

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – November 27, 2018  
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopoulos, Brillante, Chauhan (for Snyder), Chung, Crick, De Young,  
5 Diamond, Duffy, Ellis, Flores-Marti, Griswold, Harris, Helldobler, Inserra, Kearney, Kecojevic,  
6 Kollia, Kothandaraman, Levitan, Makarec, Natrajan, O'Donnell, Orr, Owusu, Perez, Potacco,  
7 Pozzi, Ranjan, Rebe, Rosar, Scala, Schwartz, Spagna, Steinhart, Suess, Swanson, Tardi, Vega,  
8 Verdicchio, Vishio, Wallace, Watad, Weisberg

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10 **ABSENT:** Guedes, Russell

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12 **GUESTS:** Andrew, Bartle, Basu, Bolyai, Broome, Cai, Corso, DeDeo, Feola, Ferguson,  
13 Ginsberg, Goldstein, Hill, Hinkle, Jones, Lincoln, McLaughlin-Vignier, Moore, Owusu-Ansah,  
14 Panayides, Pinkston, Rabbitt, Refsland, Ross, Schneider, Seal, Sharma, Shojai, Tiernan,  
15 Vandergast, Verzani, Walsh, Williams, Zhang

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17 [The Attendance Sheet didn't circulate among the guests. The Executive Committee attempted to  
18 recall as many guests as possible. If you were present but not listed above, please contact Bill  
19 Duffy and the Minutes will be corrected.]

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21 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Scala called the Senate meeting to order at 12:31pm. Scala  
22 moved the Agenda with the addition of a new item 6C3. Levitan seconded and the revised  
23 Agenda was approved unanimously. The Draft Minutes of the October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, moved and  
24 seconded by Najarian and Aktan, were approved with one abstention. The Draft Minutes of the  
25 November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Faculty and Professional Staff (closed meeting), moved and  
26 seconded by Levitan and Flores-Marti, were approved unanimously.

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28 Duffy distributed cards announcing the Library's usual "Open 24/7 during Pre-Exam and Exam  
29 Week." As in past years, the AFT will donate food for our student scholars.

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31 Bartle handed out flyers from the Technology Across the Curriculum Committee regarding  
32 Harris' November 29<sup>th</sup> workshop in Atrium 125: A Hands-on Approach to Open Educational  
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35 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Scala briefly summarized the key points raised at the 11/13 closed  
36 meeting: the unpreparedness of many of our students, questions about the upcoming Student  
37 Success Hour, 85% of our incoming students take remedial courses during the summer, the  
38 increase in first year cohorts in the future, questions regarding the proposed Multi-Cultural  
39 Center, new programs, fundraising, the need to praise the positive things our student bring to  
40 WPU and not just focus on their deficits. [A fuller report is contained in the Minutes of the  
41 November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, included in the Packet for this meeting.]

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43 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Griswold and Najarian nominated three new members for UCC  
44 review panels: Maduro for Diversity and Justice; Marshall and Vishio for Global Awareness, and  
45 Molloy for Technology Intensive. All were approved unanimously. Natrajan suggested that  
46 short biographies of proposed nominees be presented to the Senate in the future. Natrajan and  
47 Makarec nominated Dimaio for the Budget and Planning Council. She was approved  
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**UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: REVISIONS IN THE UNDERGRADUATE ENGLISH**

**MAJOR:** Broome and Duffy moved acceptance of the Council’s recommendation. Broome briefly described the rationale for combining the literature and writing tracks. Scala asked about and Broome assured that diversity and inclusion are addressed. The changes in the Major were approved unanimously.

**GRADUATE PROGRAMS COUNCIL: M.S. IN FINANCE AND FINANCIAL**

**SERVICES:** Hinkle and Najarian moved acceptance of the Council’s recommendation. Zhang and Verzani presented a PowerPoint [archived in the Packet for this meeting]. Levitan asked why the number of credits was set at 30, which seemed low in comparison to other master's programs. Panayides explained that this is the minimum allowed and most of our competitors have already done this. Potacco asked if the program would review the Series Exams required for many jobs in finance – and could also provide an additional revenue stream through Continuing Education. Helldobler and Cai engaged in a discussion regarding how new courses could be added without adding new faculty or resorting to adjuncts. Ranjan, Nyaboga, Diamond, Verzani, Panayides and Shojai commented on various issues. The degree was approved unanimously.

**GRAUDATE PROGRAMS COUNCIL: M.A IN EDUCATIOAL LEADERSHIP AND SCHOOL PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATION:**

Hinkle and Pozzi moved acceptance of the Council’s recommendation. Scala apologized for the absence of this proposal ahead of time in the Packet, and noted that approval by the Senate was needed immediately in order for this program to be approved in Trenton in time for implementation next year. Makarec acknowledged the time sensitivity of the issue, but said that it should have been distributed to the senators prior to the meeting. Walsh presented a PowerPoint [now archived in the Packet of this meeting] detailing the reasons – primarily state mandates – for the proposal. Levitan, Watad, Pozzi, Tardi, Crick, Walsh and Helldobler commented. The program was approved by voice vote with nine abstentions.

**ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT REPORT:** Ross and Schneider presented a detailed Power Point and an executive summary regarding Fall 2018 Enrollment, Admission and Retention. [Both are archived in the Packet for this meeting.] Levitan, Ranjan, Aktan, Nyaboga, Orr, Harris, Weisberg, Steinhart, Verdicchio, Andreopoulos and Helldobler contributed to the discussion of the demographic variables and other reasons for non-persistence and related issues. Several more senators wished to speak, so Scala indicated that the topic would be taken up again at the next Senate meeting.

Scala reminded senators to take Senate information back to their departments and to bring the concerns of their constituents back to the Senate.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon Scala and Levitan’s motion, the Senate adjourned at 1:52pm.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate – the last of this calendar year -- will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 12:30 in Ballroom C.

Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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97 [www.wpunj.edu/senate](http://www.wpunj.edu/senate)  
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