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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

FACULTY SENATE

BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

RECEIVED
UNIVERSITY OF R. I.
FEB 23 1971
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TO: President Werner A. Baum

FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The Attached BILL, titled Communications Program *ref 70-71-30*

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 February 18, 1971 (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 March 11, 1971 (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.

February 19, 1971
(date)

Walter E. Ducey /s/
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

See attached ltr.

1. Returned.

2. Approved Disapproved

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

3/20/71
(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

- I. To provide a mechanism by which students may elect course work in written and oral communications, we recommend:
 1. That a COMMUNICATIONS heading be established under the section of the University Catalogue entitled, "Courses of Instruction."
 2. (a) That the SCRATCH course in written communication as approved by the Faculty Senate on May 20, 1970, when it adopted the interim report of the Special Senate Committee on Communications, be continued on an experimental basis for a second year.
 - (b) That the General Education Committee review the SCRATCH course in April, 1972, to determine whether it should be continued; and that this review include an examination of the "pass/no credit" grading procedure employed in the course. A
 3. That the following courses presently being offered by existing departments and programs be listed under the COMMUNICATIONS heading in the University Catalogue:
 - English 110, Composition
 - English 120, Composition
 - Journalism 212, News Writing and Reporting
 - Journalism 224, Magazine Writing and Feature Writing
 - Business Communication 421, Business Communication
 - SCRATCH 000W, Basic Communication
 - SCRATCH 000X, Forms of College Writing
 - SCRATCH 000Y, Advanced Composition
 - SCRATCH 000Z, Research Paper Writing
 - Speech 101, Fundamentals of Oral Communication
 - Speech 102, Public Speaking
 - Speech 215, Argumentation and Debate
 - Speech 220, Group Discussion
 4. That, in the future, additional courses proposed by these and other departments willing to become involved in the staffing and teaching of communications courses be listed under the COMMUNICATIONS heading in the University Catalogue, upon approval of the General Education Committee.

II. We recommend further:

1. That a fourth division, to be designated Division D, be established in the General Education Requirements; and that students be allowed, at their individual choice, to elect up to nine credits in written and oral communication from within this division in satisfaction of the 45 credits in general education now required.
2. That to implement this recommendation, the following changes be made in the language of the present General Education Requirements: (for reference see the General Education Committee report as approved by the Faculty Senate on 2/19/70).
 - (a) Introductory paragraph
Presently reads:
 "All undergraduate students in baccalaureate degree programs at the University and in its Division of University Extension are re-

quired to select and pass 45 credits of course work from the following three divisions. Of these credits, 18 shall be taken in one division, 15 in a second and 12 in a third. Within each division no more than 2 courses (6-8 credits) may be taken in one department or subject matter area for general education credit."

Change to read:

"All undergraduate students in baccalaureate degree programs at the University and in its Division of University Extension are required to select and pass 45 credits of course work from the following four divisions. The distribution of these credits may vary, depending on the number of credits a student may wish to elect within Division D. A student who elects to restrict his 45 credits to Divisions A, B, and C, shall take 18 credits in one division, 15 in a second, and 12 in a third. Those students who elect courses in Division D may not reduce any other divisional requirement by more than 3 credits. Within each division no more than 2 courses (6-8 credits) may be taken in one department or subject matter area for General Education credit."

- (b) After the description of Division C, insert the following:

"Division D

Students may elect up to 9 credits from among the courses listed under the COMMUNICATIONS ~~XX~~ heading in the section of the University Catalogue entitled, "Courses of Instruction." No more than two courses in writing or in speaking may be applied to the General Education Requirements."

- (c) EXCEPTIONS statement

Change the last part of the sentence from ". . . to any of the three divisions." to ". . . to Divisions A, B, or C."

III. We recommend further:

That Division D in the General Education Program embodied in Recommendations I and II above, become effective in the 1971-72 academic year, and that it apply to all undergraduate students then registered in the University.

IV. We recommend lastly:

That the [Joint Faculty Senate-Administrative Committee on Educational Policy] explore the desirability and feasibility of establishing an administrative division within, or department of, the University to assume responsibility for instruction and research in the area of communication.]

Office of the President

February 25, 1971

Professor Walter E. Mueller
Faculty Senate
E. Roosevelt Hall
Campus

Dear Walter:

I am writing in connection with Faculty Senate Bill # 70-71-23, entitled, "Communications Program."

This bill presents an unusual problem, and I would like to proceed in an unusual fashion.

Specifically, I would like to approve immediately only paragraph two of Section I of the Bill. This would permit experimental continuation of the "Scratch" course in written communication for a second year and review during next academic year.

I would like to ask for a delay beyond March 11 in responding to the remainder of the Bill. I am unclear as to its educational and fiscal implications. Extensive discussion of the matter within the Joint Committee on Education Policy as well as with others will probably be necessary before I can come to a conclusion as to the most appropriate course of action for me to follow.

I hope that, if the Executive Committee finds this a reasonable proposal, it may prove possible to divide the Bill into two separate ones, one for immediate action.

Cordially,



Werner A. Baum
President

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cc: Vice President Archer