

Roger Williams University
Faculty Senate
Agenda
April 5, 2017
2:15-4:15, Upper Commons

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Minutes of March 1, 2017 (Attachment #0)
3. President Farish's remarks
 - Question: when will NEASC report be available and how do faculty access it?
 - Question: is organization chart available?
 - Question: update on Administrator evaluation timetable?
4. Provost Workman's remarks
 - Question: update on multicultural competency training?
5. Announcements
6. Executive Committee report
7. Report from Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee (Attachment #1A)
8. New business
 - a. **Policy regarding university access to personal cell phones**
 - b. **Student Course Survey Working Group Report and Recommendations** (Attachment #1)
 - c. **Recommendations from FCAS Curriculum Committee regarding FCAS Reorganization** (Attachment #2)
 - d. **Recommendations from GECPC regarding Transfer Students**
 - Recommendation 1: The faculty senate should charge the GECPC to revise the current transfer policy.
 - Recommendation 2: Courses being transferred should be evaluated against the learning outcomes of each of the CORE 100s.
 - Recommendation 3: Fuller utilization of the Advising Center, perhaps a transfer specialist, who can help match courses and outcomes.
 - Recommendation 4: Registrar to record all equivalencies (as it does with other courses) to facilitate transfers.
 - Recommendation 5: Clear communication to Admissions as new policies are put in place, so that Admissions can relay this information to potential transfer students.

e. **Creation of a Graduate Council** (Attachment #3)

Motion: The Faculty Senate recommends the creation of a Graduate Council in accordance with the guidelines presented.

f. **Bursar Holds that block Faculty access to transcripts**

Motion: The Faculty Senate recommends that faculty advisors have access to student transcripts regardless of the existence of bursar holds

g. **Transfer Student Registration**

Motion: The Faculty Senate recommends that Transfer Student registration be scheduled earlier in the fall semester/summer to provide sufficient time for academic planning.

Committee Reports

1. Curriculum. See **attachment #4** for the extensive list of FSCC proposed motions for approval.
2. Diversity
3. Academic Standards and Policies
4. Admissions and Enrollment
5. Steering
6. Faculty Development
7. University Life
8. Elections Committee
9. Independent Studies Working Group

Old Business

1. Second reading of by-laws and Constitution (attachment #5)

Motion: To adopt the revised Constitution

1. Proposed amendments
 - a. **Motion: To amend Article II Composition of the Senate**
As follows: first line and last line: replace “tenure-track and tenured faculty” with “tenure-track and tenured faculty and lecturers”
 - b. **Motion: To Amend Article III, Section 3 as follows: Substitute Section 3 with the following: (3) Leadership Elections: The President shall convene the newly elected Senate on or before May 15th. At that meeting, nominations shall be made for all Senate leadership positions, including Presidents, Vice Presidents and Recording Secretary, and committee chairs. Senators nominated may make statements to the Senate at that**

time or by email preceding the election. By May 22nd, the Senate Elections Committee shall conduct an election by e-ballot.

- c. **Motion: To Amend Article II, final paragraph by adding: The Senate may, by majority vote, change faculty representation on the standing committees in response to organizational changes.**

Motion: To adopt the revised By-laws

1. Proposed amendment
 - a. Motion: to Amend the Bylaws as follows:

To add to the Bylaws of the Senate an eighth committee, the Elections committee and add Section (H) to item (2) as follows: The Elections Committee shall be composed of five Senators. These senators may be from any division of the faculty, and may 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. FCAS Reorganization implementation issues
 - a. Reassignment of advisees
 - b. Status of college-specific graduation requirements
 - c. Status of SFRC and UFRC elections
 - d. Status of Senate elections/committee composition
 - e. Allocation of secretarial support
 - f. Changes in catalog, letterhead, business cards