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# ***Dean Logan's Blog***

## **U.S. Senator Provides RWU Students Inside Scoop on the Senate**

Posted by David Logan on 03/31/2014 at 03:24 PM

Last week was the last session of a remarkable class available to RWU Law students: Senator Sheldon Whitehouse's "The Role of the Senate in American Government".

Here is how he described the course in his syllabus:

"This class is designed to foster an understanding of the Senate as an institution, within its surrounding contexts of constitutional structure, political combat and human character."

Among the topical stops were separation of powers, the Senate's unique operating features (including the filibuster, cloture, and "unanimous consent"), and regulatory capture. The Senator also addressed the human dimension of service in the Senate, and assigned readings from his collection *On Virtues: Quotations and Insight to Live a Full, Honorable, and Truly American Life*.

Here is a clip from the Senator's appearance on [Colbert Report](#) discussing the book (sorry for the ad!) and below a picture of the lucky students with their teacher.

