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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE
BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Frank Newman

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Voting Rights

_____ 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 September 14, 1978 (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 October 5, 1978 (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.

September 20, 1978
(date)

Dorothy F. Donnelly
Dorothy F. Donnelly
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

1. Returned.
2. a. Approved ✓.
- b. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Regents _____.
- c. Disapproved _____.

9/20/78
(date)

Frank Newman
President

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON VOTING RIGHTS

August 15, 1978

I. Background Information

When the creation of the College of Human Science and Services was approved by the Faculty Senate in May, 1977, questions were raised regarding the voting rights of persons who held various academic positions in the departments within the new college. In the Fall of 1977, a small committee comprising the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Chairperson of the Faculty Senate and the Coordinator of the College of Human Science and Services was formed to determine the voting rights of persons assigned to the new college. In order to resolve the questions on a university-wide basis, the Faculty Senate, upon recommendation of the Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee, created the Ad Hoc Committee on Voting Rights in December, 1977. The Ad Hoc Committee on Voting Rights was charged with reviewing existing practices and proposing recommendations to the Faculty Senate at the first meeting in the Fall, 1978.

The Ad Hoc Committee met during the spring semester, 1978, distributed a questionnaire to all college deans and department chairpersons, and as a result of the information received and of the committees' deliberations, proposes four changes to the University Manual.

The following assumptions were agreed upon by the committee during its deliberations and are the basis for the committee's recommendations:

- a. Participation in staff, department, and/or college affairs by means of oral and written comments should be encouraged for all professional faculty.
- b. The nature and extent of commitment by certain non-continuing faculty may be such that voting rights pertaining to academic programs would be ill-advised for such persons.
- c. The decision on whether or not voting rights be extended should not be left arbitrarily to departments and colleges.

II. Recommendations

- a. Add the following new section 4.50.13 under College Faculties (4.50.10-12):
4.50.13 Voting on matters which require approval by the Faculty Senate shall be limited to continuing faculty holding any of the ranks listed in 7.10.10.
- b. Add the following new section 4.60.12 under Department Faculties (4.60.10-11):
4.60.12 Voting on matters which require approval of the Faculty Senate shall be limited to continuing faculty holding any of the ranks listed in 7.10.10.

- c. Change section 4.11.10 as follows (change is underlined):

4.11.10 Membership in the University Faculty, also referred to as the General Faculty, shall be based on appointment by the President and on direct participation in or supervision of any of the following activities: teaching, librarianship, and research, within the University. The General Faculty shall consist of continuing professors, associate professors, assistant professors, instructors (C.F. 7.10.10); the President, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the academic dean(s) of each college or school, the Dean, University Libraries, and the Dean of University Extension.

- d. Change section 4.11.11 as follows (change is underlined):

4.11.11 Any person who has had faculty status and who is transferred in the University to a position or office which in itself does not carry such status shall retain faculty status so long as that person is employed by the University. However, that person shall not have rank, voting privileges in department or college meetings on matters requiring Faculty Senate approval, tenure (unless earned before the transfer), or the right of salary increment as defined for academic rank.

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