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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE
BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

RECEIVED
UNIVERSITY OF R. I.
OCT 25 1978
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TO: President Frank Newman

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

- 1. The attached BILL, titled Recommendation of the University College and General Education Committee Regarding Proposed Program for Communications Skills

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 28, 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 November 15, 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.

October 25, 1978
(date)

Elizabeth Gates Kesler, Vice Chair for
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 _____.

10/25/78
(date)

F. Newman
President

* Three weeks from date signed by Vice Chairperson of the Faculty Senate
Form revised 7/78

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FACULTY SENATE

On September 28, 1978, the Faculty Senate adopted the following recommendation of the University College and General Education Committee:

- (1) Every college and every department or committee which offers undergraduate degree programs is responsible for the improvement of the communications skills of its students.
- (2) Every academic unit with direct responsibility for an undergraduate degree program shall review the communications skill portions of its program. Upon completion of this review, each unit shall:
 - (a) Prepare a written statement for distribution to its majors describing the communications skills components of the program and stating its expectations for its graduates.
 - (b) If deemed necessary, introduce new opportunities for its students to practice communicating ideas orally and in writing and to receive constructive criticism of their performance. Such opportunities may take the form of special seminars or other exercises either in connection with existing courses or not, as appropriate.
 - (c) Report its findings and/or plans to the appropriate academic dean.
- (3) Teaching units may consult with such campus resources as the Chairperson of the Department of Speech Communication, the Director of the SCRATCH program (and/or an appropriate person designated by the English Department), the Chairperson of the Department of Languages and/or the Director of the Reading Program (Dept. of Education) for the purpose of consulting on their work in communication skills.
- (4) Four years after this policy is enacted, the Senate Committee on General Education and University College shall report to the Senate, appraising the progress made in fulfilling the responsibility referred to above and making such recommendations as it deems advisable.