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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

FACULTY SENATE

BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

RECEIVED
UNIVERSITY OF R. I.
MAY 26 1972
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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

1. The Attached BILL, titled INTERIM REPORT FACULTY SENATE
LIBRARY COMMITTEE 1971-1972

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 72-5-18 (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 72-6-8 (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.

May 24, 1972
(date)

Stephen B. Wood /s/
Chairman of the Faculty Senate
STEPHEN B. WOOD

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ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate
FROM: President of the University

MAY 30 1972
UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
FACULTY SENATE

- 1. Returned.
- 2. Approved Disapproved

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

SPK/mz
(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.

(date) _____ President /s/

ENDORSEMENT 2.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

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

1. Forwarded.

(date) _____ /s/

(Office)

ENDORSEMENT 3.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: The University President

1. Forwarded from the Chairman of the Board of Regents.

(date) _____ President /s/

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

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

RECOMMENDATION B, though approved by Senate, is in contravention to By-Laws. Referred to Chairman and Executive Committee for resolution on year to year basis.

INTERIM REPORT
FACULTY SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE
1971-1972

I. RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. The Faculty Senate Library Committee recommends that the members of the Committee be appointed for each academic year at the first regular Faculty Senate meeting of the fall semester.
- B. The Faculty Senate Library Committee recommends that one-half of the members of the Committee be appointed for a two year term and one-half for a one year term in the first semester of 1972 - 1973. Thereafter, appointments would be for two years for all members.
- C. The Faculty Senate Library Committee recommends that the Committee be assigned an active role in the formation of the Planning Committee for the New Library and be allowed to participate on the Planning Committee, possibly as a sub-committee.
- D. The Faculty Senate Library Committee recommends that the term ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS (Faculty Manual, 10th Edition 7.10.10) be changed to INSTRUCTORS IN THE LIBRARY.

~~E. The Faculty Senate Library Committee recommends that the following change made in the wording of ARTICLE III (Membership), Paragraph 1, Appendix B-3, Constitution of the Faculty Senate; 10th Edition of the Faculty Manual:~~

~~From: "The President, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice President of Student Affairs, the deans of the colleges and schools, the Dean of the Graduate School, shall be members of the Senate ex officio without the right to vote, but with the right to make and second motions".~~

~~To: "The President, the deans of the colleges and schools, the University Librarian, the Dean of the Graduate School, make and second motions".~~

F. The Faculty Senate Library Committee recommends that the following changes be made in the wording of Section 5.75.12., Curricular Affairs Committee, Faculty Manual, 10th Edition:

From: "The committee shall comprise two representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences and one from each of the other colleges and schools of the University including the Graduate School of Oceanography, the Graduate Library School, and the Division of University Extension, the President or his designated representative, and the University Librarian."

To: "The committee shall
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....., the Graduate Library School, ~~the University Library~~ and the
..... representative, and the University Librarian or his designated representative."

G. The Faculty Senate Library Committee approves of the proposed use of Rodman Hall as a temporary annex to the University Library and recommends that all space in Rodman Hall other than that now occupied by the telephone system be assigned to the Library, at least until a permanent new library becomes an accomplished fact.

II. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A. The delayed announcement of the continuation of the Faculty Senate Library Committee until mid-December, 1971 prevented committee meetings in the first semester until mid-January. A large back-log of subjects needing the Committee's attention precluded proper attention to all in the time allotted before the annual report became due in late April. This situation is neither conducive to maximum assistance to the University Librarian nor to the Campus community.

B. Though the expressed interest of appointed members to the Committee is unquestioned, the Library problems are sufficiently complex to require a semester or two of service to become fully aware of their physical and sociological intricacies. A minimum of two years of service should increase effectiveness of members.

By a process of staggering appointments of half of the Committee on an annual basis continuity of effort will be maintained.

- C. It is self evident to persons only moderately informed in physical, library matters that the present U.R.I. Library is something less than ideal from an efficient, functional viewpoint. In order to avoid some of the more dangerous pitfalls in the planning of a new Library it would appear sound to have representation by professional librarians and library committee members on any proposed Library Planning Committee.
- D. The recommended change is merely a substitution of terms and not a change in status. It results from a formal request by the University of Rhode Island Professional Librarians Association addressed to University Librarian, George R. Parks on December 14, 1971. The pertinent reasoning is quoted as follows:
- "The reasons for requesting the change lies in the confusion which has resulted on campus from the title "Assistant Librarian". Even though it clearly states in the University Manual that the title "Assistant Librarian" is equivalent in all respects to "Instructor", it has become apparent that there are many on campus who do not equate the two. The title "Assistant Librarian" implies to many a position in the Library rather than a faculty rank."
- E. In as much as deans of all colleges and schools as well as all other academic and administrative heads are specifically identified relative to ex officio status on the Faculty Senate, it is pertinent that the administrative head of the University Library also be accorded similar identification. The change recommended merely inserts the appropriate modifying phrase.
- F. On page 18 in the 10th Edition of the Faculty Manual, academic units such as University Extension are specifically delineated therefore the University Library, as an extremely important academic unit with a faculty, should be specifically identified. Also, the University Librarian, being an Administrative head should have the privilege of designating a representative. The changes recommended merely insert the appropriate, modifying phrases.

- G. The URI Space Committee, following presentation of data by the University Librarian, engaged consultants to study Rodman Hall as well as other possibilities as an interim overflow library. At this time use of Rodman for library purposes has been approved in principle. The purpose of the subject recommendation by this Committee is to ensure the availability of all space in Rodman to the University Library, at least until the new permanent quarters are provided.

III. GENERAL SUMMARY

Four meetings were held with most members of the Faculty Senate Library Committee present at each meeting. All recommendations appearing in the Annual (Interim) Report to the Faculty Senate were approved.

Additional inter-departmental and campus community related areas of interest to which the Committee contributed included:

- (1) Support of the Library's intention to establish on-line connection with the Ohio College Library Center under the auspices of the New England Library Information Network.

Based upon experience this year in Ohio and a current test for NELINET being conducted at Dartmouth College, the cathode ray tube terminal connection with the computer in Columbus, Ohio is expected to greatly expand the Library's capacity to catalog new acquisitions, to speed the ordering of books, to enhance the interlibrary loan operation and, as new programs are brought up, to improve serials control, circulation, and the accumulation of management information.

All of these activities depend upon the building of a machine record of the holdings of this and other cooperating libraries and the multiple manipulation of those bibliographic and holding records. The Ohio system includes 49 academic libraries and NELINET now has a membership of over thirty. Since other academic consortia are also expected to join with OCLC and NELINET, we may be participating in the first stages of the development of a national library information network which serves the entire academic community.

- (2) Addition of Dr. Calvin Brainard to the Committee by its request followed by affirmative action by the Faculty Senate.

- (3) Suggestion to the University Librarian that a list of interested and qualified persons on library affairs be compiled in order to assist the Faculty Senate in filling committee assignments.
- (4) Encouragement and approval of the work of Mr. Parks and all of the Library personnel on the format and distribution of the new monthly Accession List and the Library Newsletter.
- (5) Approval in principle of the conversion of all bound serials to microfilm in order to save badly needed space and to provide better access than now possible. Further study is indicated and suggestions from the campus are solicited.
- (6) Approval in principle of the University Librarian's proposal to divide the catalog files into separate author and subject index areas. This would lower congestion in catalog areas. Factors of space, cost and human effort will be studied during the summer of 1972.

IV. END OF REPORT

Faculty Senate Library Committee, 1971-1972

Calvin H. Brainard	Business Administration
Francis W. Chin	Graduate Library School
Lewis J. Hutton	Languages
Patrecia Lepper	Graduate Student
Edward Nichols	Industrial Engineering
George R. Parks	University Librarian
James G. Quinn	Graduate School of Oceanography
Linda Robertson	Undergraduate Student
Albert E. Griffiths, Chairman	Resource Development