

**Roger Williams University
University Life Committee
Meetings April 24, 2019**

Attendance:

X	Roberts, Joseph (Senator, SSNS - SS, Chair)	Tsankova, Jenny (SHAE-Ed)
	Coon, Julie (SJS)	No Representative (SAHP)
	Duffy, Elizabeth (SHAE-VPA)	No Representative (SHAE-HUM)
X	Fagan, Christine (DAS)	No Representative (SSNS -MNS)
X	Judge, Pamela (SECCM)	X Skolnikoff, Jessica (NCAA Faculty Representative), Guest
X	King, John J (Student Life)	X Thompson, Kelly (Head Women's Basketball Coach/Compliance Coordinator), Guest
X	Matos, Gerald (GSB)	X Jacobs, Kiki Jacobs (Director of Athletics Intramurals Recreation), Guest

NOTE: X: Present/ O: Online

New Business

Athletics

As part of ongoing efforts to better integrate NCAA athletics into the campus community, Jessica Skolnikoff meets periodically with Student Affairs and the University Life Committee to discuss initiatives and build relationships. Dr. Skolnikoff discussed mentorship opportunities for faculty with athletic teams, coaches in the classroom where coaches visit classrooms upon invitations by faculty to see what their athletes are doing and to build relationships, and office hours in the Rec Center.

Kiki Jacobs, in her second year as Athletic Director, discussed working to build a relationship between faculty and student athletes and the Athletic Department. There are 24 sports (11 male/11 female/2 coed) that maintain an average GPA of 3.18 with 205 of 500 athletes on the honor roll. There are an additional 225 club athletes on 6 teams. Students represent all but two majors on campus and the athletic department really tries to minimize schedule conflicts. She encourages anyone to reach out to her or the coaches.

Kelly Thompson (Head Women's Basketball Coach/Compliance Coordinator) covers all compliance issues with the NCAA. She discussed the requirements for athletes to remain eligible to compete and the process for appeals should questions arise. Her goal is to use existing resources available to students (Tutoring Center, Writing Center, etc.) along with coaching staff and faculty to make sure that athletes are doing what they need to do to be successful. Every team works a bit differently but all coaches want their athletes to be successful in the classroom. We learned from Christine Fagan in the Library that there is a new program for research help for students. The **Peer Research Mentors** are located at the Information Desk as you enter the library. Please see this link:

<https://www.rwu.edu/library/news/meet-our-peer-research-mentors>

Driver Authorization/Reauthorization

The ULC was charged with examining the procedures/requirements for faculty to renew their campus vehicle driving applications/permits annually. The Committee learned from Kathleen Souza, Director of the Department of Environmental Health and Safety, that the requirement is to renew driver authorization every two years (not one year). This measure is consistent with other Motor Vehicle policies on campuses that allow faculty to drive. This measure is put in place to ensure that licenses have been renewed, are in good standing, and driving history is consistent with the standard set by the University and recommendations set forth by RWU's insurance company. Adverse driving history, such as multiple accidents, DUIs, and suspended licenses, put the students and staff safety in jeopardy and should be reviewed bi-annually.