

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

- A. Roll Call
- B. Announcements – Elections reminder
- C. President Farish’s remarks
- D. Provost Workman’s remarks
 - a. Status of CIS program
 - b. Evaluation instrument for Deans and Provost
- E. Discussion of Academic Standards and Policies Information re: School of Continuing Studies
- F. Adoption of Minutes of March 7, 2018
- G. Acceptance of Committee reports –Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee, Executive Committee, Admissions and Enrollment – report on Undecided Students

Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Motions:

1. Biology Proposals

- Major Change** B.S. in Biology
- Major Change** B.A. in Biology
- Minor Change
 - BIO 250 intro Biostatistics

2. Graphic Design Proposal

- New Course** DSGN429 Citizen Designer

3. Securities Proposal

- Minor Change
 - SEC 650 Cybersecurity capstone

4. Physics Proposal

- Minor Change
 - PHYS 202 Physics II w/ Calculus and Lab

5. Engineering Proposals

- Minor Change
 - ENGR 310 Material Science
 - ENGR 320 Environmental Engineering

6. Construction Management Proposal

- Minor Change
 - B.S. in Construction Management

7. History Proposals

- Minor Changes
 - HIST 420 Senior Research Project
 - HIST 399 Methods and Historiography and Lab
 - HIST 320 Ancient History
 - HIST 284 Survey of the Middle East
 - HIST 384 Perspectives in Near and Middle East History

8. Natural Science Proposals

Minor Changes

- B.A. in Environmental Science
- B.S. in Environmental Science
- Minor in Environmental Science

9. EMS Proposals

Minor Changes

- EMS 313 Paramedic Practicum 1
- EMS 314 Paramedic Practicum 2

10. Honors Program Proposals (see attached documents)

Proposals for changes to the Honor's Program Curriculum:

Addition of HONR prefix for courses particular to the Honor's Program

Changes to Honor's Program Catalog Copy

Addition of 12 new courses (or specialized sections of courses)

- HONR 100 Foundation of Honors
- HONR 101 Honors Scientific Investigations
- HONR 102 Honors Challenges of Democracy
- HONR 103 Honors Human Behavior in Perspective
- HONR 104 Honors Literature, Philosophy and the Examined Life
- HONR 105 Honors Aesthetics in Context: The Artistic Impulse
- HONR 220 Place as Text
- HONR 300 Community Engagement Seminar
- HONR 350 Honors CPC Project
- HONR 375 Independent Community Engagement Project
- HONR 400 Honors Capstone Seminar
- HONR 430 Special Topics Seminar

11. Community Development Proposals

New Course CD 557 Thesis Research Proposal Development

New Course CD 558 Graduate Thesis Capstone

New Program Community Development, MA

H. GECPC Monthly Update – Associate Dean Jason Jacobs

I. Old Business

- a. Actions for referral to Academic Standards and Policies Committee
 - i. Class time used for assessment/accreditation activities
 - ii. Wait listing process and priority for needs of graduating students
 - iii. Reporting on Academic Standards Committees/Processes for each school - focus on whether these should be standardized
- b. Action for referral to Admissions and Enrollment Committee
 - i. A report on Transfer Admissions, specifically with regard to advisement and credit evaluation such that no transfer student is promised something that cannot be academically done (ex: graduating with a Legal Studies major in the two years left in a transfer student's undergraduate career when the student would need more than two years to complete all of the requirements).
 - ii. A report on the continuing problem with transfer students (wrong number of credits counted toward waiver of core 1xx classes which affects students' ability to register for Core Senior Seminar, delays their graduation dates or forces the students to catch up, etc).

J. New Business

a. Move that the Senate recommends that faculty include the following policy in their syllabi:
"Roger Williams University has an optional Preferred Name Policy that allows you to update your name in our University records without requiring a legal name change. Students who might consider using such a change include members of our trans communities. You can update your name through your Student portal, then click on Student, then User Account. Preferred Personal Information should appear and you can update your name there. Should students have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Register's Office or Gabby Porcaro in the Intercultural Center." (Mel Topf, on behalf of certain Humanities faculty.)

b. Move that a meeting take place of the following individuals to resolve Arts Management curricular questions:

- i. Provost Andy Workman
- ii. Dean Susan McTiernan
- iii. Assistant Dean Jeffrey Meriwether
- iv. A member of the Executive Committee
- v. A member of the Academic Standards and Policies Committee
- vi. A member of the Curriculum Committee (Bosco, Speakman)

- b. The Faculty Senate urges RWU to ensure that none of its endowment funds are investing in weapons manufacturers whose assault weapons are sold to the public (June Speakman, on behalf of another faculty).
- c. Discussion of Possible Changes to Curriculum Committee Review Process (Jennifer Stevens, Chair of FSCC)
- d. Motion (Mel Topf, for GECPC) that beginning 2018-19, members of the General Education Curriculum and Planning Committee shall be elected to three-year staggered terms. To implement this, at the next election, one-third of members shall initially be elected for one year (and thereafter for three-year terms), one-third shall initially be elected for two years (and thereafter for three-year terms); and one-third shall be elected for three years.

Initial terms shall be as follows:

One Year: At-large

GSB

Library

Mathematics

Two Years: SAHP

SECCM

SHAE --HPA

SHAE – SED

Three years: SHAE – VPA

SJS

SNS – SCI

SNS – SS

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