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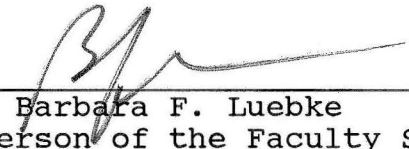
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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island
FACULTY SENATE
BILL
Adopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Robert L. Carothers
FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Academic Standards and Calendar
Committee Report #1993-94-1: Section 8.53.30 of the UNIVERSITY
MANUAL
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 February 24, 1994
(date)
4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Governors, completing the appropriate endorsement below.
5. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective March 17, 1994, 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 Governors for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Governors, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

February 25, 1994
(date)


Barbara F. Luebke
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate


ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate
FROM: President of the University

Returned.

- a. Approved .
- b. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Governors _____.
- c. Disapproved _____.

3-1-94
(date)


President

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE
REPORT #1993-94-1

Section 8.53.30 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL

November, 1993

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the following addition to section 8.53.30 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL:

Courses numbered below 100 that are graded on an S/U basis shall not be included in the calculation of a student's quality point average or credits earned.

Section 8.53.30 would read as follows (change is in boldface):

8.53.30 S/U Courses. Certain courses do not lend themselves to precise grading (e.g., research, seminar). For these courses, only a Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) shall be given to all students enrolled. To qualify as an S/U course, the course must be approved by the Faculty Senate after recommendation by the Curricular Affairs Committee and/or the Graduate Council. S/U courses shall be so labeled in University catalogs and bulletins. An S/U course is not to be counted as a course taken under the Pass/Fail grading option. **Courses numbered below 100 that are graded on an S/U basis shall not be included in the calculation of a student's quality point average or credits earned.**

Rationale: At its meeting of November 5, 1993, the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee discussed the grading policy for courses numbered below 100. After considerable discussion, the committee agreed that the practice of having what are essentially non-credit classes adversely affect a student's QPA was not appropriate and decided to recommend the appropriate change in section 8.53.30.

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