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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

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TO: President Frank Newman

FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled <u>One Hundred and Twenty-Second Report of the Curri-</u>
cular Affairs Committee: Section IV - 4.77 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate

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 3, 1977 .
- 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 February 24, 1977 (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 Regents for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Regents, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

February 4, 1977

(date)

Daniel P. Bergen

Chairman of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

- 1. Returned.
- 2. Approved ____. Disapproved____.
- (If approved) In my opinion, transmittal to the Board of Regents is not necessary.

2/18/77 Frank hewwar President

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or 3. waive the free elective requirement for the B.G.S. degree.

The CAC recommends that the University choose the third option. The Dean of University Extension believes that the addition of 6 credits to the graduation requirements (option #1) would detract from the value of this time-shortened program. To eliminate concentration requirements (option #2) seems unwise. The B.G.S. concentration in Business includes one third fewer business courses than do the B.S. concentrations offered by the College of Business Administration. Of the 45 concentration credits in the B.G.S. concentration in Business, only 18 credits are at the 300- or 400-level. It seems inadvisable to reduce the concentration requirements still further.

(NOTE: On <u>November 6, 1975</u>, the Faculty Senate granted exemptions from the free elective requirement to the B.S. programs in Chemical Engineering and Chemical and Ocean Engineering.)

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SECTION IV

The Curricular Affairs Committee submits the following proposed changes to section 4.77 of the Senate By-Laws (formerly 5.75.12) to the Faculty Senate for confirmation:

1. Replace the Dean, University Libraries or his representative with an elected faculty member from the University Library.

Rationale: Librarians have faculty status. They are represented in the Faculty Senate; it is anachronistic that their CAC member is appointed by the Dean when other faculty representatives are elected by their academic units. Dean Parks endorses this change.

2. Add the Associate Dean for Academic Programs of the School for Continuing Education.

Rationale: Section 4.77 of the By-Laws allows for representation of all the "undergraduate colleges" on the C.A.C. The School of Continuing Education will be an undergraduate college in that it will offer its own baccalaureate degree: the Bachelor of General Studies degree.

All other undergraduate colleges are represented on the CAC by full-time, continuing faculty members. However, the School of Continuing Education has not yet been authorized to hire its own full-time continuing faculty. Dean Dillavou believes that Dean Byrne, the Associate Dean for Academic Programs, would be the most appropriate administrator to represent the School of Continuing Education on the CAC.

The CAC believes that, if and when, the School of Continuing Education has full-time continuing faculty members, the faculty should elect its own representative to the CAC.

If the changes proposed in recommendations #1 and #2 are approved, section $\frac{4.77}{1}$ of the By-Laws would read (changes are underlined):

4.77 The committee shall comprise four representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences, one from the University Librar, and one from each of the following undergraduate colleges: Business Administration, Engineering, Home Economics, Nursing, Pharmacy and Resource Development; the President or his designated representative; and the Associate Dean for Academic Programs of

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the School of Continuing Education. The representatives of the colleges shall be selected for their experience with and knowledge of academic problems, both general and local, and to be eligible shall hold the rank of instructor or above...

These changes are to become effective in September, 1977.

Because the proposed changes are to the By-Laws of the Senate, they cannot be voted upon at the meeting they are introduced and require a 2/3 majority for approval.

* or Division of University Extension