

Executive Committee Notes
October 21, 2015

Present: Senate President Tehrani, Senate VPs Murphy and Speakman, President Farish, Provost Workman

1. **Parking in Providence:** there is sufficient parking in Providence. Administration is working on ensuring that staff knows who is eligible to park there, and that they act accordingly. A parking plan for the new facility will be released in May, when the building is scheduled to open.
2. **Evaluations of administrators:** Faculty Senate subcommittee will report in two weeks. A meeting with Rick Hale has taken place.
3. **Commencement Speaker:** Pres. Farish agrees that the outstanding teacher needs a bigger forum. He encourages the Faculty Development Committee to release the name no later than 2-3 weeks prior to Commencement.
4. **Library Collection Management:** Pres. Farish and Provost Workman agree with the Senate's motions. There will be full consultation with the faculty before any books are removed from the collection.
5. **Advisors for double majors:** Provost Workman is working on the issue and will bring Bob Shea into the conversation. VP Murphy pointed out that Education and Biology have a system already in place. Both advisors lift the student's hold, with EDU first and BIO second. The system has the capacity to handle it currently.

Provost Workman indicated that we need a better system for recording conversations with advisees to monitor what they were told and whether or not they followed through with that advice. This will help keep students on track for graduation.

6. **Transportation:** regarding students driving their own cars to field trips, etc. Rachel Nuzzo from OG is looking at how other institutions handle this. She will report to the provost within the month.

Do we need more shuttles? More drivers? The university has acquired two more vans for CPC use.

7. **Class size:** the provost agrees that no one other than the faculty member is authorized to sign students in above the cap for the course, and that no class should be assigned to a room of insufficient size. How to ensure that the latter does not happen remains an open question.

8. **Access to Bridges sites:** Prof. Lynn Ruggieri has raised the issue that the GSB Associate Dean requested from IT that he be added to all her courses on the Bridges (one online and two face-to-face)

without her permission. IT contacted the faculty member, and the associate dean was not added. The question is: why would the associate dean seek to do this? The Provost will inquire.

9. **Faculty participation in the hiring of adjuncts.** It has come to the Senate's attention that SAAHP faculty are not consulted in all instances of adjunct hiring, even when sufficient time exists to allow for such consultation. The provost will inquire.

10. **Coursehero, etc.** VP Speakman will follow up with Bob Avery at the provost's request, to determine the copyright, academic freedom, and student rights issues that are raised by such sites as Coursehero.

11. **Student Evaluations of Teaching:** the provost would like to see these implemented in class on mobile devices this semester if possible. VP Speakman will offer a motion at the Senate meeting to that effect.

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