 there will be an all-day BYO Truth: Language Matters and (Mis)Information in the
103 Public Sphere conference in the ballrooms.

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105 Wallace announced that there would be a Social Justice Project pedagogical workshop on
106 Charlottesville and hurricanes Harvey and Maria session in the Paterson Room in the Library on
107 October 12th at 12:30.

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

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111 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday October 24th in Ballroom C.

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113 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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