

4 **PRESENT:** Agard-Jones, Ariosto, Bareford, Bhat, Bolyai, Chesney, Ciliberti, Coomes, Duffy, Dye, Edelstein,
5 Garcia, Goldstein, Grier, Grodner, Haroian, Haver, Hayden, Hirstein, Kim, Kim-Yoon, Maheshwari,
6 McCallum, Murphy, Mwaura, Overdorf, Parker, Pope, Reiss, Scala, Schubert, Swanson, Tardi, Vardiman,
7 Wagner, Weidenaar, Weltman, Wolf

8 **ABSENT:** McClean, Morganstern, Nack, Ndjatou, Din [2/23/99 Senate Meeting amended minutes to reflect
9 that Nack was PRESENT]

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11 **GUESTS:** K. Armah, S. Becker, M. Daugherty, S. DeYoung, M. Evangelista, D. Fountakidis, J. Gazdag, T.
12 Heinzen, J. Hill, N. Jemmott, K. Medaska, G. Robb, Y. Roux, M. Schaeffer, R. Valentin, M. Wahrman, R.
13 Wolk, M. Zeman

14 **PRELIMINARIES:** The Senate was called to order by Chairperson Overdorf at 12:33 p.m. The agenda
15 (moved and seconded by Vardiman and Schubert) was accepted unanimously. The minutes of the 12/9/98
16 Senate Meeting, moved and seconded by Ciliberti and Wolf, were accepted unanimously.

17 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:** Overdorf announced the first of a series of Senate/Provost sponsored forums
18 (fora) to be held February 18, 1999 in the Atrium Auditorium. Entitled "Classroom Expectations: Revitalizing
19 our Academic Environment," this discussion will center on both student and instructor expectations and
20 attitudes. Overdorf asked for ten volunteers to serve as small group discussion coordinators. Wolf, Vardiman,
21 Grodner, Hayden, Maheshwari, Dye, Coomes, and Garcia responded. Overdorf urged others to read about the
22 forum and contact her to become a coordinator. She then announced that April 28th will be University Research
23 Day, and information will be distributed by means of campus mail. Planning for a statewide senate conference
24 on shared governance is ongoing. A survey to gauge interest in such a conference has circulated to NJ
25 institutions and a program is being put together and will be held April 9th. This will be a full day symposium
26 with speakers and small group sessions. More information is forthcoming. Overdorf announced that the
27 Provost/Senate sponsored lecture series committee is forming and will soon begin work.
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29 **PROVOST COMMENTS:** Provost Sesay distributed information about the University Distinguished Visiting
30 Professor appointment for the Academic Year 1999-2000. The University is soliciting applications and
31 nominations for this position. The selection committee will be meeting in about a week. \$400,000 in funding for
32 this program comes from the Alumni Association, \$100,000 from the William Paterson University Foundation.
33 Sesay then commented on the new Strategic Enrollment Management Team, an action-oriented group formed
34 specifically to overcome barriers to enrollment, improve the University's ranking in national surveys, improve
35 retention rates, and attract high-quality students. He promised more news soon.

36 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Garcia announced that Pat Malone has been selected as Chair of the Governance
37 Council and that Arvin Ghosh has resigned his Senate position and has been replaced by Berch Haroian.

38 **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Wagner reported that the current Faculty Senate Bylaws are now posted on the
39 Senate web page at <http://www.wpunj.edu/senate> .

40 **FALL SEMESTER 1999 SENATE CALENDAR:** Part of the meeting packet, Dye moved to postpone
41 discussion of this document as it had not been made clear if it had been formulated with regards to our
42 discussions of use of common hour times in mind. Goldstein seconded the motion. Wolf asked if it was checked
43 against religious holidays. Motion passed unanimously.

44 **RESOLUTION ON PROGRAM CHANGE N-8 & N-12 UNDERGRADUATE TEACHER**

45 **CERTIFICATION:** S. Becker and M. Daugherty spoke to these changes concerning evaluation of entrants to
46 the programs. Many remarks (Parker, Edelstein, McCallum, Weltman, Goldstein, Schubert, Wolf, Coomes,
47 Dye, Chesney, Kim-Yoon, Evangelista, and Overdorf) on these changes: the C- acceptance standard and the
48 resultant discussion of repeating failed classes, the pass/fail option, and advisement. Edelstein called for a raised
49 standard. Goldstein responded that grading is one of many evaluative indices. Ciliberti and Edelstein called the
50 question. With 24 ayes, 3 noes, and 5 abstentions the motion passed.

51 **POLICY 28 - ADVISEMENT & REGISTRATION COUNCIL:** R. Grier referred to a paper copy of this
52 policy before the Senate, particularly the revisions to the organizational restructuring of undergraduate
53 academic advisement and the elimination of faculty advisement coordinators. College Deans and Assistant
54 Deans would assume administrative responsibilities. Deans, Assistant Provost, and Dean of Student
55 Development are accountable to the Provost regarding assessment of the advisement program and all other
56 related issues. Y. Roux also spoke about adjustments to the policy, mainly reflecting updates in university
57 names and organizational structures. Grier moved for adoption of the policy. Bhat seconded. Wolf asked for
58 clarification about how advisement load for faculty on sabbatical or leave would be reassigned. Gazdag
59 responded that these are procedural matters handled at the department level as the need arises. Provost Sesay
60 commended the committee's work. Edelstein and Ciliberti called the question. The motion passed unanimously.

61 **RESOLUTION ON PROBATION/DISMISSAL POLICY - ADMISSIONS AND ACADEMIC**

62 **STANDARDS COUNCIL:** J. Hill presented the resolution, whose purpose is to better serve students by
63 identifying those at risk earlier and make it clear that a 2.0 is a minimum cumulative acceptable grade point
64 average. Approximately 400 students are currently subject to dismissal. Current policy allows a student in
65 jeopardy to continue for four semesters prior to dismissal, which could easily result in additional performance
66 and financial deficits that would be hard to overcome. The resolution calls for dismissal after two consecutive
67 semesters of work below the 2.0 cumulative GPA standard. Complete policy proposal will be posted on the
68 Senate web page.. Hill moved for adoption of the policy, Ciliberti seconded. Wolf commented that a student in
69 jeopardy who improves their GPA slightly in the first summer session should have an opportunity to appeal
70 dismissal. General discussion ensued over details of the policy. Ciliberti and Kim called the question. The
71 amended resolution passed with two opposed and four abstentions. [2/23/99 Senate Meeting amendments in
72 BOLD]

73 **ADJOURNMENT:** At 1:55 p.m. there was a unanimous move to adjourn. The next meeting will be held
74 Tuesday, February 23, 1999 in Student Center 203-5.

75 Respectfully submitted,
76 Kurt W. Wagner - Secretary

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