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## Amendment to Section 8.2 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate.

University of Rhode Island Faculty Senate

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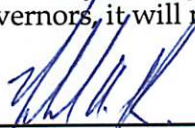
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TO: President Robert L. Carothers

FROM: Michael A. Rice, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Amendment to section 8.2 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate is forwarded for your consideration.
2. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on May 10, 2007.
3. 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.
4. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective May 31, 2007 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.

May 14, 2007  
(date)

  
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 Michael A. Rice  
 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 \_\_\_\_.

5/28/07  
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 (date)

  
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 President



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On May 10, 2007, the Faculty Senate approved the following amendment to section 8.2 of the Faculty Senate By-Laws (additions are ***bold underlined italics***, deleted language has strikethrough markings):

~~8.2 Secret mail~~ ballots of the General Faculty shall be conducted either to ratify amendments to the Senate Constitution or to recall Senate actions.

They shall be conducted as follows:

The Secretary of the Senate shall distribute a ballot to every eligible member of the faculty ***following a procedure adopted by the Faculty Senate. Mail shall include electronic mail.***

~~Two envelopes shall be distributed with the ballot. One envelope shall bear the word BALLOT, and will be used by the faculty member to enclose and seal his/her ballot. The second envelope shall be used as an outer mailing envelope. In order for a ballot to be valid, it must (1) be returned in the two envelopes as outlined above with the outer envelope signed, and (2) be received by the Secretary of the Senate within 15 days after the date on which the ballots were mailed to the faculty by the Secretary of the Senate, except that faculty members absent on official business may record their vote by telegram or radio telegram addressed to the Secretary of the Senate, in which case the ballot will not be secret, but it must be recorded within the time limit. The tellers will validate the eligibility of the voter by the outer signed envelope, and then separate inner sealed envelopes from the outer envelope so that the inner envelopes can no longer be identified with the individual voters before opening the inner envelopes and counting the ballots.~~

~~The outer envelopes shall be retained separately until the outcome of the referendum shall have been decided. The names of those faculty members who have returned ballots as identified by the signatures on the outer envelopes shall be made available to any interested party during the 15-day voting period. At the end of the 15-day ***referendum*** period the ballots shall be counted and the results certified to the President of the University and to the Chairperson of the Senate.~~

8.2 as amended reads as follows:

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At the end of the referendum period the ballots shall be counted and the results certified to the President of the University and to the Chairperson of the Senate.