Agenda  
RWU Faculty Senate  
April 3, 2013  
Library Seminar Room  
Last Revised: March 28, 2013

1. Roll call

2. Approval of the minutes of March 6, 2013

3. President Farish

4. Provost Workman

5. Report of Executive Committee

6. New Business
   a. *Motion (Speakman):* The Faculty Senate recommends that the hours at the Center for Academic Development be expanded to accommodate the needs of students in evening and summer classes.
   b. *Motion (Tehrani):* Visit the appropriate location of CCC by 2016.
   c. *Motion (Tehrani):* Refer to Academic Standards and Policies the issue of transparency and faculty input regarding assignment of classes and determination of delivery format.
   d. *Motion (Topf):* The meetings of all committees of the Faculty Senate, whether permanent (standing) or ad hoc, shall be open to the RWU community, except when, by a vote of two-thirds of its members, the committee carries a motion to go into executive session, the motion (1) to state in general terms the reason, and (2) to be recorded in the committee's published minutes. Voting on any motion may be by closed ballot.
   e. *Motion (Topf):* Meetings of all non-Senate faculty committees, when the committee is considering a matter that it intends to bring to the Faculty Senate, shall consider the matter at an open meeting or, by a vote of two-thirds of its members, the committee carries a motion to go into executive session. The motion to go into executive session must (1) state in general terms the reason, and (2) to be recorded in the committee's published minutes.
   f. *Motion (Speakman):* Refer to University Life Committee issues pertaining to parking, including the number of 15-minute spots, the number of Office of the President spots, the definition of “University Authorized vehicle,” the reason why the Intercultural Center has reserved spots, and an explanation for why fines for violating parking rules are so high.
   g. *Motion: (Tehrani):* Charge the University Life Committee to review the Students’ Senate election, transparency, procedures, etc.

7. Committee reports
a. Curriculum (Ruocco)

i. Motion (Ruocco): The Senate accepts the recommendations of the Curriculum Committee as described in paragraphs 3a through 3c of FSCC Minutes dated 20 March 2013.

ii. Motion (Ruocco): The Senate accepts the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee and reinstates standard grading for COMM 460 (paragraph 3.d of FSCC Minutes dated 20 March 2013).

iii. Motion (Ruocco): The Senate accepts the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee and expands the university WTNG requirement (paragraph 3.e of FSCC Minutes dated 20 March 2013).

iv. Motion (Ruocco): The Senate accepts the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee and adds a new B.S. in Forensic Science program (paragraph 3.f of FSCC Minutes dated 20 March 2013).

b. Faculty Development (Gentles-Peart)

c. Steering (Topf)

Report: Steering Committee statement on electronic meetings. The members discussed a proposed constitutional amendment to authorize the Senate Executive Committee to call electronic meetings of the Senate and to hold electronic voting on matters arising at electronic meetings.

The Steering Committee recommends to the Senate that the Senate may hold electronic meetings, using the software available for such meetings, where a quorum of Senators are “present” (at their computers) at the designated meeting time. Voting on motions and resolutions may take place at such meeting.

Otherwise, such virtual meetings and voting (for example by emailing) are not appropriate for a body the size and nature of the Senate. First, real deliberation and debate would be weakened on issues that may be of importance to the Senate, the faculty, and the University. Second, deciding a quorum and dealing with such parliamentary actions as motions to amend and motions to substitute would create problems in keeping order. Third, the Senate constitution already provides for emergency or other special meetings as needed. We believe that this may be a better means of resolving time-sensitive issues.

Steering Committee Statement on Senate minutes. The members discussed a proposed amendment to provide that Senate minutes include only actions taken and discussion related to the actions, and not record discussion unrelated to motions or other actions. The Steering Committee believes that such a proposal does not require a constitutional amendment, and may be adopted by the Senate as a bylaw.

Motion (Topf): The Senate may hold electronic meetings, using the software available for such meetings, where a quorum of Senators are “present” (at their computers) at the designated meeting time. Voting on motions and resolutions may take place at such meeting.

Motion (Topf): The faculty senate constitution shall be amended as follows:

(A) Insert in Art. II (1): “Senators shall not serve more than three years during any five consecutive year periods.”
(B) Insert in Art. IV, (1): “The president shall not serve more than three consecutive terms in any six consecutive year period.”

(C) Insert in Art. I (3): “Further, the faculty as a whole shall serve five senators-at-large. Their terms shall be staggered so that there are no more than five such senators serving at the same time.”

(2) Technical changes

(A) Insert in Art. III, “Faculty Senate” before each mention of “President,” to avoid ambiguity.

(B) Insert in Art. I (1): “Mario J. Gabelli School of Business”.

d. University Life (Roberts)
e. Diversity (Emmer)
f. Admissions and Enrollment (Turner)
g. Academic Standards and Policies (Moskowitz)