

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

BYLAWS

[Revised November, 7 2018]

COMMITTEES

(1) The following committees shall be permanent (“standing”) committees of the Faculty Senate. A quorum for meeting, discussion, and voting shall be 50%.¹

- Academic Standards and Policies
- Admissions and Enrollment
- Curriculum
- Elections
- Faculty Development
- Steering
- University Life
- Diversity

(2) The permanent committees shall have the following duties:

(A) Academic Standards and Policies

The Academic Standards and Policies Committee shall have the following duties:

- a) Review policies related to students’ academic success
- b) Academic progress at both undergraduate and graduate level
 - i. Advising
 - ii. Rate of progress
 - iii. Grading
- c) The chair of this committee will be a member of the appeals committee for students’ academic petitions. He/She shall act as a liaison with the Center for Academic Development
- d) When charged by the Senate, the Academic Standards and Policies Committee shall make recommendations for changes regarding academic policies
- e) When the Academic Standards and Policies Committee deems it is necessary to do so, the Committee shall review the academic policies (other than the duty delineated in item #1).

¹ The quorum of 50% (as opposed to a majority) was passed by the Senate in September 2016.

- f) The Chair of the Academic Standards and Policies Committee shall collect all the Faculty Senate relevant approved motions that have been further approved by the Provost and the President, and at the end of each Faculty Senate year and provide a copy to the Faculty Senate Secretary.

(B) Admissions and Enrollment.

The committee shall address issues regarding student admissions and transfers including diversity, retention, and graduate admissions and enrollment.

(C) Curriculum

This committee will be responsible for program coordination and facilitation of curricular innovation, helping to coordinate program development in the several University academic constituencies. Other duties may include library, technology issues, study abroad and core.

(D) Diversity

The committee shall monitor, encourage, report on, and make recommendations on diversity at RWU.

(E) Elections

The Elections Committee shall be composed of three Senators. These Senators may be from any School or Division, and serve on other Senate committees. The committee shall conduct elections to populate the Senate, its committees and its leadership positions, and any other elections as needed by the Senate or requested by the Administration upon approval of the Senate Executive Committee. All elections shall be conducted electronically.²

(F) Faculty Development

The committee shall collaborate with members and departments of the RWU community to facilitate development opportunities pertaining to scholarship and teaching for RWU faculty. It shall oversee the granting of the Excellence in Teaching Award.

(G) Steering

The committee shall make proposals on matters it believes the Senate should address, including the RWU mission statement and strategic planning.

² The Elections Committee was added to the Bylaws by Senate motion, April 5, 2017.

(H) University Life

The Committee shall work to improve the University community and make recommendations to the Faculty Senate to encourage a more humane, tolerant, and engaged campus academic community. The Committee should also consider the community's impact on the broader world. The Committee shall support and promote events that foster a sense of campus culture both socially and academically, including efforts to foster a greater sense of unity among the university's different Schools or divisions; provide opportunities for interdisciplinary networking across campus; promote efforts to be of service to the wider community as well as to one another and to our students.

APPROVAL

These Bylaws shall take effect upon the ratification of the proposed 2017 constitution, or at some other date if the Senate, by majority vote of those present, so decides. Update as needed from Senate meeting