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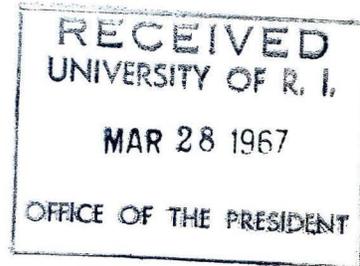
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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

FACULTY SENATE

RESOLUTION

Approved by the Faculty Senate



TO: President Francis H. Horn

FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached RESOLUTION, titled Recommendations Concerning the Budget
Reduction for Transmittal to the President of the University

is forwarded for your consideration.

2. The original and two copies for your use are included.

3. This RESOLUTION was approved by vote of the Faculty Senate on

March 16, 1967
(date)

4. After considering this resolution, will you please indicate your approval, disapproval or other comment and return the original copy, completing the endorsement below.

March 28, 1967
(date)

William R. Fenwick /s/
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate
FROM: The University President

1. Returned. Received ←

2. Approved ____ Disapproved ____ Other (explanation attached) ____

March 30, 1967
(date)

Francis H. Horn /s/
President

Original received and forwarded to the Secretary of the Senate and Registrar for filing in the Archives of the University.

(date)

Chairman of the Faculty Senate

To: President Horn

The following considerations are recommended by the Faculty Senate as guidelines in the event that the University must accept a reduction in its asking budget:

1. The most difficult damage to repair is damage to the quantity and especially to the quality of the faculty, the growth and improvement of which is a highly competitive, difficult and demanding long-range project. Therefore, every effort should be made to:

- a) Avoid interference, insofar as possible, with the continuing effort to bring faculty salaries into a competitive position with comparable institutions.
- b) Provide adequate personnel to carry on the educational programs in existence at a high level of quality, and to continue the improvement of staffing where it is needed in continuing programs -- including the general education program.
- c) Avoid a blanket decree for a reduction in funds for personnel replacements and new positions but take into account present loads of the departments.

2. If substantial reduction in the budget is inevitable, then it is urged that the following be considered in the selection of places where reductions of costs must be accomplished:

- a) Probably capital outlay should be the first to be reduced in general, but this should be flexible, depending on close examination of needs and of the effects of reductions.
- b) Delay of adding new programs that are not immediately essential to the main body of the University or its basic and fundamental functions.
- c) A moratorium on increasing enrollment.
- d) Concurrently an increase in academic standards for admission.

3. Perhaps the fairest way to select items for distribution of a reduction with least damage to the University is to fix a percentage reduction needed overall, and then to ask each college to make that percent reduction -- in the way they consider least detrimental. Each college should sub-divide this percentage among departments. Adjustments in the percentages for each college or department should be made according to certain modifying factors, such as:

- a) Deficiencies presently existing.
- b) Ease of delaying projected new programs.
- c) Past record of adequacy or inadequacy of support.
- d) Current increase rate in enrollment in undergraduate and graduate programs.

4. Serious consideration should be given to an increase in student fees.