

**William Paterson University Faculty Senate Councils  
Year-End Report  
Academic Year 2025-2026**

**1) Council: Undergraduate Policies & Standards Council**

**2) Council Members:**

- Sam Fancera (COE)
- Tony Joachim (Library)
- Maria Kromidas (COAHSS)
- Ike Ndu (COB)
- Tom Nemeth (Professional Staff)
- Jill Nocella (COSH)
- Kara Rabbitt (Admin)

**3) Council Charges & Summary of Activities**

**a) Standing Charges**

1. Review and recommend policy for the adoption, implementation and enforcement of undergraduate educational and academic standards.
2. Review and recommend policy for the adoption, implementation and enforcement of undergraduate educational and academic standards in curricular issues.
3. Liaise with university officials responsible for all undergraduate academic policy matters to conduct an ongoing review of their effectiveness.

**b) Priority Charges for AY 2025-2026**

1. Examine and develop standards for the certificate review process.
2. Provide feedback on how the course and program approval process in Curriculog aligns with our undergraduate programs' policies and standards.
3. Liaise with leaders of relevant Four Pillar implementation teams as needed.
4. Liaise with university officials and bodies and collaborate with the Graduate Policies & Standards Council (c.f. their Priority Charge #5) to develop policy governing 4+1, 3+2 and other undergraduate-graduate pathway programs.
5. In consultation with the Adult Learner Operationalization Team in Fall 2025, consider policy implications to meet the distinct needs of the growing adult learner population and recommend any related policy changes for Spring 2026.

**c) 2025-2026 Summary of Activities**

During 2025-2026 the Council focused primarily on the first standing charge, reviewing and submitting to the Senate an updated and expanded Academic Forgiveness Policy. The Council suggested revisions to clarify and reiterate the scope of the policy. Additionally, to address the fifth priority charge, and to become better familiarized with the needs of adult learners, Dr. Rabbitt provided an overview of findings by CAPS regarding the adult student population.

**4) Recommended Charges for the Next Academic Year:**

The Council would like to bring forward the following priority charges for next year:

1. Examine and develop standards for the certificate review process.
2. Provide feedback on new online program approval process.
3. In consultation with the Adult Learner Operationalization Team in Fall 2025, consider policy implications to meet the distinct needs of the growing adult learner population and recommend any related policy changes for Spring 2026.

**5) Please provide suggestions for how the council can be better utilized in the next year:**

- No new suggestions at this time