

William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – March 10, 2020
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PRESENT: Aktan, Andreopoulos, Brillante, Chung, Crick, Diamond, Duffy, Ellis, Gazzillo Diaz, Griswold, Hack, Helldobler, Hill, Jurado, Kalaramadam, Kaur, Kecojevic, Lauby (for Rebe), Liu, Magaldi, Marks (for Kearney), Mwaura, Natrajan, O'Donnell, Orr, Owusu, Potacco, Powers, Pozzi, Ramos, Ranjan, Rosa, Shekari, Silva, Simon, Snyder, Spagna, Steinhart, Swanson, Tardi, Vega, Verdicchio, Vishio, Wallace, Watad, Weisberg, Williams (for Finn)

ABSENT: Janos

GUESTS: Andrew, Ashnai, Bannister, Bolyai, Cammarata, Cannon, Chambers, Christensen, Corso, Davis, Decker, DeDeo, DeLoatch, Diaz, Esslet, Ferguson, Ginsberg, Godar, Goldstein, Griffin, Guzman, Harris, Hertzog, Hinkle, Jackson, Jones, Keane, Liautaud, Lincoln, Lowe, Lubeck, Miles, Molloy, Noonan, Otriz, Refsland, Ricupero, Rosenberg, Ross, Salvesen, Scardena, Schneider, Sharma, Tiernan, Vasquez, Williams, Zeman, Zito

PRELIMINARIES: Chairperson Natrajan called the meeting to order at 12:31pm. Hill and Silva moved acceptance of the Agenda, which was approved unanimously. The Draft Minutes of the February 25th meeting, moved and seconded by Orr and Wallace, were also approved unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

GRADUATE PROGRAMS COUNCIL: 4+1 B.M./M.M JAZZ STUDIES CONCENTRATION (PERFORMANE TRACK): Hinkle and Weisberg moved acceptance of the Council's resolution, which was approved by voice vote without discussion.

CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE: Guzman (Health and Wellness) and Lowe (Police) are coordinating WPU's response to the virus. Both made presentations and answered questions. The University must observe the rules of state and local authorities. The University will post all relevant updates on the University Homepage.

Powers dealt with a number of "what if we close and what do we do" questions (Griswold, Diamond, Magaldi, Simon, Watad, Potacco, Tardi, Ranjan, Liu). **[Since then events have caused the University to move to online-only instruction and Library services. Check the appropriate pages for the latest information.]**

RESOLUTIONS ON 1000 LEVEL COURSES: Debate resumed on the President's Resolution #3: One assignment must require all students to visit a learning support center (e.g, Academic Success Center, Writing Center, etc.) before the end of mid-terms.

Griffin (Academic Success Center) and Malloy (Writing Center) briefly described how their offices would handle such a large influx of students. Various ideas were aired (Tardi, Natrajan, Snyder, Aktan, Potacco, Griswold, Simon, O'Donnell, Diamond, Kaur, Wallace, Marks) about one-on-one vs. group tutoring, requiring even A or B students to visit the centers, verifying attendance, what qualifies as a visit, etc.

Simon and Hack moved to add Tutor.com to the list of learning support centers. The motion passed with six no votes and two abstentions.

Rosar and Swanson move to add "at least one." That motion was approved unanimously.

Weisberg called the question, which was approved unanimously. The rollcall closed vote on the amended Resolution #3 (One assignment must require all students to visit at least one learning support center (e.g, Academic Success Center, Writing Center, Tutor.com, etc.) before the end of mid-terms.) was conducted by the Elections Council. Miles reported the results: 28 yes, 8 no, 3 abstentions. Resolution #3 (as amended) was approved.

Hill and X moved to remove Resolutions #1 and #2 from the table. By hand count, Resolution #1 was brought back to the floor by a vote of 27 yes and 9 no. Resolution #2 was brought back to the floor by a vote of 26 yes, 8 no and 3 abstentions. They will be taken up at the next Senate meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The Senate adjourned at 1:51pm.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate, will be held on Tuesday, April 14th at 12:30pm. **It will be an ONLINE meeting. Details regarding the technology to be used, how to access it, etc. will be forthcoming.**

Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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