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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE
BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Frank Newman

FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Proposal for a B.C.S. Concentration in Literature

is forwarded for your consideration.

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

3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on April 13, 1978
(date)

4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Regents, completing the appropriate endorsement below.

5. In accordance with Section 8, paragraph 2 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective on May 4, 1978 (date), three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; (3) you forward it to the Board of Regents for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Regents, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

copy

April 14, 1978
(date)

R. Gutchen
Robert M. Gutchen
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

1. Returned.

2. Approved _____ Disapproved _____

3. (If approved) In my opinion, transmittal to the Board of Regents is not/is necessary.

(date)

President

(OVER)

ADD: B.G.S. Concentration in Literature

A. Proposal

Concentration requirements:

Part 1. Basic courses: 18 credits in literature courses at the 200/300 level. Students must earn 6 credits from each of the following areas:

- A. American Literature
- B. British Literature
- C. Literature in Translation/Foreign Language Literature/Comparative Literature

Part 2. Area of Emphasis: 15 credits in literature courses at the 300-level or above, in a particular area such as genre, a period, a national literature, or some other coherent grouping determined by the student in consultation with a faculty advisor from the Department of English or the Department of Languages.

Part 3. Electives: 12 credits in literature courses at the 300-level or above in addition to those courses which constitute the Area of Emphasis.

To insure breadth of literary coverage, the 27 credits in parts 2 and 3 must include at least 3 credits from each of the categories A, B, and C listed in Part 1 above. Students must meet prerequisites for all courses for which prerequisites exist.

Each student also will complete a 3-credit senior project (BGS 399; required of all B.G.S. students) which must be related to the student's work in the literature concentration, particularly in the area of emphasis. All concentration programs are to be planned on an individual basis by the student and a faculty advisor from either the Department of English or the Department of Languages within the parameters of the above requirements.

B. Rationale

1. Purpose

The Bachelor of General Studies program is a special, 100-credit baccalaureate degree program designed for older students who have had little or no previous college experience. Each student in this program must complete a 45-credit concentration. At present B.G.S. students must choose between a concentration in Business and a concentration in Human Services. These concentrations are professional in orientation. The addition of a concentration in Literature will satisfy partially the demand for a more general, more liberal degree program.

2. Cost

This program will not require new faculty positions nor will it entail any additional instructional costs. All categories of concentration courses already are offered in the Division of University Extension except for Foreign Language Literature courses. Students who wish to take Foreign Language Literature courses will have to do so in Kingston.