

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Meeting 9/14/2016  
2:15 pm  
Mary Tefft White Room, University Library

1. Present: Boggs, Emmer, Gumb, Hall, Hollingsworth, Langdon, McKinley, Melton, Menton, Moskowitz, Norvell, O'Connell, Pearce, Platania, Reynolds, Sawoski, Schroth, Soto, Speakman, Tehrani, Thangaraj, Topf, Updike, Winfield

Absent: Roberts, Smolowitz (no notification), Scully (late election)

Guests: Provost Workman, Student Senator Daniella Alba

2. Provost Workman's report:
  - a. Retention up
  - b. Graduation rate up
  - c. Entering class is the largest in university history
  - d. US News and World ranking up
  - e. Experiential learning and community engaged learning moving forward
    - i. Commission needs 5 faculty 2 at large, Faculty Development and Curriculum Committee Chairs + Faculty Senate President
  - f. NEASC visit this month—two lunches with faculty and one Open Forum with Faculty.
  - g. Question from Senator: is it the case, as noted in the NEASC report, that the university is paying \$23 million over ten years for the building in Providence.  
Answer: no, it's \$12 million.
3. Dean's Council liaison report—Platania
  - a. Attached

Further discussion on Mary Tefft White as new meeting place

4. Executive Committee Report—Speakman, Menton, Soto
  - a. Senate will meet in the library for this year.
  - b. Organization of committees and filling vacancies is being addressed with election committee and committee chairs.

5. Based on input from faculty at the full faculty conference, the Executive Committee recommends the following motions:

- **2016-1 Motion: Topf, McKinley - Charge the Elections Committee to conduct elections for the Provost's Reorganization Commission (one each from MNS, HPA, SS, SED)**

The agenda was re-ordered to take up this motion under New Business. At that time, the Provost explained that Bob McKenna, Bob Cole and Bob Shea would join the four faculty members on the committee. The committee will examine how best to reorganize FCAS plus SED under two deans to be hired by July 1. The commission may consider recommendations that relocate programs to or from other schools. The commission's recommendations should be ready by November 15.

Approved with one abstention

- **2016-2 Motion: Menton, O'Connell - Charge the Academic Standards and Policies Committee to develop an action plan to address academic integrity concerns raised at the Fall Faculty Conference.** Unanimous approval

- **2016-3 Motion: Topf, O'Connell - Charge University Life Committee to examine the issue of a tobacco free campus** approved , 2 abstentions

A question was raised about the origin of this motion. It came at the suggestion of a faculty member at the fall faculty conference.

- **2016-4 Motion: Boggs, Pearce - Charge the Academic Standards and Policies to meet with the Registrar regarding classroom space issues, section caps, Bursar holds and including majors on course rosters.** Approved 1 abstention

Provost Workman suggested that the chair of this committee work with the Registrar to gather information on these issues.

- **2016-5 Motion: Boggs, Topf - Charge Faculty Development Committee to report to Senate on CSALTT and its connection to faculty work and overlap with Senate work.**

Approved 1 abstention

It was noted that in reaction to faculty concerns about the name change (from *Center for Teaching and Learning* to *Center for Scholarship, Assessment, Learning and Technology*) that an additional "T" for "teaching" had been added to the title of the center.

- **2016-6 Motion: Moskowitz, McKinley - Charge Executive Committee to discuss with President and Provost the process for hiring Title IX Coordinator.** Unanimous approval
- **2016-7 Motion: Norvell, Hall - Charge Steering Committee to investigate ways to more fully integrate the two RWU campuses.** Unanimous approval
- **2016-8 Motion: Moskowitz, Melton - Charge Executive Committee to refer to the RWUFA the issue of handling student complaints about faculty and about GSB using a senior exit survey.** Approved 19 yeas, 4 nays 1 abstention
- **2016-9 Motion: Moskowitz, O'Connell - Charge the University Life Committee with reporting on the process for selecting the summer reading and offering recommendations for change if necessary.** Adopted without objection
- **2016-10 Motion: Langdon, Topf - Charge the Admissions and Enrollment Committee with developing recommendations regarding governance structures for graduate programs.** Adopted without objection.
- **2016-11 Motion: Charge the Steering Committee to report to the Senate on changes in global programs, including the relocation of the Spiegel Center and changes in administrative structures and processes.** Withdrawn

The motion was withdrawn when a Senator noted that a committee had been established last year to work on these issues and that this committee should work on these matters.

- **2016-12 Motion (at the request of the Student Senate): Soto, O'Connell - Charge the Faculty Development Committee with studying the use of rCloud by faculty and the status of training for such use.**  
Discussion ensued and disagreements were revealed about the extent to which rCloud is used and trainings available. Passed 20-4-0

6. **Curriculum Committee Procedures (O'Connell, Platania) Discuss and act on Senate Curriculum Committee Procedures.** Tabled

The Procedures will be circulated to the Senate and will be discussed in October.

7. New business

8. Items for October 3 Agenda requested

- a. Curriculum policies
- b. Process by which student complaints about faculty are processed.
- c. Naming policy for building.

Submitted by Menton, Speakman

9/30/2016