

Roger Williams University
Faculty Senate
Agenda (rev.12/5/18)
December 5, 2018
2:15-4:30, Mary Tefft White

- A. Roll Call
- B. Announcements
- C. Interim President Workman's remarks
- D. Acting Provost Cole's remarks
- E. Adoption of Minutes of November 7, 2018
- F. Acceptance of Committee reports
 - Executive Committee
 - Curriculum Committee
- G. Budget Presentation – EVP Jerry Williams

- H. New Business

- a. Motion from Admissions and Enrollment:

MOTION: The Senate charges the Admissions and Enrollment Committee with reviewing Open House and making recommendations to the Senate where the committee finds opportunities for improvement.

- b. Motions from Academic Standards & Policies Committee

Motion: The Senate Academic Standards & Policies Committee requests that FS Executive Committee bring to the attention of the Acting Provost and Interim President the lack of consistency in the formation of the Schools' Academic Standards & Petition Committees. The policy that was passed through the Faculty Senate and approved by the president and the provost at the time (below) is not observed in all schools.

“The Schools' Academic Standards & Petition Committee members per each school shall be elected by different departments/programs of that school. The committee is then chaired by the person designated by the dean of that school. The committee as a whole reviews and approves/disapproves students' petitions. The approved minutes of the each meeting are distributed to the faculty of the relevant school.”

Motion: Each department should determine their policy about online offerings and requirements. Each department should determine their standards for online courses and instruction.

- c. Motion from Steering Committee:

The Steering Committee nominates Anne Tait to represent the Faculty Senate on the university working group that will meet regularly with ASG consultants on the

Comprehensive Campus Master Plan project in 2019-2020. The Committee nominates Dale Leavitt as an alternate member of the working group.

Background: Bill Seymour, Associate Director of RWU Capital Projects has invited the Faculty Senate to select one representative to serve on the small university-wide working group (10 members) to work with ASG consultants on the Comprehensive Campus Master Plan. The committee will interface with ASG at least monthly for the next 14 months. Although the faculty member selected will be the main conduit between the consultant and the Senate, ASG plans to schedule multiple listening sessions with the Senate and the larger faculty over the course of the project.

d. Curriculum Committee Motions

Motion: Curricular changes from GECPC

1. Removal of Core Concentration prohibition for Anthropology + Sociology and Psychology
2. Approval of Public Health Core Concentration
3. Adjustment of language in the Sustainability Core Concentration
The proposal makes the CC more restrictive in terms of overlap and double-dipping

Motion: Curricular change from ASL
NEW COURSE ASL 330 Storytelling Through Signing

Procedural Change

Motion (Fenske, McCormack): To create an effective Division of University Studies, the FSCC recommends the creation of a stronger curriculum committee, composed of the directors of each interdisciplinary program, who are compensated adequately, and in charge of curriculum, planning, resource requests and scheduling, and who report to a Dean of University Studies.