

Roger Williams University  
Faculty Senate  
Minutes  
April 5, 2017  
2:15-4:15, Upper Commons

1. Roll Call

Present: Duffy, Emmer, Gumb, Hall, Melton, Menton, Moskowitz, O'Connell, Pearce, Roberts, Schroth, Soto, Speakman, Tehrani, Thangaraj, Topf, Updike, Winfield

Absent: Boggs, Hollingsworth, Langdon, McKinley, Norvell, Sawoski, Scully, Smolowitz, Wells

Guests: President Farish, Provost Workman, Student Senator Daniella Alva, Profs Judy Platania, Loren Bryne, Bill Palm, Min Zhou. Director of Institutional Research Jennifer Dunseath

**2. Motion: To adopt of Minutes of March 1, 2017 as amended. (Addition of Wells as present, and addition of question regarding whether or not alumni giving is taken into account in cost center analysis) Approved without objection**

3. President Farish's remarks

The NEASC reporting process started with the oral presentation during visit. Working documents have been received. Full report with commissioners' decision will be available in the summer and posted on the RWU website.

Organization chart is done annually by Human Resources and will be available by June 1 on the RWRU website.

Administrator evaluations: Vice President for Institutional Advancement Lisa Raiola is being evaluated now. VP John King is due in the Fall. At the Dean's level, SAAHP Dean White and SECCM Dean Potter are next, followed by GSB Dean McTiernan and SCS Dean Scurry.

RWU's new website will be launched in June. A question was raised about whether or not there would be a request for feedback on the website prior to launch.

Accepted students' days have been successful. Last week generated more deposits than any other ASD. Number of people on tours is up. RWU is doing well compared to other institutions such as Long Island University, or the Penn State system.

There will be no more Saudi students in the RWU entering class as the Saudi government has limited enrollment to a smaller list of schools in the US.

4. Provost Workman's remarks

ELS is leaving the campus. This will have the effect of providing five more classrooms in the building behind the athletic center.

Registration is finished. The number of students registering for the fall is the highest ever indicating good retention. Glitches in the system involving pre-requisites have been fixed.

Searches for two new Dean's, one for humanities and one for the sciences has commenced with an ample number of applicants.

The University's fourth annual Community Engagement Celebration will be in the new WaterFire Arts Center in Providence on Wednesday, April 12 from 5 PM to 7 PM.

Multicultural competency workshops have been offered to all faculty. Results were a bit uneven.

Good participation in SECCM and SAAHP; other divisions, less so. Associate Provost Shea is evaluating these efforts. The focus of the fall faculty conference will be race, gender and power, which is the theme for the upcoming year. Beverly Daniel Tatum, author of "Why are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria" is the common summer reading. She will be on campus November 8.

Searches are underway for the deans of the newly-configured SHAE and SSMS. In SHAE, the position Dean of Compliance and Accreditation should be filled by the fall.

5. No Announcements

6. Executive Committee report.

IT and HR are working on an all faculty mail list that includes adjuncts as well as full-time faculty.

The issue of faculty input regarding the hiring of adjuncts persists. Although faculty input is welcomed, the nature of occasional placements being last-minute or during the summer can make that difficult.

Brian Williams, the new Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing is on a learning tour. He has met with some department chairs and others.

7. Report from Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee:

The School of Continuing Studies is member of the Rhode Island Advanced Course Network. Twenty-five RWU courses appears in their catalog including Critical Writing, which is listed as "middle school eligible." This came to the faculty's attention when an adjunct discovered that one of his Critical Writing students was 12 years old, and had not taken the prerequisites for that course.

The Provost is aware of this issue and offered assurances that this will be fixed. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will follow up.

8. New business

- a. **Policy regarding university access to personal cell phones:** This issue concerns access to the university's network and data. CIO Daryl Ford sent a clarifying email to the Senate President indicating that his department is working on a policy regarding remote wiping of personal cellphones if the phone is lost or stolen. This action would be a safeguard against bad actors using the stolen phone to access the university's systems.
- b. **Student Course Survey Working Group Report and Recommendations:** Loren Byrne represented the working group and presented a comprehensive report. Discussion surrounded, if, when and how to implement this newest iteration of student course surveys. Concerns were expressed regarding the survey's adherence to conditions outlined in the collective bargaining agreement and that the surveys focus was on learning.

**Motion 2016-51 Speakman, Menton**

**The Faculty Senate thanks the Working Group for its work and accepts its recommendation that the work continue and the revised student course survey be implemented in the Fall 2017 semester after approval by the Faculty Senate.**

**Passed 17 yes 0 no 1 abstention**

- c. **Recommendations from FCAS Curriculum Committee regarding FCAS Reorganization**  
FCAS Committee chair Lauren Rossi presented the committee's report and recommendations regarding the transition from FCAS to SHAE and SSMS. The report, attached below contains detailed recommendations regarding the election of new members and the retention of current members in order to preserve institutional memory and ensure continuity. The proposal also contains recommendations regarding compensation for the chairs, and training for new members.

The Faculty Senate acknowledges and thanks that FCAS for its work.

**Motion 2016 – 52 Topf, Moskowitz**

**The Faculty Senate accepts the report and recommendation of the FCASCC.**

**Passed without objection**

- d. **Recommendations from GECPC regarding Transfer Students**

GECPC Member Moskowitz presented the recommendations of the GECPC, which led to the following motion.

**Motion 2016-53 (Tehrani, Wells) The Faculty Senate charges the GECPC with reviewing the current transfer policy and bringing any recommendations for change to the Faculty Senate.**

**Passed without objection.**

- Recommendation 1: The faculty senate should charge the GECPC to revise the current transfer policy.
- Recommendation 2: Courses being transferred should be evaluated against the learning outcomes of each of the CORE 100s.
- Recommendation 3: Fuller utilization of the Advising Center, perhaps a transfer specialist, who can help match courses and outcomes.
- Recommendation 4: Registrar to record all equivalencies (as it does with other courses) to facilitate transfers.
- Recommendation 5: Clear communication to Admissions as new policies are put in place, so that Admissions can relay this information to potential transfer students.

**e. Creation of a Graduate Council**

**Motion: 2016-53 Menton, O'Connell**

**The Faculty Senate recommends the creation of a Graduate Council in accordance with the guidelines presented.**

**Passed without objection.**

The Senate thanks Prof. Judy Platania for her work on this proposal.

**f. Bursar Holds that block Faculty access to transcripts**

The Faculty Senate recommends that faculty advisors have access to student transcripts regardless of the existence of bursar holds. Provost Workman suggests that this should not happen. Senate VP Soto will follow up.

**g. Transfer Student Registration**

**Motion 2016 – 54 Soto, Roberts**

**The Faculty Senate recommends that Transfer Student registration be scheduled earlier in the fall semester/summer to provide sufficient time for academic planning.**

**Passed without objection.**

**Committee Reports**

1. Curriculum. list of FSCC proposed motions for approval.

College of Arts and Sciences

**Motion 2016-55 (Roberts, Pierce) To accept the recommendation of the FSCC regarding the following proposals. Unanimously approved**

MNR COURSE COMM 111 Writing for Mass Media 12/12/2016  
MNR COURSE COMM 220 Principles & Practices of Public Relations 12/12/2016  
MNR COURSE COMM 402 Media Relations 12/12/2016  
MNR COURSE COMM 431 Special Topics in Public Relations 12/12/2016  
MNR COURSE COMM 340 Public Relations Research Methods 12/12/2016  
MNR COURSE COMM 350 Public Relations Techniques 12/12/2016  
MNR COURSE COMM 401 Entertainment Public Relations 12/12/2016  
MNR COURSE COMM 420 Public Relations Case Studies 12/12/2016  
MNR COURSE COMM 450 Research in Public Relations 12/12/2016  
MNR PROG COMM B.A. in Public Relations, BA 02/06/2017

**Gabelli School of Business**

**Motion 2016-56 (Roberts, Duffy) Unanimously approved**

NEW COURSE MGMT 325 Business Analytics 02/10/2017

SAAHP

**Motion 2016-57 (Roberts, Duffy) Approved 18-0-1**

MNR COURSE VARTS 233 Clay Studio: Handbuilding 03/01/2016  
NEW COURSE VARTS 234 Clay Studio: Wheel Throwing 03/01/2016  
MJR PROG VARTS B.F.A. in Visual Arts Studies, BFA 03/01/2016  
MJR PROG VARTS Visual Arts Studies, MINOR - Film, Animation & Video 03/01/2016  
MJR PROG VARTS Visual Arts Studies, MINOR - Painting, Drawing & Printmaking 03/01/2016  
MJR PROG VARTS Visual Arts Studies, MINOR - Photography and Digital Media 03/01/2016  
BNK COURSE VARTS 190 Intersections 03/01/2016  
BNK COURSE VARTS 290 Intersections 03/01/2016  
BNK COURSE VARTS 390 Intersections 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 131 Foundations of Sculpture 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 232 Intermediate Sculpture 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 431 Topics in Sculpture 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 433 Advanced Sculpture 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 161 Foundations of Photography 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 392 Intermedia 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 452 Advanced Photography 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 262 Digital Tools and Methods 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 363 Digital Media in 3D: Objects and Spaces 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 364 Film, Animation and Video 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 181 Foundations of Painting 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 282 Oil Painting 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 381 Painting the Figure 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 401 Advanced Drawing 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 481 Topics in Painting, Drawing and Printmaking 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 491 Senior Studio I 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 492 Senior Studio II 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 351 Intermediate Photography 03/01/2016  
MNR COURSE VARTS 451 Topics in Photography / Digital Media 03/01/2016

**School for Continuing Studies**

**Motion 2016-58 (Speakman, Updike) 17-1-0 pending removal of erroneously placed recommendations**

Discussion focused on the inclusion on a memo of support from Political Science for SOCSC 240,340,436 and 440. The department has reviewed only two of those courses and requested that the misleading document be removed from the other two petitions.

NEW PROG SOCSC [BS in Social Science](#) 12/09/2016  
NEW COURSE SOCSC [240 Quantitative Analysis in the Social Sciences](#) 12/09/2016  
NEW COURSE SOCSC [340 Social Science Research Methods](#) 12/09/2016  
NEW COURSE SOCSC [436 Social Science Seminar](#) 01/30/2017  
NEW COURSE SOCSC [440 Advanced Social Science Research Methods](#) 12/09/2016  
NEW COURSE IDS [299 Professional Ethics](#)  
NEW PROG SOCSC [BA Applied Psychology](#) 12/09/2016  
MOD PROG STCOM [Certificate in Strategic Communication, CAP](#) 02/15/2017

SECCM

**Motion 2016-59 (Moskowitz, Pearce) Unanimously approved**

NEW COURSE COMSC [370 Human Computer Interaction](#)  
NEW COURSE COMSC [415 Machine Learning](#)  
NEW COURSE CNST [500 Fundamentals of Construction Management](#)  
MNR PROG COMSC [Change to Computer Science Minor, MINOR](#) 02/22/2017  
MNR PROG COMSC [Computer Science, CORE](#) 02/23/2017  
MNR PROG CNST [B.S. in Construction Mgmt., BS](#) 02/22/2017  
MNR PROG ENGR [B.S. in Engineering/Civil Engineering Specialization, BS](#) 02/22/2017  
MNR PROG ENGR [B.S. in Engineering \(Mechanical Engr. Specialization\), BS](#) 02/22/2017  
MNR PROG ENGR [B.S. in Engineering/Computer Engr Specialization, BS](#) 02/22/2017  
MNR COURSE ENGR [424 Digital Signal Processing](#) 02/22/2017

**School for Justice Studies**

**Motion 2016 – 60 (Moskowitz, Roberts) unanimously approved**

MJR PROG CJS [BS in Cybersecurity and Networking](#) - Revised 11/18/2016  
NEW COURSE SEC [101 Introduction to Computer Software](#) 02/01/2017  
NEW COURSE SEC [201 Introduction to Networking](#) 02/01/2017  
NEW COURSE SEC [310 Linux Server Administration](#) 02/01/2017  
NEW COURSE SEC [415 Intrusion Detection](#) 02/01/2017

2. **Diversity committee** meeting planned, may need to be electronic. Possible speaker on this issue to be identified
3. **Academic Standards and Policies** report on work done was submitted
4. **Admissions and Enrollment** report on work done was submitted
5. **Steering**  
Guidelines have been developed regarding removal of students from class. The charge remains open regarding the investigation of the relationship between Providence and Bristol campuses.
6. **Faculty Development** – information regarding excellence in teaching award is being distributed by Associate Provost Shea. Shea is exercising management of the Hassenfeld Grant.

Survey Report on the R-Cloud usage will commence on April 10.

7. University Life

The issue of emergency drills and related preparations were discussed. The University is planning such a drill in the near future.

There is still room for students in the academic showcase.

8. Elections Committee could use another member. Sen. Updike volunteered.

9. Independent Studies Working Group: report will be issued by the May meeting

**Old Business**

1. Second reading of by-laws and Constitution (attachment #5) This Issue will be the first agenda item in May

**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 15<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting, nominations shall be made for all Senate leadership positions, including Presidents, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.**

2. Regarding the implementation of the FCAS Reorganization. The Provost reported that Vice Provost/Dean Bob Cole is working on implementation issues.

Adjournment 4:25 PM

Next meeting: May 3, 2:15, Upper Commons