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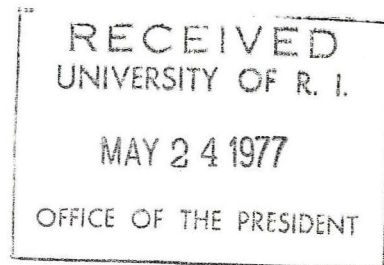
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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE
BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate



TO: President Frank Newman

FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Recommendations from the Graduate Council for Changes in Procedures Relating to Graduate Assistants

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 May 19, 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 June 9, 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.

May 20, 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.

June 8, 1977
(date)

Frank Newman
President

(OVER)

ALTERNATE ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Board of Regents

FROM: The University President

1. Forwarded.
2. Approved.

(date)

President

ENDORSEMENT 2.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

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

1. Forwarded.

(date)

(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

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

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MEMORANDUM

To: Frank Newman, President UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
William R. Ferrante, Vice President FACULTY SENATE
Dan Bergen, Chairperson, Faculty Senate

From: Dean A. A. Michel, Graduate School *A. A. Michel*

Date: April 25, 1977

Re: Recommendations from the Graduate Council for
Changes in Procedures Relating to Graduate Assistants

I am attaching a copy of the first set of recommendations from the Graduate Council Committee on Graduate Student Life as amended and approved by the Graduate Council at its Meeting No. 162 on April 15, 1977. An earlier version of recommendations (1) through (4) was approved by the Council of Deans on November 3, 1976. Please note that recommendation (6) reads, "that these provisions, when approved, shall appear in the Graduate Student Manual and University Manual, as appropriate."

Recognizing that some of these changes are purely administrative, while others involve broader issues of University governance, I have requested the Faculty Senate's Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee to review them and advise us as to the proper route by which they should find their way into the University Manual.

The CBUM Committee has indicated that recommendations (1) and (2) are purely administrative. Therefore, I should and do request the President directly to approve them and have them added to the University Manual (with the deletion of the material in square brackets, which is needed for initial or explanatory purposes, but should not go into the Manual where it would soon become obsolete or redundant). These provisions would appear only in the University Manual.

In regard to recommendations (3), (4) and (5), the opinion of the CBUM Committee is that they should be approved by both the Faculty Senate and the President for insertion into the University Manual. An editorial change should be made in the material in parenthesis at the end of recommendation (3), to read--(including where applicable the extent of responsibility for determining grades)--to clarify that there is no conflict with Sec. 7.80.14 of the University Manual which provides that no graduate assistant shall have sole responsibility for determining grades. Provisions (3), (4) and (5) will also appear in the Graduate Student Manual.

Provision (6) has just been discussed, and Provision (7) is a matter for the future reference of the Graduate Council.

C. College of Business Administration
1. Department of Management Science
a. Add (New)

MGS (FIN-INS)685 Health; Financial Management and Insurance I,3
Financial and economic analysis of the interactions between consumers and providers of health care, and public and private prepayment and insurance programs. Industry price structure and the long and short term capital requirements. Nature and interpretations of health care institutions financial reports. Techniques of financial planning and control; operation of third party reimbursement contracts; capital needs, planning and acquisition. (Lec 3) Staff

MGS (FIN-INS)686 Public Policy Issues in the Health System II,3
A systematic review of the development and present status of selected policy issues in the social and economic status of the health and medical care system. Topics include studies of the demand and supply of health and medical care; problems in the public and private financing of health and medical services and implications concerning national health insurance, prospective reimbursement, health maintenance organizations, certificate-of-need and capital financing restrictions; restrictions on entry; health professional earnings; manpower "shortages "; prices of health services and validity of current price indices. (Lec 3) Staff

May I request of Dan Bergen that the entire proposal, along with this explanatory memorandum regarding those items which require Senate action, be placed on the Faculty Senate agenda for the meeting of May 19, 1977, so that the necessary changes can be made in the next supplement to the University Manual?

May I request of Bill Ferrante that these items be distributed to the Dean's Council as an informational item?

Many thanks to you all.

AAM:jmo

cc: Professor Fritz Wenisch, Chairman
Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee

The proposal as voted follows:

(1) that for both graduate and undergraduate program planning purposes the general allocation of graduate assistantships (7.11.12 of University Manual) be made to colleges and by them to departments on a three-year basis, subject to review in the Fall of the third academic year. [To start the process, a general review should be made in the Fall of 1977, for allocations from academic 1978-79 through 1981-82.] This provision must not preclude an interim review and reallocation where a major change occurs in the underlying premises for allocation (such as undergraduate or graduate enrollment, [or the implementation of a BTF recommendation, an alternate thereto,] or a consolidation or separation of departments or programs or a change in the budget.)

(2) that the Dean of the Graduate School and the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs participate with the Dean of the College or head of the other administrative unit to which the graduate assistants may be assigned in the triennial and interim reviews, and that they submit their recommendations to the Vice President for Academic Affairs who will decide in cases of disagreement. [The reason for including both deans shall be to ensure that all interests are represented.] Those programs or units (such as the Graduate School of Oceanography or the Bureau of Government Research) which have no undergraduate enrollment will be represented by their administrative head in the review process.

* (3) that for the purpose of these reviews and to improve communications among administrators and graduate assistants, a written list of duties normally assigned to graduate assistants shall be prepared by the Department or other unit and provided to each prospective graduate assistant (as defined in Sec. 7.11.12 of the University Manual) and graduate research assistant (Sec. 7.11.13) with the initial offer of the assistantship. When assigned or reassigned to a specific position, the graduate student, the immediate supervisor, the College Dean or administrative head and the Dean of the Graduate School shall receive a written description of the duties to be performed, including how the assistant is to be supervised, the extent of responsibilities (including where applicable ~~the extent of~~ ^{the extent of responsibility} for determining grades), the approximate working hours per week, etc.

* (4) that questions arising over the conditions of employment of graduate assistants, when not settled at the department level, be referred to the College Dean or administrative head and Dean of the Graduate School, who will consult with each other. If not resolved at this level, they shall be referred to the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, whose decision shall be final.

* (5) each department or other unit shall draft guidelines on how its graduate assistantships are apportioned and assigned which will be made available to graduate students with the initial and each subsequent offer and upon request. Currently enrolled graduate assistants should be notified of their status for reappointment about April 1 of each year.

(6) that these provisions, when approved, shall appear in the Graduate Student Manual and University Manual, as appropriate.

(7) that parts (3) and (5) be reviewed by the Council two years after implementation.

*editorial change for clarification: insert--the extent of--; delete "that"

* Approved by the Faculty Senate.