

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – April 10, 2018

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5 **PRESENT:** Abouk, Aktan, Crick, Decker, Diamond, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine,
6 Fallace, Felson, Flores-Marti, Galindo, Griswold, Harris, Inserra (for Egers), Kearney,
7 Kothandaraman, Kromidas, Levitan, Maduro, Ma (for Makarec), Martin, Najarian,
8 O'Donnell, Orr, Owusu, Perez, Potacco, Pozzi, Rosar, Sandmann, Scala, Schwartz,
9 Simon, Snyder, Steinhart, Suess, Sullivan (for Basch), Swanson, Tardi, Tesfaye,
10 Verdicchio, Vishio, Wallace, Watad, Weisberg

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12 **ABSENT:** Magaldi, Martus, Nyaboga, Waldron

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14 **GUESTS:** Astarita, Bolyai, Bone, Chabayta, Daniel-Robinson, DeDeo, Dedier, De
15 Loatch, Feola, Finnegan, Goldstein, Hughes, Lincoln, Lowe, McLaughlin Vignier,
16 Moore, Noonan, Owusu-Ansah, Rabbitt, Refsland, Sabatino, Seal, Sharma, Sheffield,
17 Tiernan, Vasquez, Wolk

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19 **PRELIMINARIES:** Scala called the Faculty Senate to order at 12:30PM. The Agenda,
20 moved by Najarian and Swanson, was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the March
21 27, 2018 meeting, moved by Snyder and Maduro, were approved unanimously.

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23 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Scala said that a Suicide Prevention march was being held today.
24 She said that campus safety will be addressed at upcoming Senate meetings. The Senate
25 Appreciation Lunch will be held on Thursday, April 26th during Common Hour in
26 University Commons 211.

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28 Associate Provost Lincoln has approved the following: program and name changes for
29 Music Management MBAs; Med for teaching students with disabilities

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31 Scala reminded senators and guests that proper decorum should be observed during
32 Senate meetings. We don't allow students to text, talk to their neighbors, nor surf the Net
33 during class. We should show similar respect to our colleagues.

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35 Wallace said that the Center for Teaching Excellence and the Social Justice Project will
36 hold a Lunch and Learn on the topic of gender in the academy on Wednesday at 2PM in
37 the Ballroom.

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39 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Griswold reminded the chairs of the various Senate
40 councils that their End-of-Year Reports are due to the Senate Office by the end of the
41 semester.

42 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: HONORS TRACK IN GLOBAL PUBLIC**
43 **HEALTH:** Sheffield and Levitan moved approval of the Council’s resolution. Scala
44 asked if social justice is included in the courses. Sheffield noted a number of courses that
45 address the issue. The track was approved unanimously.

46 **GRADUATE PROGRAMS COUNCIL: CERTIFICATE PROGRAM CHANGE**
47 **IN THE M Ed IN SPECIAL EDUCATION, TEACHERS OF STUDENTS WITH**
48 **DISSABILITIES CONCENTRATION:** Sabatino and Scala moved approval of the
49 program change, which was then approved unanimously.

50 **GRADUATE PROGRAMS COUNCIL: PROGRAM IN MIDDLE SCHOOL**
51 **MATHEMATICS IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION:** Sabatino and Duffy
52 moved approval of the Council’s resolution. Snyder questioned the non-mathematical
53 sounding course titles. Feola stated that they are the state-approved course names. Pozzi,
54 Rosar and Feola discussed the pedagogical vs the purely teaching mathematics aspects of
55 the courses. The certificate program change was approved by voice vote, with 3 no’s and
56 3 abstentions.

57 **AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RETENTION:** Harris and Finnegan presented a detailed
58 summary of the committee’s findings [archived in the Packet for this meeting, along with
59 two bibliographies]. They focused on three points: technology, open educational
60 resources (OER) and “we care.” Scala and Aktan moved approval of the Ad Hoc
61 Committee’s report.

62 Kearney described some of the many advances in OER and open access publishing.
63 Potacco described her successes using OER. Simon suggested some additions to the
64 report. Aktan asked how the report will be disseminated. Harris and Scala mentioned a
65 few ways, including a campus-wide forum next year. Griswold, Diamond, Ellis, Tardi,
66 Steinhart and Kearney added comments before the Report was approved unanimously.

67 **UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM REPORT:** Weisberg presented the results of
68 the UCC’s assessment of syllabi for Area 3, Attribute D: Scientific Thinking [archived in
69 the Packet for this meeting]. Potacco, Kromidas, Snyder, Kothandaraman, Tardi,
70 Sandmann and Lincoln commented. The Report was approved unanimously.

71 **REPORT ON UNIVERSITY FINANCES:** VP Bolyai presented a detailed report
72 [archived in the Packet for this meeting]. Tesfaye, Levitan, Abouk, Scala and Perez asked
73 questions about various specific points. Tardi asked Bolyai to provide data separating
74 faculty and administrative salary expenses, which he promised to do.

75 **ADJOURNMENT:** Upon Weisberg and Najarian’s motion, the Senate adjourned at
76 1:50PM.

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

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80 The first half hour (12:30-1PM) will be a Faculty and Professional Staff meeting, open
81 only to voting members of the Senate, to discuss the Administrator Assessments.

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83 The regular Senate meeting, open to ex officio members and the public, will convene at
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87 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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