

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – November 22, 2016
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopolous, Basch, Broome, Clarke, Decker, Diamond, Duffy, Ellis,
5 Falk-Romaine, Fallace, Flint, Griswold, Guerrieri, Harris, Hong, Kearney, Kromidas, Levitan,
6 Maduro, Magaldi, Makarec, Martin, Martus, O'Donnell, Owusu, Potacco, Refsland, Rosar,
7 Sandmann, Scala, Schwartz, Simon, Snyder, Steinhart, Tardi, Tesfaye, Verdicchio, Vishio,
8 Wallace, Watad, Wicke
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10 **ABSENT:** Avdeev, Cook, Helena, Kothandaraman, Najarian, Swanson
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12 **GUESTS:** Alford, Bolyai, Brenenson, Burns, Cammarata, Chabayta, Corso, Cupo, Daniel-
13 Robinson, DeDeo, Di Bartolomeo, Feola, Goldstein, Hahn, Hinkle, Kollia, Lincoln, Mankiw,
14 McCoy, McLaughlin-Vignier, Miller, Moore, Noonan, Owusu-Ansah, Rabbitt, Richardson,
15 Roux, Sabatino, Schneider, Sheffield, Sherman, Shojai, Tiernan, Treisky, Wilder, Vasquez,
16 Williams, Wolf, Zeff
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18 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Makarec called the Senate to order at 12:32pm. The Agenda
19 was moved by Martus and Maduro. Levitan and Wicke moved to set an Order of the Day for
20 1:30 to enable discussion of college affordability, which was approved unanimously. The revised
21 Agenda was then approved unanimously. The Minutes of the November 8th meeting were moved
22 by Martus and Wicke. Tardi pointed out inconsistencies between Ross' statistics and the IPEDS
23 data, and asked that full-time and part-time students be reported correctly in the future. With this
24 point noted, the Minutes were approved unanimously.
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26 **PRESIDENT WALDRON:** The President discussed her November 17th letter to the campus
27 community and emphasized that William Paterson neither collects nor gives out information
28 about the immigration or legal status of any students. She thanked faculty for discussing this
29 sensitive issue in class and affirmed that the University will not tolerate harassment of any kind.
30 Scala asked if William Paterson could become a sanctuary site. Waldron replied that this is a
31 complicated issue that many colleges are discussing. Potacco inquired about students with
32 DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) status. Waldron said that this was an Obama
33 action and it is unclear what impact the election will have on students who registered in that
34 program.
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36 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Makarec noted that the Undergraduate Commencement will be held on
37 May 19th, a more favorable date than originally planned.
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39 VP Bolyai will hold his annual Town Hall meeting on the Budget at 3pm on November 25th in
40 the Library auditorium.
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42 She congratulated the Professional Sales Department for its hosting of the annual Sales
43 Challenge. Thirty-one colleges participated. William Paterson finished third overall, and the top
44 individual student was our own Victoria Reyes.
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46 Duffy reminded faculty that the Library will begin its highly successful 24/7 hours on Sunday,
47 December 4th and continue until noon on Friday December 16th. As in the past, the AFT and the
48 Provost will provide snacks for the all-night scholars.

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50 Scala distributed a flyer and urged all faculty, staff and students to attend the up-coming Campus
51 Teach-In on Sexual Violence to be held on Tuesday, November 29th from 11am to 3:15pm in
52 Ballroom C. Topics include: Title IX and other University Policies, Sexual Violence, and
53 Aftermath of Sexual Violence.

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55 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Magaldi reported that the Administrator Assessment Council has
56 finally achieved full membership and will begin its work in the near future.

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58 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: MINOR IN PUBLIC HEALTH:** Sheffield and Wicke
59 moved acceptance of the Council's resolution. After brief discussion, the Minor was approved
60 unanimously.

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62 **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: EARLY CHILDHOOD UNDERGRADUATE INITIAL**
63 **CERTIFICATION, PRESCHOOL TO GRADE 3, (P-3), PROGRAM:** Sheffield and
64 Levitan moved approval of the Council's resolution. After brief discussion, the resolution was
65 approved unanimously.

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67 **GRADUATE PROGRAMS COUNCIL: M.A. IN HIGHER EDUCATION**
68 **ADMINISTRATION:** Sabatino and Kearney moved approval of the Council's resolution.
69 Wilder and Alford briefly described the program, which was then approved unanimously.

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71 **PROVOST SANDMANN: STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:** Sandmann briefly discussed the
72 status of the Strategic Plan. [The link to it is archived in the Packet for this meeting.]

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74 He also announced that this very day the Middle States Association had notified the University
75 that it had passed its Periodic Review with no follow-up necessary.

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77 **VICE-PRESIDENT ROSS: ENROLLMENT REPORT:** Ross presented a PowerPoint
78 (archived in the Packet for this meeting) and spoke at length about the improvements that the
79 University has made -- and areas still in need of improvement. He often referred to the
80 University Factbook (the link is archived in the Packet for this meeting). Steinhart, Snyder,
81 Martin, Flint, Zeff, Diamond, Ellis and Magaldi addressed various issues, including the issue of
82 attrition, the status of black males (and he possibility of having separate tracks for that cohort),
83 and the serious problem of contradictory numbers existing in the IPEDS, Factbook and in the
84 departments, and many speakers insisted that the statistics be clarified and made consistent.
85 Tardi asked about the Board of Trustees' goals and how William Paterson is doing in
86 comparison with its sister institutions. Ross referred to a more detailed report (archived in the
87 Packet for this meeting).

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89 **COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY:** Levitan and Magaldi moved the formation of an Ad Hoc
90 Committee to research issues of college affordability raised in the College Affordability Study
91 Commission Report and its Minority Report. [This is archived in the Packet for this meeting.]
92 Kearney was named chair of the Committee. Tardi suggested that the Committee study the
93 statements and positions of the AFT and Rutgers AAUP and come up with a similar document.
94 Makarec wants the Ad Hoc Committee to lead a discussion at the next Senate meeting and
95 prepare a statement from the Senate to be presented to the Board of Trustees. Those wishing to
96 join the Ad Hoc Committee should contact Kearney or Makarec.

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98 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:41pm.

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100 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on **THURSDAY**, December 8, 2016 in the
101 Valley Road auditorium.

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103 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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106 www.wpunj.edu/senate