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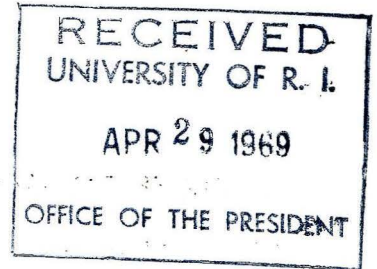
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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

FACULTY SENATE

BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate



TO: President Werner A. Baum

FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The Attached BILL, titled April 1969 Senate Revisions: S/U (Pass-Fail) Policy

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 24, 1969 (date)

4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Trustees, completing the appropriate endorsement below.

5. In accordance with Section 8, paragraph 2 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective on May 15, 1969 (date), 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 Trustees for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Trustees, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

April 29, 1969
(date)

Werner A. Baum /s/
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

1. Returned.

2. Approved ✓. Disapproved _____.

3. (If approved) In my opinion, transmittal to the Board of Trustees is not necessary.

4/30/69
(date)

Werner A. Baum /s/
President

ALTERNATE ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

FROM: The University President

- 1. Forwarded.
- 2. Approved.

_____ /s/
 (date) President

ENDORSEMENT 2.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Chairman of the Board of Trustees, via the University President.

- 1. Forwarded.

_____ /s/
 (date) _____
 (Office)

ENDORSEMENT 3.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: The University President

- 1. Forwarded from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

_____ /s/
 (date) President

Original received and forwarded to the Secretary of the Senate and Registrar for filing in the Archives of the University.

_____ /s/
 (date) Chairman of the Faculty Senate

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE
ON
PASS-FAIL COURSES

Certain courses, because of the nature of the subject matter or purpose, do not lend themselves to precise rating of grading of the students (e.g., research, seminar, practice teaching, band, etc.). Close differentiation of the students in any of these courses would be difficult and relatively meaningless. The Academic Standards Committee is recommending that provision be made so that some courses may be "S/U courses". In these courses, the only grade given would be Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U), (or P/F at the discretion of the registrar). Precedent for these grades already exists in the case of graduate research.

To qualify as an "S/U course" application would be made to the Curricular Affairs Committee by the appropriate college faculty. Approval of the Faculty Senate would then be required after recommendation by the Curricular Affairs Committee. "S/U courses" would be so labeled in the course description in the University catalog. Calculation of the students' quality point average would be the same as in the Intellectual Opportunity Plan.

Recommendation:

Revise 7.1.1 e to read:

e. Satisfactory and unsatisfactory. Certain courses do not lend themselves to precise grading (e.g., research, seminar). For these courses, only a grade of satisfactory or unsatisfactory 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. "S/U courses" should be so labeled in the catalog. An "S/U course" is not to be counted as a course taken under the Intellectual Opportunity Plan.

David Camp
Edmund J. Farrell
Marion Fry
Clarence Goertmiller
Stephen Schwarz
Sidney White
Ferdinand Votta, Jr., Chairman