

**Executive Committee
Report
December 12, 2017**

Pending Items

NEASC self study – There are items here that competitors would want to know so the report will be reviewed to see whether these can be removed before adding to the website. **No time frame was set for the possible distribution of a redacted NEASC self-study.**

New Business from December Senate Meeting

Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee motions from the December meeting were reviewed. There was discussion about referring the Community Development proposals (below) back to the FSCC. The EC clarified the concerns as being resource-focused in the areas of development and staffing of courses by credentialed faculty. The President and Provost indicated that these concerns are addressed by the use of Coordinators in SCS and that the CD program is not an equivalent of any Bristol program. They also said there are not many PhD level people in the CD area as it is new as an area of study. The Executive Committee also asked about an ASEM process/enrollment management mission for the SCS. It was agreed that these questions will be included in a document of questions prepared, at the request of the Provost, by the Academic Standards and Policies Committee of the Faculty Senate to present to the Provost and the Dean of SCS. The purpose of the document is to clarify and address questions of the Senate particular to the SCS.

Community Development Proposals

New Course CD 557 Thesis Research Proposal Development
New Course CD 558 Graduate Thesis Capstone
New Program Community Development, MA

A discussion followed regarding the Empire Place building and RWU's use of it. It was reported to the EC that RWU has renovated space it does not occupy at the moment, and that when a third section of the building is available for lease, RWU will have the right of first refusal to that space.

Motion: The Faculty Senate charges the University Life Committee with inquiring into the new Outlook security measures (login and synch with Calendar and Contacts in particular)

Motion: That the university take substantive steps to ensure safe routes for walking and bicycling between campus and Bristol Center. The EC was asked to bring this directly to the Administration. The President and Provost said there are plans in existence for this, but that funding and access to property are delaying them.

Motion: Request that University Life obtain information on the shelter in place drill – specifically why there was no notice in the Upper Commons Dining Room. The EC was asked to contact the Director of Public Safety Malaragno to let him know since he did the drill to find

out about any problems. President Bosco did contact him and he has responded to the EC that they will address this as they make revisions. **Maybe we attach those emails to these minutes?**

Lab fee report from Academic Standards and Policies Committee – the President and Provost would like a copy of the report. (Update – this has been sent by the EC)

The Academic Standards and Policies Committee requested that Senators solicit questions from their schools/departments regarding the School of Continuing Studies. The Committee will then meet with Dean Scurry to discuss and report back to the Senate.

New Business

Resources for CDO – the EC asked whether CDO Lambert has been provided her own budget in order to fulfill her role since this is a new position. The President and Provost indicated that initial resources were available from other related activities, but that there will be a budget for her area specifically going forward. The Provost indicated that his office has directed additional funds to the CDO as necessary, citing pizza and refreshments for meetings as an example.

The report in the *Hawks Herald* in October that the Livingston Property is being considered as a sea-level rise center – The President stated that this was an example of property use and not a definitive plan. Renovations to this property were included in the purchase cost and are not from the University's operating budget.

The university's fiscal and mission-based relationship with the Town of Bristol, particularly in terms of the reportedly unexpected \$.5M expense to repair the sewer system. President Farish responded that the Town of Bristol was going to need to replace that sewer line eventually, regardless of the University's impact, and that negotiations with the town eventually resulted in the amortized \$.5M expense for RWU.

The EC raised a question about the commitment, as presented through the Arts in Common organization in Bristol to serve as an anchor tenant in the Byfield and Reynolds' schools on the Town Common. The AIC website says “The arts programs at Roger Williams university will lease space in the buildings for classes and exhibitions, stabilizing the financial future of the buildings.” The President responded that the University signed a two-year lease, but has made no such “anchor” commitment.

The Provost added that RWU had been committed to an anchor tenancy in the Walley School Project on the Town Common, but that project fell through, so RWU is no longer part of that.

VP Soto asked whether the lack of a faculty member on the new Building and Grounds Committee of the Board was due to there being no recommendation made or a decision by the Board not to include a faculty. The President indicated that he recommended a faculty member be on the committee, but that it is a very new committee that needed to move quickly, and there was no time to place a faculty member on the committee prior to the campus walk-around and discussions that led to finalizing the decision to expand the School of Engineering in the quad area.

VP Soto asked about the lapse in license renewal across the university for the Creative Suite, which caused complications for users as well as IT. Provost Workman reported that it was an unexpected event and that he has been following up on it.

President Bosco followed up on the concerns regarding shuttle service raised at a Senate meeting, particularly students being left in Bristol late at night. The EC was asked to pursue this with Director Malaragno. (Update – these incidents should be reported as they occur with as many specifics as possible to allow them to be addressed).

Respectfully submitted,
Faculty Senate Executive Committee