

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – October 25, 2016
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopolous, Basch, Broome, Clarke, Cook, Decker, Diamond, Duffy,
5 Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Fallace, Flint, Griswold, Guerrieri, Harris, Hong, Kearney, Kothandaraman,
6 Kromidas, Levitan, Maduro, Magaldi, Makarec, Martin, Martus, Najarian, O'Donnell, Owusu,
7 Potacco, Refsland, Rosar, Scala, Schwartz, Simon, Snyder, Steinhart, Swanson, Tardi, Tesfaye,
8 Verdicchio, Vishio, Wallace, Watad, Weisberg, Wicke
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10 **ABSENT:** Avdeev, Helena, Sandmann, Waldron
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12 **GUESTS:** Andrew, Bolyai, Burns, Cammarata, Chabayta, Chen, Corso, Daniel-Robinson,
13 DeDeo, DiBartolomeo, Fengya, Fornarotto, Godar, Goldstein, Hahn, Jackson, Kollia, Lincoln,
14 McCoy, Miller, Noonan, Owusu-Ansah, Rabbitt, Richardson, Rosenthal, Roux, Sabatino,
15 Santaniello, Seal, Seplocha, Tiernan, Trelisky, Wolf
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17 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Makarec called the Senate to order at 12:34pm. The Agenda,
18 moved by Verdicchio and Hong, was approved unanimously, after brief discussion about moving
19 several items higher. The Minutes of the September 27th meeting, moved by Levitan and Wicke,
20 were also approved unanimously.
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22 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Makarec reminded the body and the campus community to read the
23 College Affordability Study Commission Report [archived in the Packet for this meeting]. Tardi
24 highlighted the Minority Report, written by the only faculty representative on the Commission.
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26 Makarec and Duffy moved the appointment of Kashyap and Perez to serve on Mani's promotion
27 committee. It was approved unanimously.
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29 Makarec and Duffy moved the appointment of Kashyap and Perez to serve on Ashnai's
30 promotion committee. It was approved unanimously.
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32 Refsland distributed flyers and spoke about upcoming events focusing on veterans affairs during
33 Veterans Week (11/1-11/10), emphasizing the importance of the flag planting on 11/3 in Zanfino
34 Plaza.
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36 Duffy reminded the body of the Cheng Library Book Sale going on 10/25-10/27 in the Multi-
37 Purpose Room. He also distributed BOGO coupons.
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39 The College of Humanities and Social Sciences will be holding an all-day multi-disciplinary
40 conference in Ballroom C on Thursday, 10/27, on the theme: The Public Spectacle: Exploring
41 Anger and Political Transformations
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43 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Magaldi again urged faculty and professional staff members to
44 volunteer to serve on the newly-constituted Administrator Assessment Council. Several
45 constituencies still have no representatives.
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47 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
48 **ON REVISING ITS EMERITUS POLICY:** Debate resumed on Tardi's substitute motion.

49 Tardi and Aktan moved to remove the version presented at the previous meeting; it was removed
50 by a unanimous vote. Tardi and Scala then moved acceptance of a revised motion [archived in
51 the Packet for this meeting].

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53 Steinhart asked if the proposed policy would include librarians. Tardi and Duffy noted that
54 librarians are faculty.

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56 Discussion and wordsmithing led to the replacement of “in the candidate’s department” instead
57 of “in which the candidate was tenured.” Hahn noted that there are no multi-departmental
58 appointments at WPU. Every faculty member belongs to a single department.

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60 Further discussion touched upon situations when a department doesn’t nominate a retired
61 member, how appeals might be handled and the like. The question was called.

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63 The vote on the amended resolution was 40 yes, 1 no with 1 abstention. The resolution will now
64 go to the President for transmission to the Board of Trustees. [The amended resolution is
65 archived in the Packet for this meeting.]

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67 **GRADUATE PROGRAMS COUNCIL: P-3 ALTERNATE ROUTE TEACHER**
68 **CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.** Sabatino and Duffy moved acceptance of the Council’s
69 resolution. Seplocha gave a brief explanation. The program was approved unanimously.

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71 **GRADUATE PROGRAMS COUNCIL: MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING IN**
72 **ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6):** Sabatino and Duffy moved acceptance of the
73 Council’s resolution. Rosenthal gave a detailed explanation. The program was approved
74 unanimously.

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76 **GRADUATE PROGRAMS COUNCIL: MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING IN**
77 **SECONDARY EDUCATION (K-12):** Sabatino and Duffy moved acceptance of the Council’s
78 resolution. Fallace briefly described the program, which was approved unanimously.

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80 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ACTUARIAL**
81 **SCIENCE:** Roux and Duffy moved acceptance of the Council’s resolution. Fengya gave a
82 detailed history of the program and particulars about it. Scala asked about ethics course. Fengya
83 said there aren’t any in the program, but there are ethics requirements by the Society of
84 Actuaries. Martus and Fengya discussed grading, and Fengya noted that the Society requires a B-
85 GPA. Potacco pointed out that there are very few universities that offer this degree, which should
86 give WPU some competitive advantage. The resolution was approved unanimously.

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88 **GRADUATE POLICIES COUNCIL: TIME LIMITS FOR COMPLETION OF A**
89 **GRADUATE DEGREE:** Diamond and Martus moved acceptance of the Council’s resolution,
90 which calls for a 6 year limit for masters and certificate programs, and an 8 year limit for
91 doctoral programs. Many senators related the situations in their own departments, while
92 emphasizing the need for flexibility for part-time students. Students who need more time due to
93 difficult circumstances can apply to the dean for extensions. The resolution passed unanimously.

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95 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:31pm.

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97 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 in Ballroom C.

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99 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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