

**RWU Faculty Senate
Minutes
February 1, 2017 • 2:15 p.m.
Upper Commons**

1. Attendance

Present: Duffy, Emmer, Gumb, Hall, Hollingsworth, Langdon, McKinley, Melton, Menton, Moskowitz, Norvell, O'Connell, Pearce, Roberts, Schroth, Scully, Smolowitz, Soto, Speakman, Tehrani, Thangaraj, Updike, Winfield

Absent: Boggs, Sawoski, Topf

Guests: President Farish, Vice Provost Cole, Student Senators Alba and Quintal , CIO Daryl Ford, Director Brian Kacmarsky, AVP Jennifer Dunseath

2. Motion to approve minutes of December 2016 (O'Connell, Emmer) Approved without objection

A question was raised about the roll call: should a senator be marked absent if he was unable to attend because the meeting time had been changed. The Senate president noted that is a recording of fact but that December absences would not be counted towards the three-and-out Senate rule. Senator Duffy was incorrectly marked as absent. Minutes will be corrected accordingly.

3. Pres. Farish's remarks

Update on Senate resolution to discontinue banking with Wells Fargo: Pres. Farish will present the issue to the Board along with information about how complicated and expensive it is to change banks. He also noted that it would be difficult to find a bank that had not engaged in some type of legal or ethical misbehavior.

Update on multicultural competency: the Provost has set up an internal training regimen. Sessions will take place throughout February. While they are not mandatory for faculty, they are strongly encouraged.

Chief Diversity Officer: A search firm has been engaged. It is expected that the position will be filled by June

Course caps: In response to a question from a faculty member, the President will look into whether or not there is consistency between the public claim that average class size is 19 and what we actually see in the classrooms.

Restructuring of Marketing, Communication and Enrollment: The new VP for Marketing and Enrollment, Brian Williams, will join the university soon, along with a new AVP for Marketing and new Director of Editorial Services.

Communications is currently housed in five different departments across the university. This team is developing a strong marketing program for prospective students and is tightening up on RWU's message-making. A new website will be launched in June.

Enrollment and retention: Continuation rates keep rising to now historic highs. RWU now has the largest sophomore, junior and senior classes in its history.

Governor Raimondo's proposal for free college tuition at RI state schools for state residents: Pres. Farish expressed his concerns to the governor about the impact of this proposal on RI's private colleges and universities. At present, the privates get about 20% of the \$10 million in state funding for higher ed. The proposal adds \$20 million to that, none of which will go to the privates. While on about 4% of RWU students are from RI, at JWU is 18%. URI is predicting a 20% increase in its student population, which will require new buildings, faculty and staff for which there is no funding.

A question was raised also about **high school students taking college courses** while in high school. How does that work; at what colleges and unis will the courses be offered?

4. Vice Provost Cole's remarks (standing in for Provost Workman)

SASH: Last year, the Senate agreed that faculty should take leadership of **SASH**. At this moment, there has been no organizing of the event.

HSRB: new chair will be announced next week. At present the current board is still functioning.

Vericite: The upgrade for Turnitin was going to be too expensive and inaccurate so the decision was made to go to Vericite. Faculty have complained that Vericite does not catch instances of plagiarism as well as Turnitin. Linda Beith will be contacting faculty to test Vericite and provide input.

Registrar Search: Two candidates have visited and another one is coming next week. Search Committee will be ready with a recommendation.

FCAS Reorganization: Request for discussion of implications of changes in FCAS on broad governance issues. Cole did not have much to say on these issues. Discussion focused on:

- **Why social scientists are apparently not eligible to apply to be dean of the new SSNS?**
- **What provisions are in place for the visual artists who will be relocated to SHAE, but whose workspaces are in SAAHP?**
- How will the reorganization influence curriculum committees, SFRCs and UFRCs, especially regarding the School of Education which will no longer have its own place at these tables?
- Cole indicated that the job descriptions for the two new deans were being written, and that the Senate should solicit six faculty members to serve on the two search committees.

5. Executive Committee report

Parking: The Executive Committee met with the Student Parking Taskforce. Among issues discussed were: increasing number of on-campus parking spaces, improving shuttle routes and reliability, as well as syncing the schedule with class times, ticketing on Old Ferry Road, enhancing the RIPTA service, developing bike lanes and sidewalks, developing parking lots off campus.

Dean's Council representative: Senator Joseph Roberts volunteered to serve.

Senate website—will be updated.

Motion: (Roberts/Wells) Approved without objection; To adopt the attached resolution in response to the Trump Administration’s executive order on travel restrictions.

Discussion focused on whether the resolution went too far or not far enough; the appropriateness of the Senate taking positions on issues that were beyond its control; the President’s meeting with the Hijab students and their call for action.

6. Announcements

- a. **New York Times:** Sen. Lindsay Gumb announced that all members of the RWU community now have access to a free NYTimes subscription. Go to the library website for access.
- b. **Jeremy Wells:** Sen. Wells informed the Senate that Dr. Laurajane Smith of Australian National University, who is a critical heritage studies scholar, will be visiting the university at the end of May, and there may be opportunities for classroom visits.

7. New myRWU portal

CIO Daryl Ford and Director of Administrative Services Brian Kacmarsky offered explanation of the new format and fielded comments. Issues raised regarding functionality of new portal were noted. CIO Ford invited communication and will investigate raised issues regarding the portal. Student senators voiced their concerns about difficulties that students are having. Comments should be sent to dford@rwu.edu or colleaguesupport@rwu.edu

8. Course Survey instrument—AVP of Institutional Research Jennifer Dunseath

Pres. Speakman explained that she had met with AVP Dunseath to revive discussion of a survey instrument that had been adopted by the Faculty Senate in 2012. Dunseath reviewed the instrument and agree to consult with colleagues at peer institutions regarding their course surveys.

Motion: (Speakman/ Soto) Approved without objection: The Executive Committee will seek four faculty volunteers to work with AVP Dunseath and Associate Provost Shea to develop new instrument for Senate consideration by April 1. After February 8 a call will be extended to the full faculty for faculty volunteers.

9. Committee reports

- a. **Admissions and Enrollment**
- b. **Diversity**
- c. **Curriculum report approved unanimously via Motion Soto/O’Connell. The approved curricular changes appear at the end of these minutes.**
- d. **University Life**
- e. **Faculty Development**
- f. **Academic Standards and Policies**
- g. **Steering**

10. Second reading of the revised constitution and bylaws. Tabled until the March meeting. At that meeting, the following amendments will be proposed, and the full documents will be considered. Other amendments are welcome at the March meeting.

Proposed Amendments:

To the bylaws:

Elections Committee

Motion: 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.

To the Constitution:

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"

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

Motion: (Speakman/O'Connell) To refer to the Steering Committee the issue of CAS reorganization and its impact on Senate structure and to report to the Senate with proposed amendments for the March 1 Senate meeting. Approved without objection

- 11. Motion: Tehrani/O'Connell unanimous: Refer to AS&P: To investigate the possibility of having a rotating final exam schedule to ensure that faculty and students with the MTH 2 sections are not always the last to leave.**
- 12. Motion: Tehrani/O'Connell unanimous - To create a four-person working group to develop procedures for independent studies and present recommendations to the Senate by April 1.**
- 13. Motion: Speakman/Wells - 20 ayes 0 nays 1 abstention - To populate the Ad Hoc Committee on Graduate Governance with seven faculty by March 1. Executive Committee to facilitate.**

14. Adjournment

Next meeting, March 1, 2017 at 2:15 in Upper Commons

Attachment A. Resolution on Travel Ban

Attachment A Faculty Senate Minutes February 1, 2017

Regarding US President Trump's Executive Order signed on January 27, 2017, titled "PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES:"

Whereas in keeping with its namesake, Roger Williams University is committed to supporting all students, faculty and staff regardless of national origin, immigration status or orientation, the Roger Williams University Faculty Senate urges RWU President Farish to ensure the following actions are taken:

1. That President Farish issue a statement of support to the RWU community, indicating the university's full commitment to all students, faculty, and staff regardless of religion, national origin, or immigration status or orientation;
2. That the University continue to honor its commitments to all current and future Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) undergraduate students
3. That the university maintain a strong commitment to the privacy of student records for all students, consistent with state and federal laws. As such, the University will not provide information on religion, ethnicity, or immigration status to anyone except when required by law.
4. That the university establishes systems of support for students, faculty, and staff from the countries affected by the ban, and issue a public statement regarding those systems and processes;
5. That the university make a public statement of its ongoing commitment to a diversity and inclusion to ensure that international students and their families, as well as international faculty know that they are welcome at the university.

Adopted by the RWU Faculty Senate

By unanimous vote

February 1, 2017

Attachment B Curriculum Actions Approved by Faculty Senate February 1, 2017

Motions for Senate Meeting 2/1/2017

GSB

NEW	COURSE	FNCE	560 Financial Markets and Institutions
Notes:	Previous FSCC requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be sure all course titles are consistent between catalog and syllabus - DONE - Provide action-oriented assessable learning outcomes - PENDING - This is an elective course for the MBA program (Not listed in MBA catalog copy) - No action taken in 11/9/16 meeting Motion to approve (Moskowitz, McMullen) Approved 7-0-0-3.		

DUS

MNR	PROG	PH	Public Health Minor
Notes:	Curricunet issues prevented this petition from flowing to the DUS CC Chair. Motion to approve (Pearce, Tait) 7-0-0-3		

CORE

MNR	PROG	CORE	Music Concentration
Notes:	Motion to approve (Moskowitz, McMullen) Approved 7-0-0-3.		
NEW	PROG	CORE	New Concentration in Film Studies
Notes:	Motion to approve (McMullen, Moskowitz) 7-0-0-3		

SJS

MNR	COURSE	LS	220 Fundamentals of Contract Law
Notes:	Motion to approve (Moskowitz, Emmer) Approved 7-0-0-3.		

CAS

MNR	PROG	FILM	Changes to FILM Minor
Notes:			
NEW	COURSE	FILM	350 Directors & Style
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NEW	COURSE	FILM	351 Film Genres
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NEW	COURES	FILM	200 Global History of Film
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NEW	COURSE	FILM	299 Special Topics in Film
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NEW	COURSE	FILM	300 Film Theory & Criticism
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NEW	COURSE	FILM	352 Adaptation: From Page to Screen
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NEW	COURSE	FILM	353 Cinema in a Cultural Context
Notes:	Motion to approve the above petitions as a block (Winfield, Emmer) 7-0-0-3. Motion to approve (Tait, McMullen) 7-0-0-3		

NEW	COURSE	JOUR	490 Cultures in Contact
Notes:	Motion to approve (Moskowitz, Pearce) 7-0-0-3		
NEW	COURSE	COMM	490 Cultures in Contact
Notes:	Motion to approve (Winfield, Tait) 7-0-0-3		
NEW	COURSE	POLSC	390 Globalization and its Critics
Notes:	Returned to proposer for documentation of communication with Sociology.		

