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## Fall Convocation, September 14, 1977

University of Rhode Island Faculty Senate

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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE  
BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

RECEIVED  
UNIVERSITY OF R. I.  
APR 26 1977  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TO: President Frank Newman

FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Fall Convocation, September 14, 1977

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 April 21, 1977 (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 May 12, 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.

April 22, 1977  
(date)

Daniel P. Bergen  
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 \_\_\_\_\_
3. (If approved) In my opinion, transmittal to the Board of Regents is not necessary.

5/3/77  
(date)

F. Newman  
President

(OVER)

ALTERNATE ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Board of Regents

FROM: The University President

1. Forwarded.
2. Approved.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date) \_\_\_\_\_ President

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ENDORSEMENT 2.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

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

1. Forwarded.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Office)

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ENDORSEMENT 3.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: The University President

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date) \_\_\_\_\_ President

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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

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

On April 21, 1977, the Faculty Senate adopted the following recommendation of the Executive Committee:

That the Faculty Senate support the concept of holding a Fall Convocation on September 14, 1977 as proposed by the Administrative Council.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

CONVOCATION

1. Objectives --

- \*To focus the University community on what it is that is central to the University and what goes on here.
- \*To be reminded of an ancient tradition. The convocation would give a sense of continuity with other institutions and other times.
- \*To enhance a sense of community.
- \*To set the tone for the year.
- \*To remind ourselves, and the world, that we are proud of ourselves and our accomplishments at the University.

2. Date and Time --

2:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 14 (The scheduled meeting of University Faculty is to be incorporated into the Convocation.)

3. Suggested location -- Edwards Auditorium

With a capacity to seat 1040 persons Edwards Auditorium would seem to fulfill the criteria set forth in the Administrative Council and Faculty Senate Executive Committee discussions. That is, representation of all constituencies (rather than maximum involvement) is the objective.

4. Tentative Program --

- \*Procession in academic regalia.
- \*Presiding -- President
- \*Invocation -- something optimistic and hopeful for the upcoming year -- a University chaplain
- \*Greetings -- Chairman, Board of Regents or Chairman, Post-secondary Subcommittee.

\*Comments from the President

\*Presentation of Excellence Awards

- Staff Excellence Award
- Administrative Excellence Award
- Teaching Excellence Award

\*Distinguished Faculty Address -- talk by an outstanding faculty member on an issue which is profound but of general interest. (The faculty member should be someone whose scholarship is very strong. We expect the address to be something which we could print and distribute).

\*Recognition of newly promoted and newly tenured professors (these persons are introduced and asked to stand).

\*Presentation of Candidates for Degrees:

- a. Undergraduate Candidates                      -Vice President Ferrante
- b. Graduate Candidates                              -Dean Michel

\*Music to be provided by URI Music Department

- Prelude and Processional
- The National Anthem
- Recessional

(in consultation with Music faculty)

5. Printed Program --

\*modest but befitting the occasion

\*it should include the names of students winning the Student Departmental Excellence Awards and perhaps other awards as well.

6. Costs --

- \*Printing of program
- \*Distinguished Faculty of the Year Award
- \*Printing of the faculty address

7. Partial Open House -- which academic areas to be determined.

8. Planning group -- Commencement Committee.