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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

FACULTY SENATE

BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

RECEIVED
UNIVERSITY OF R. I.
MAY 24 1971
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TO: President Werner A. Baum

FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

- 1. The Attached BILL, titled Student Conduct Board and the Scholastic Integrity Committee

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 71-5-20 (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 71-6-10 (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.

71-5-21
(date)

Stephen D. Schwarz /s/
Chairman of the Faculty Senate
STEPHEN D. SCHWARZ

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.

5/31/71
(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

Proposals for Revision of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL
in regard to the
Student Conduct Board and the Scholastic Integrity Committee
and their respective appeal boards

I. Proposal for making specific the inclusion of graduate students within the jurisdiction of the Student Conduct Board/Scholastic Integrity Committee.

A. Justification

1. At present the MANUAL is silent regarding the handling of graduate student misconduct and scholastic integrity cases.

2. It is desirable to separate responsibility for hearing and adjudicating cases of misconduct and academic dishonesty from responsibility for general direction and guidance of graduate work.

3. Graduate and undergraduate students are on occasion involved in the same incidents and should be accorded the same treatment.

4. The established procedures and experience of the Student Conduct Board/Scholastic Integrity Committee provide a sound basis for guaranteeing the rights of students and of all others concerned.

5. Experience in Summer 1970 proved the worth of the projected move.

B. MANUAL revisions necessary to accomplish this end: (deletions are shown by /// and insertions by underlining)

5.19.10 THE STUDENT CONDUCT BOARD shall comprise two members of the teaching faculty appointed by the Faculty Senate: ~~two students appointed by the Student Senate~~ two undergraduate students appointed by the Student Senate to participate in cases involving undergraduate students or two graduate students appointed by the Graduate Student Association to participate in cases involving graduate students; and a participating chairman of professorial rank appointed by the President.

5.19.12 insert graduate and undergraduate: "over ~~XXXXXX~~ of graduate and undergraduate student discipline. . . ."

5.19.14 An appropriate member of the Division of Student Personnel Services, the Dean of the Graduate School or his representative, the representative of the prosecuting agency with authority in the case involved, or the plaintiff, as the case may be, shall specify. . . .

II. Proposal for consolidation of the Student Conduct Board and the Scholastic Integrity Committee, and of the Student Conduct Board of Appeal and the Scholastic Integrity Committee Board of Appeal.

A. Justification

1. Membership in the Conduct Board and the Scholastic Integrity Committee is identical; the same is true of the appeal boards.

2. Separation of these bodies is the result of conditions that have long since ceased to exist.

B. MANUAL revisions necessary to accomplish this end:

1. Delete the sections relating to the Scholastic Integrity Committee (5.54.10-13) and the Scholastic Integrity Committee Board of Appeal (5.55.10-11).

2. Change the name of the Student Conduct Board (5.19.10) to Board on Student Conduct and Scholastic Integrity, and the name of the Appeal Board (5.20.10) to The Appeal Board on Student Conduct and Scholastic Integrity.

3. Modify 5.19.12 by inserting "and academic dishonesty" after "discipline," placing a period after "dismissal," by deleting the following words: "excepting only those matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Scholastic Integrity," and by adding the sentence: "A case of cheating or other form of academic dishonesty involving a possible penalty of suspension or dismissal from the University shall be reported by the academic dean of the college or school in which the student is enrolled to the Dean of Students who shall thereupon arrange for a hearing of the case by the Board."

4. In 5.19.14 add the following after "faculty counsel before and during the hearing.": "In scholastic integrity cases the faculty member(s) involved or the academic dean of the college or school in which the student is enrolled, whichever is recommending suspension or dismissal, shall specify the alleged offense and shall present supporting evidence. In all other cases," Strike out the last sentence.

5. Make necessary changes in name, as stated in Sec. 2 above, in 5.20.10-14.

6. Make appropriate changes in names, as stated in Sec. 2 above, in section on Academic Integrity, 8.23.19.

III. Changes necessary to bring the MANUAL provisions into agreement with changes made in its procedures by the Board acting as a Committee on Rules (5.19.17).

5.19.13 Insert after "not guilty" the words: "or accept the student's decision to neither admit nor deny guilt," and after "in the event of a finding of guilty" the words: "or acceptance of the student's decision to neither admit nor deny guilt,"

5.19.14 Delete the last sentence: "Another member of the same Division shall be present at each hearing to consult with and to advise the Board."

5.19.15 Change "may" to "shall" in the first line and add "and" after "case," in the second line. Add at the end of this section: "Upon final approval or modification of the Board's action by the President, the Dean of Students and the academic dean of the college or school in which the student is registered shall have the responsibility of implementing any penalty, giving proper notification to all parties involved."

5.19.16 Replace "approval by the President of Board actions," with "disposition of a case," Replace "Beacon (the student newspaper)" with "Editors of student newspapers" Insert after "withholding the

name of the students involved" the words: "if the hearing has been closed," Add: "The Dean of Students and the academic dean of the college or school in which the student is registered shall where appropriate write letters to the parent or guardian of the student, giving full details of the case and the action taken."

5.19.17 Delete from the first sentence: "and the Dean of Students, ex officio,

IV. The revised section of the MANUAL would then read as follows:

5.19.10 The Board on Student Conduct and Scholastic Integrity shall comprise two members of the teaching faculty appointed by the Faculty Senate; two undergraduate students appointed by the Student Senate to participate in cases involving undergraduate students or two graduate students appointed by the Graduate Student Association to participate in cases involving graduate students; and a participating chairman of professorial rank appointed by the President. Alternate members shall be provided for each member in the same manner. No member of the Division of Student Personnel Services shall serve.

5.19.11 Members and alternates shall serve two-year terms. Any vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term.

5.19.12 The Board shall have exclusive jurisdiction over matters of graduate and undergraduate student discipline and academic dishonesty involving a penalty of suspension or dismissal. A case of cheating or other form of academic dishonesty involving a penalty of suspension or dismissal from the University shall be reported by the academic dean of the college or school in which the student is enrolled to the Dean of Students who shall thereupon arrange for a hearing of the case by the Board.

5.19.13 The Board shall provide a fair hearing in the matters within its jurisdiction. It shall make a finding of guilty or not guilty or accept the student's decision to neither admit nor deny guilt, and in the event of a finding of guilty or acceptance of the student's decision to neither admit nor deny guilt, shall designate an appropriate penalty. The entire Board shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of the Board shall be necessary for suspension or dismissal of a student.

5.19.14 A student whose case is before the Board shall be notified in writing, a reasonable time prior to the hearing, of the charges against him. He shall be allowed to present evidence and witnesses in his own behalf and shall be entitled to student or faculty counsel before and during the hearing. In scholastic integrity cases the faculty member(s) involved or the academic dean of the college or school in which the student is enrolled, whichever is recommending suspension or dismissal, shall specify the alleged offense and shall present supporting evidence. In all other cases, an appropriate member of the Division of Student Personnel Services, the Dean of the Graduate School or his representative, the representative of the prosecuting agency with authority in the case involved, or the plaintiff, as the case may be, shall specify the alleged offense or offenses and shall present evidence in substantiation thereof.

5.19.15 The President of the University shall review the record of

the case and may approve the findings and the penalty or may reduce or remove the penalty. Only in the event of an affirmative finding of fraud, unfairness or mistake, or on a claim of previously unavailable or unknown material evidence, shall he return the matter to the Board on Student Conduct and Scholastic Integrity or to the Appeal Board on Student Conduct and Scholastic Integrity for reconsideration. Upon final approval or modification of the Board's action by the President, the Dean of Students and the academic dean of the college or school in which the student is registered shall have the responsibility of implementing any penalty, giving proper notification to all parties involved.

5.19.16 Upon final disposition of a case, the chairman of the Board shall report the case to the Editors of student newspapers for publication therein, withholding the name of the student involved if the hearing has been closed, but including the penalty. The Dean of Students and the academic dean of the college or school in which the student is registered shall where appropriate write letters to the parent or guardian of the student, giving full details of the case and the action taken.

5.19.17 The chairman, all members, and all alternates shall constitute a committee on rules. This committee shall make appropriate rules governing the conduct of proceedings before the Board and shall amend the rules from time to time, limited in this power only by the requirement that the Board shall provide a fair hearing. This committee shall also recommend to the Faculty Senate such changes in the UNIVERSITY MANUAL regulations concerning the Board on Student Conduct and Scholastic Integrity as appear desirable. The committee on rules may invite the members and alternates of the Appeal Board on Student Conduct and Scholastic Integrity to consult with them.

XX 5.20.10 The Appeal Board on Student Conduct and Scholastic Integrity shall comprise two members of the teaching faculty appointed by the Faculty Senate; two undergraduate students appointed by the Student Senate to participate in cases involving undergraduate students or two graduate students appointed by the Graduate Student Association to participate in cases involving graduate students; and a participating chairman of professorial rank appointed by the President. Alternate members shall be provided for each member in the same manner. No member of the Division of Student Personnel Services shall serve.

5.20.11 Members and alternates shall serve two-year terms. Any vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term.

5.20.12 The Appeal Board shall have jurisdiction over appeals from decisions of the Board on Student Conduct and Scholastic Integrity when an allegation of fraud, denial of rights, unfairness or mistake or a claim of previously unavailable or unknown material evidence is put forth by the appellant.

5.20.13 The appellant shall file a detailed written statement setting forth such allegation or claim. The Board may call witnesses and hear evidence in support of the appeal.

5.20.14 The Appeal Board may return the case to the Board on Student Conduct and Scholastic Integrity for a new hearing or it may dismiss the appeal.

STUDENT CONDUCT BOARD - SCHOLASTIC INTEGRITY COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules

Richard Bailey
David DeFanti
Fred Test
Charles Whitcomb
Randi Olsen (Student)
Lance Dickinson (Student)
Mark Sullivan (Student)
Dean Paul Brubacher
William Metz, Chairman

FACULTY SENATE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, FACULTY SENATE OFFICERS, 1971-72

The Nominating Committee places the following names in nomination for the indicated offices.

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 Stephen Schwarz

Vice Chairman: William Kelly
 George Osborne

Executive Committee:

Two year term: Jean Houston
 Mary James

One year term: Jeanette Crooker
 George Fitzelle
 Walter Mueller
 Stanley Rubinsky

Submitted 14 May 1971

Richard Hauke, Chairman
Robert Kelley
Richard Skogley