

Roger Williams University
Faculty Senate
Agenda
May 3, 2017
2:15-4:15, Upper Commons

- A. Roll Call
- B. Adoption of Minutes of April 5, 2017 (Attachment 1)
- C. President Farish's remarks
- D. Provost Workman's remarks
- E. Announcements
- F. Retirements and congratulations
- G. Executive Committee report
- H. Bookstore report—Michele Marsella, Bookstore Manager
- I. Parking Committee report—Laura D'Amore

J. Old Business

1. Second reading of by-laws and Constitution

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 President, 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.

K. Committee Reports

1. Curriculum (Attachment 2)
2. Diversity
3. Academic Standards and Policies
4. Admissions and Enrollment
5. Steering
 - a. Protocol for removing students from class (Attachment 3)
6. Faculty Development
7. University Life
8. Elections Committee

K. New Business

1. Report of the Independent Studies Working Group (Attachment 4)
2. Fall Faculty Conference
 - a. theme
 - b. responsible parties
3. Student Course Surveys in winter and summer sessions

Motion: The Faculty Senate recommends that the Administration implement the Student Course Surveys for summer and winter courses.

4. Provisional registration for students with a Bursar hold:

Motion: The Faculty Senate recommends that students with a Bursar hold be allowed to register provisionally, and that their classes be held through the last day of classes of the relevant semester

L. Executive Session:

MOTION: To go into executive session for the purpose of reviewing the Senate's work during the past year, and considering recommendations to the 2017-18 Senate.

Next meeting: 2016-2017 Organizational Meeting, May 10 at 2:15, Upper Commons

