

1 William Paterson University – **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES** – May 5, 2011

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4 **PRESENT:** Andreopoulos, Barrow, Bernstein, Bhat, Boroznoff, Cruz Paul, Davis, D’Haem, Diamond, Dinan,
5 Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Ferris, Finnegan, Gardner, Gazillo Diaz, Godar, Healy, Kelly, Kernan (for
6 Levitan), Kim, Lindsey, Martus, Mathew, McNeal, Ndjatou,, Overdorf, Owusu (for Nyamwange), Parras,
7 Pavese, , Quicke, Rady, Rosar, Scala, Schwartz, Steinhart, Tardi, Verdicchio, Waldron, Walsh, Weil, Wong

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9 **ABSENT:** Chemistry and Professional Sales seats were VACANT

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11 **GUESTS:** Basu, Bolyai, Burns, Chabayta, Daniel-Robinson, De Young, Deller, Flint, Griswold, Hahn,
12 Hamalian, Hong, Jemmott, Kashyap, Martone, Noonan, Potacco, Rabbitt, Rosengart, Sandford,
13 Schaeffer, T. Snyder, Suess, Torres-Santos, Trelisky, Zeff

14 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Verdicchio called the Senate to order at 12:35pm. The Agenda, moved and
15 seconded by Kim and Martus, was approved unanimously. The Draft Minutes of the April 26th meeting,
16 moved and seconded by Wagner and Godar, were accepted unanimously after one sentence was
17 deleted.

18 **VICE-CHAIR’S REPORT:** Ellis announced that Women’s and Gender Studies needs external members for
19 two committees. Ellis and Duffy nominated Levitan and Perry to serve on Sabogal’s tenure committee,
20 and to serve on Kalaramadan’s retention committee. Both sets of nominations were approved
21 unanimously.

22 Ellis also noted that Kaplan would like the campus community to look at the Graduate Studies link on
23 the Senate homepage before the end of the academic year.

24 **CHAIR’R REPORT:** Duffy and Martus moved acceptance of next year’s academic calendar, which was
25 approved unanimously.

26 Verdicchio pointed out that there was a discrepancy in the closing time of the Senate elections, but said
27 that no one had complained. Hearing no objections, he declared the results as final.

28 He outlined the course of the new Advisement Plan, noting that concerns had been raised by the
29 Executive Committee, the Council of Chairs and by the Faculty Senate. He hoped that it would still be
30 possible to amend the plan prior to implementation, but he had not heard from the Administration.

31 The UCC Summer Institute will be held on May 23 – May 25.

32 He then announced that he was not running for re-election as Senate Chair, and he then conducted the
33 election of the new Executive Committee for 2011-2012.

34 **CHAIR:** Tardi and Steinhart nominated Parras. Ferris and Godar nominated Falk-Romaine. Parras was
35 elected.

36 **VICE-CHAIR:** Davis and Godar nominated Ellis, who declined. Gardner and Quicke nominated Falk-
37 Romaine. There were no other nominations, and Falk-Romaine was elected.

38 SECRETARY: Duffy and Ferris nominated Wagner. Finnegan and Scala nominated McNeal. McNeal was
39 elected.

40 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Kelly, Davis, Diamond, Andreopoulos and Finnegan were all nominated, but all
41 declined. Kim and Rady nominated Gazillo Diaz. Wagner and Boroznoff nominated Duffy. Weisberg and
42 Kelly nominated Wagner. Tardi and Ellis nominated Gardner. Davis and Godar nominated Ellis. The three
43 candidates elected to fill the Executive Committee were: Ellis, Gardner and Gazillo Diaz.

44 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: ACADEMIC STANDARDS COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON ACADEMIC HONORS:**

45 Ferris and Tardi moved the Council's proposal. Diamond, Gazillo Diaz, Trelisky, Martus and Godar briefly
46 discussed the issue, which passed by voice vote (with 4 in opposition and 9 abstentions).

47 The Order of the Day prevented the Academic Standards Council proposal on Transfer Credit Applied to
48 Undergraduate Majors from coming to the floor.

49 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL EMERITAE RESOLUTIONS:**

50 **Marjorie Goldstein:** Tardi and Duffy moved this resolution, which was read by Griswold. It was
51 approved unanimously.

52 **Janet Pollak:** Davis and Martus moved the resolution, which was read by Verdicchio. It was approved
53 with one vote against.

54 **Jennifer Hsu:** Duffy and Martus moved the resolution, which was read by Bhat. It was then approved
55 unanimously.

56 **FINAL REMARKS:** Overdorf's expression of the body's thanks to Chairperson Verdicchio was echoed by
57 loud applause.

58 Verdicchio urged all constituencies on campus to work together. He made special mention of May
59 Chabayta, the Senate Office secretary.

60 **ADJOURNMENT:** Upon Verdicchio's handing the gavel over to Parras, the Senate adjourned for the year
61 at 1:45pm. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at 12:30pm
62 in University Commons Ballroom A.

63 Respectfully submitted: B. Duffy

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