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# Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #99-00-2: Section 8.34.10 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL

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FACULTY SENATE

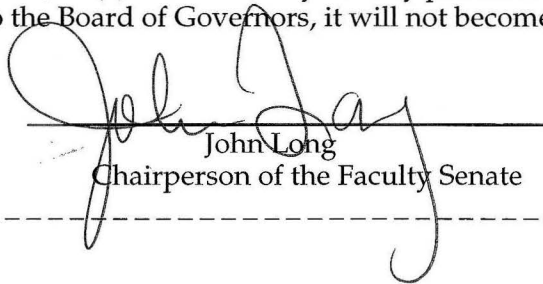
Serial Number #99-00--22

TO: President Robert L. Carothers

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #99-00-2:  
Section 8.34.10 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 April 13, 2000.
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 May 4, 2000 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.

April 14, 2000  
(date)

  
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John Long  
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

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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 .

4/26/00  
(date)

  
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President

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE  
REPORT #99-00-2

Amended on April 13, 2000

A. 8.33.13

*Returned to Committee (Faculty Senate Action #99-00—8)*

B. 8.34.10

BACKGROUND

For almost twenty years the date of the drop-deadline for graduate students (up to midsemester) has been different from the date of the drop deadline for undergraduate students (on or before the end of the eighth week of classes). The original sentence on graduate students was added to the *UNIVERSITY MANUAL* when the drop-deadline for undergraduates was changed from midsemester to the "end of the fifth week of the semester."

Since there does not appear to be any reason to continue with two different dates for dropping courses, the Vice Provost for Graduate Education, Research and Outreach has recommended that the drop deadline for graduate students be the same as the deadline for undergraduate students. On March 31, 2000 the Graduate Council approved the change in drop-date.

RECOMMENDATION

Pending approval by the Graduate Council, the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that the following sentence be deleted from section 8.34.10:

Graduate students may drop courses at any time up to midsemester.

Section 8.34.10 would read:

8.34.10 Dropping a Course. A course may be dropped by official procedures determined by the Registrar on or before the end of the eighth week of classes. Departments shall have the authority to designate selected courses as "early drop" courses which may be dropped up to two days before the end of the add period. Early drop courses will be designated in the course schedules. When such courses are offered by the Feinstein College of Continuing Education they may be dropped at any time prior to the third class meeting or by the University deadline, whichever is later. If the student has not dropped a course by the end of the drop period the instructor must submit a grade. A student may drop a course after the end of the drop period only in exceptional circumstances and only with authorization of the dean of the college in which the student is enrolled. Fees will not be adjusted downward for courses dropped after the end of the "add" period (see 8.43.20 for adjustment of fees).

The University Calendar would include a single drop-deadline date for each semester and references to undergraduate and graduate students would be eliminated.