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**THIS WAS NOT APPROVED.
AMENDED BY SA # 71-72-5 WHICH
WAS APPROVED**

Serial Number 71-72-1

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

FACULTY SENATE

BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

RECEIVED
UNIVERSITY OF R. I.
OCT 22 1971
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TO: President Werner A. Baum
FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The Attached BILL, titled Amendment to Senate Bill #70-71-42. (Proposal for the Establishment of a University Ombudsman) (Proposed legislation)

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 71-10-14 (date).
- 4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Regents, 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 71-11-4 (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.

71-10-15
(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 with explanatory letter
- 2. Approved _____ Disapproved _____
- 3. (If approved) In my opinion, transmittal to the Board of Regents is not necessary.

October 24, 1971
(date)

Werner A. Baum /s/
President

(OVER)

ALTERNATE ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Board of Regents.

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 Regents, 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 Regents.

_____/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

Delete: Section V. The Student Assistant Ombudsman and substitute the following:

V. The Student Assistant Ombudsman.

The Ombudsman will be assisted by a student who shall be elected by the Student Senate for a one year term and shall be eligible to succeed himself in a subsequent election. The Student Ombudsman will perform his duties in consultation with and under the direction of the Faculty Ombudsman. The Student Assistant Ombudsman will receive a stipend of \$500 per semester, to be paid by the University."

Delete: Section VI. Provisions for the Office and substitute the following:

VI. Provisions of the Office

The Ombudsman will use the facilities of his regular departmental office. The question of his teaching load shall be decided in consultation with his departmental chairman, his Dean, and the Academic Vice-President. Every effort shall be made to reduce his teaching load appropriately. He shall be free of all committee assignments, student advising and other similar duties, during his term in office. Upon the completion of the initial two year term of the Ombudsman, the provisions of the office as described in this paragraph shall be reviewed by the Faculty Senate.

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
KINGSTON, R. I. 02881

Office of the President

October 26, 1971

Dr. Stephen D. Schwarz
Chairman, Faculty Senate
Roosevelt Hall, Campus

Dear Steve:

Implementation of the designation of an Ombudsman requires initiative by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate. I would appreciate your taking that initiative, so that future time loss will be at a minimum, even though I must regrettably return Bill #70-71-1 for further action.

The amendment introduced on the floor by Mr. McKee and adopted by the Senate has made the bill technically unacceptable. Section V will require further modification.

Specifically, as currently worded, the Section would permit the Student Senate to elect an employee of the University. This, of course, is not feasible.

A possible re-wording of the Section might be as follows:
"The Ombudsman will be assisted by a student who shall be appointed by the President of the University upon the advice of the Student Senate. The Student Ombudsman will perform his duties in consultation with and under the direction of the Faculty Ombudsman, shall serve a one-year term, and shall be eligible to succeed himself. The Student Assistant Ombudsman will receive a stipend of \$500 per semester, to be paid by the University."

I trust the matter will proceed as promptly as possible.

Cordially,



Werner A. Baum
President

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cc: Mr. John McKee