

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – February 27, 2018

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

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12 **ABSENT:** Flores-Marti, Nyaboga, Swanson
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14 **GUESTS:** Astarita, Andrew, Brenenson, Cammarata, Chabayta, Corso, Davis, DeDeo,
15 Diaz, Feola, Ferguson, Goldstein, Hawk, Hill, Jimenez, Kaur, Lincoln, Martin, Matthew,
16 Owusu-Ansah, Parras, Prado, Refsland, Ross, Sabatino, Schneider, Sharma, Sherman,
17 Shojai, Tiernan, Vasquez (and one unintelligible)
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19 **PRELIMINARIES:** Scala called the Faculty Senate to order at 12:31PM. The Agenda,
20 moved by Martus and Najarian, was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the
21 February 6, 2018 meeting, moved by Martus and Levitan, were approved with one
22 abstention.
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24 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Scala called for a moment of Silence to honor all those killed and
25 injured in the Parkland, Florida shooting. She recounted the major points of the Student
26 Forum held on February 8th. Gary Marks moderated a panel of five student leaders who
27 will address academic issues of importance to students. Among the themes most often
28 raised by the panelists and students in the audience: advisement, the cost of textbooks –
29 and the anger they feel when teachers don't use the books they've bought, and poor
30 communication between faculty and students. Marks has prepared an audio of the Forum
31 which will be archived on the Senate homepage.
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33 She urged the campus community to attend the Graduate Forum to be held on Friday,
34 March 23 during Common Hour in UC 211. Lunch will be served.
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36 Snyder (Chemistry) needs a member for his DAC. Duffy and Martus nominated Gardner
37 (Biology), who was approved unanimously.
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39 Black History Month has concluded. March is Women's History month. Scala distributed
40 a calendar of events.
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42 Scala thanked all those who participated in the recently concluded search for a new
43 President for WPU.

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45 Applications for the AFT Scholarships are available at the Reference Desk in the Library.

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47 Scala also reminded everyone that due to Spring Break, the next meeting of the Senate
48 will not be until March 27th.

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50 **GRADUATE PROGRAMS COUNCIL: COMBINED BA/MFA:** Sabatino and Duffy
51 moved approval of the combined BA in English / MFA in Creative and Professional
52 Writing. Levitan, Scala, Simon, Perez, Potacco and Kromidas raised questions, which
53 Parras answered. The BA/MFA was then approved unanimously.

54 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: REMOVAL OF EMERITUS STATUS FROM THE**
55 **BY-LAWS:** Martus and Aktan moved approval of the Council's resolution to remove
56 consideration of Emeritus Status from the By-Laws (since the Board of Trustee's
57 February 2018 Policy has altered the entire procedure and eliminated Senate action). The
58 resolution was approved unanimously.

59 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: NEW BY-LAW TO CLARIFY THE ROLE OF THE**
60 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL IN UPDATING THE SENATE CONSTITUTION AND**
61 **BY-LAWS:** Marks and Duffy moved the Council's resolution. Potacco and Steinhart
62 asked why this was needed. Marks responded that there has never been any formal policy
63 for keeping the Senate's governing documents up to date. The resolution was approved
64 unanimously.

65 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE CONSTITUTION:**
66 Martus and Duffy moved approval of the Council's resolution to amend the Senate
67 Constitution to eliminate mention of Emeritus Status. The proposal will be taken up for a
68 vote upon its second reading at the next Senate meeting.

69 **GRADUATE POLICY COUNCIL: COURSE REPEAT POLICY:** Duffy and
70 Aktan moved acceptance of the Council's resolution. Diamond explained the Council's
71 decision to recommend a policy slightly different from the Undergraduate Repeat Policy.
72 Gardner, Tardi, Kothandaraman, Magaldi, Verdicchio, Simon, Tesfaye, Scala, Levitan,
73 Perez, Pozzi, Martin and Potacco debated the issue. Sandmann stated that it is appropriate
74 for there to be different policies governing undergraduate and graduate programs.
75 Verdicchio and Makarec motion to postpone discussion until the next meeting was
76 approved with two abstentions.

77 **REPORT ON INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT:** Vice-President Ferguson
78 presented a detailed PowerPoint [archived in the Packet for this meeting]. She
79 summarized her division's role quite simply: Our job is to raise money. She described the

80 growth of fundraising in recent years. Perez noted that years ago WPC spent 80 cents for
81 every dollar raised. Ferguson said that it is now less than 50 cents per dollar raised. Tardi
82 asked about the decline in alumni support. Ferguson replied that this is, unfortunately, a
83 national trend not unique to WPU, and that we are spending more effort on obtaining
84 major gifts. Kothandaraman noted that the Ivies are also having problems and asked how
85 WPU is responding. Ferguson said that we are emphasizing that we have a story to tell
86 about the success of our students and the affordable educational experience we provide.

87 **ADJOURNMENT:** Upon Najarian and Magaldi' s motion, the Senate adjourned at
88 1:46PM.

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90 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday March 27th in Ballroom C.

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92 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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96 www.wpunj.edu/senate