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Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #2008-09-1: Add Period.

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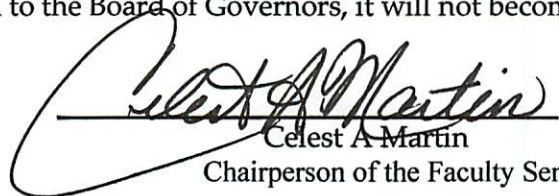
Serial Number #08-09--13

TO: President Robert L. Carothers

FROM: Celest A. Martin, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #2008-09-1: Add Period, is forwarded for your consideration.
2. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on February 19, 2009.
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 March 12, 2009, 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 20, 2009
(date)


Celest A. Martin
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 ___.

2/25/09
(date)


President

**UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
FACULTY SENATE
Academic Standards & Calendar Committee
Report #2008-09-1**

February 3, 2009

In September 2008, the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee was asked by Dean Libutti, the Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, to review the current add period policy and determine if it is meeting the needs of the students, faculty, and departments. The current add period that is advertised in the University Academic Calendar, affords students fourteen calendar days to add courses. This policy has been problematic for the University community.

After reviewing the current policy, recruiting feedback from stakeholders on campus (students, faculty, advisors, and Deans offices) and examining the policies of other schools, the committee decided that amending the add period policy was in the best interest of all members of the University.

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the revised policy 8:33:11 (to begin Fall 2009) that appears as follows:

Current Add Period Policy 8:33:11:

No course shall be added to a student's schedule after two weeks from the beginning of a semester. Courses offered by the Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Continuing Education may be added with the approval of the instructor prior to the third class meeting or by the prescribed University deadline, whichever is greater.

Proposed Add Period Policy 8:33:11:

For fall and spring semesters, the open add period extends for 7 days. This will consist of the first seven calendar days of the semester. An additional 7 calendar-day late add period allows students the opportunity to add courses via permission numbers granted at the discretion of the faculty member or other identified office.