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# Academic Standards and calendar Committee Report #04-05-4: Sections 8.32.12 and 8.70.23 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL

University of Rhode Island Faculty Senate

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Faculty Senate

Serial Number #04-05--29

TO: President Robert L. Carothers

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #04-05-4: Sections 8.32.12 and 8.70.23 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 21, 2005.
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 12, 2005 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 22, 2005  
(date)

G. Faye Boudreaux-Bartels  
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 \_\_\_.

5/9/05  
(date)

President

University of Rhode Island  
Faculty Senate  
Kingston, Rhode Island

Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report  
#2004-2005-4

On April 21, 2005, the Faculty Senate voted to approve the following changes to Sections 8.32.12 and 8.70.23 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL recommended by the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee:

**8.32.12** Lecture courses taught during short sessions (i.e., sessions shorter than half a semester) must include between 650 and 700 minutes of instruction time (exclusive of "breaks") for each academic credit which is offered. (A one-credit course in thirteen 50-minute sessions would equal 650 minutes; a course with fourteen sessions would equal 700 minutes.) Within these limits, the exact length of a short course is at the instructor's discretion. Appropriate justification for different contact times must be provided for courses using non-lecture formats.

**8.70.23** A minimum of seven days shall be scheduled for final examinations. Saturdays and Sundays may be used as final examination days under extraordinary circumstances. A make-up date for a canceled day of final examinations shall be scheduled in the fall semester, when possible.