

Roger Williams University
Faculty Senate
Agenda
February 7, 2018
2:15-4:30, Upper Commons

- A. Roll Call
- B. Announcements
- C. President Farish's remarks
 - a. Update on bicycle path development
- D. Provost Workman's remarks
- E. Adoption of Minutes of December 6, 2017
- F. Acceptance of Committee reports – Admissions and Enrollment

- G. Old Business
 - a. Motions from the Academic Standards and Policies Committee:
 - i. The Faculty Senate recommends that the Independent Study designation no longer be used for senior or graduate theses. Those departments that offer theses, but do not have a course number assigned to those projects, should add the Thesis course to their program offerings in the catalog.
 - ii. The Faculty Senate recommends that the deadline for submission of Independent Study proposals to the relevant Dean be designated as “within seven days of the first day of classes,” and that the Dean act on these proposals within seven days of their submission.
 - iii. The Faculty Senate affirms the faculty's belief that independent studies are an important element of an RWU education. Consequently, the Faculty Senate recommends the appropriation of adequate funds to support this high impact practice of one-on-one student faculty collaboration.
 - iv. The Faculty Senate recommends that the designation “independent study” not be used for low-enrolled classes. The latter, if essential for the students' progress towards graduation, should be listed as courses on the students' transcript.

 - b. Update on Academic Standards and Policies Committee's Information Gathering re: School of Continuing Studies

- H. New Business
 - a. GECPC Update – Associate Dean Jason Jacobs (asked by GECPC Chair to do this monthly)
 - b. Policy restricting student and faculty access to student transcripts in the event of a bursar hold.
 - c. Motion regarding composition of Faculty Emeritus Committee (Bosco, Soto)
 - d. Motion: Review the policy regarding the determination of transfer credit hours when the transcript is not issued by RWU (Bosco,)
 - e. Motion: Request that University Life meet with the Career Center to obtain updated status and information (Soto, Bosco)