

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – December 8, 2015
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopolous, Avdeev, Broome, Cano, Cook, Crick, Decker, Diamond,
5 Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Fallace, Fondeur, Gazzillo-Diaz, Griswold, Harris, Helena, Hong,
6 Kim, Kothandaraman, Levitan, Maduro, Magaldi, Makarec, Martin, Martus, Natrajan, Nobler,
7 O'Donnell, Owusu, Rosar, Sabogal, Sandmann, Simon, Snyder, Steinhart, Swanson, Tardi,
8 Tesfaye, Verdicchio, V. Wagner (for K. Wagner), Waldron, Wallace, Watad, Weisberg, Wicke
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10 **ABSENT:** Flint, Najarian

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12 **GUESTS:** Andrew, Cammarata, Chabayta, Corso, Dean, Ferguson, Jackson, Lincoln, Nocella,
13 Pinkston, Refsland, Rosenberg, Ross, Schneider, Seal, Tiernan
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15 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Falk-Romaine called the Senate to order at 12:32PM. The
16 Agenda, moved by Martus and Snyder, was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the
17 10/27/2015 meeting, moved by Cano and Martus, were also approved unanimously.
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19 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Falk-Romaine noted that the Nursing Department is sending student
20 nurses to Haiti. Anyone who wishes to contribute to funding this effort should contact Nursing
21 chair Aktan.
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23 Duffy distributed flyers announcing that the Library would be open 24/7 during Exam Week and
24 the week before. This met with general approval. All senators were urged to spread the word
25 among their students.
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27 **VICE CHAIRS REPORT:** Magaldi and Duffy moved the addition of Perry and Levitan to
28 Scala's UFRAC. They were approved unanimously.

29 **HONORS PROGRAM:** Andrews and Lincoln reported the results of a 2014 external review of
30 the Honors Program. Among the recommendations are: the Director should be full-time and must
31 have more staff; the program should have a true budget; the curriculum should be updated and
32 unified; the program needs more visibility; there needs to be a pathway for transfer students.
33 The existing tracks were found to be confusing. They said that many of these issues are already
34 being addressed.
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36 Weisberg warned against common outcomes for all the tracks since they are very different and
37 that personalization helps recruiting top students. Steinhart asked what the timeline is. Andrews
38 said that since she will be in place for one more year, it must be very soon. Kothandaraman said
39 that new CEOs tend to look at all aspects of a program and make recommendations to turn things
40 around. Sandmann said that the structural and budgetary issues would be settled prior to the
41 selection of a new director.
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43 **GRADUATE POLICY COUNCIL: TRANSFER CREDITS:** Diamond and Wicke moved
44 acceptance of the Council's recommendation: "A maximum of 49% of the total program credits
45 may be credited toward a graduate degree program." Kim inquired if this applies to foreign
46 students. Falk-Romaine and Diamond replied that there would be one policy for all students.
47 Kim, Levitan, Diamond, Verdicchio, Magaldi, Natrajan, O'Donnell, Hong and Falk-Romaine

48 discussed various technical issues. The resolution was approved by voice vote, with one negative
49 and one abstention.

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51 **GRADUATE COUNCIL: M.S. IN CHEMISTRY:** Sabatino and Martus moved acceptance of
52 the Council's proposal. Levitan, Falk-Romaine, Andreopoulos, Martus and Kim briefly
53 discussed various issues. The degree was approved by voice vote with one abstention.

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55 **ACADEMIC STANDARDS COUNCIL: GRADE OF FN:** Nocella and Wicke moved the
56 Council's proposal. The new grade addresses students who walk away from courses without
57 actually earning an F due to failing work. Faculty would no longer have to add "last date of
58 attendance" on the grading form. Wide-ranging discussion ensued. Makarec and Steinhart
59 asked about when the student's absence constitutes walking away: the last week? Three weeks?
60 Sandmann suggested that the FN is more for the student who walks away during the first few
61 weeks of class, and that the student who truly earns an F should get an F and not an FN.
62 Kearney, Crick, Andreopoulos, Simon, Tardi, O'Donnell, Kothandaraman and Steinhart
63 addressed issues regarding withdrawal dates, etc. Corso pointed out that the federal government
64 requires certain reporting factors and the FN grade is an appropriate response to its demands. In
65 initial vote the proposal was defeated by voice vote, with but two yes votes and ten abstentions.
66 Martus asked why the Senate is discussing this if it's a federal requirement. Tardi asked if there
67 were a time limit, and the Provost responded, No. Weisberg and Duffy moved to return the
68 proposal to the Academic Standards Council. Sandmann and Waldron asked that it come back to
69 the Senate ASAP. The motion to return to council passed unanimously.

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71 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: EMERITUS STATUS FOR RICHARD BLONNA:** Dean
72 moved and read the Council's resolution, which was approved unanimously.

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74 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: EMERITA STATUS FOR ARIA CHEO:** Jackson moved
75 (Tardi seconded) and read the Council's resolution, which was approved with three abstentions.

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77 **GOVERNANCE COUCIL: EMERITA STATUS FOR JOHANNA HAYDEN:** Dean moved
78 (Duffy seconded) and read the Council's resolution, which was approved unanimously.

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80 **GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: ADMINISTRATOR ASSESSMENT COUNCIL:** The
81 Council's resolution (seconded by Cook) came to the floor near the end of the meeting. Kim,
82 Martus and Wicke engaged in brief discussion regarding who should be evaluated and in what
83 cycle. Falk-Romaine stated that the resolution would be on the Agenda for the January 26th
84 meeting.

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86 **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Kim distributed material regarding serious enrollment issues and urged
87 everyone to study his statistics carefully.

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89 **ADJOURNMENT:** Wicke called for adjournment, which was approved by voice vote. The
90 Senate adjourned for the 2015 calendar year at 1:48pm.

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92 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, January, 26, 2016 in Ballroom C.

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94 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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