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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND Kingston, Rhode Island

> FACULTY SENATE BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

T0: President Frank Newman

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

The attached BILL, titled Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report 1.

#78-79-1: New Section of Chapter 8 of the University Manual on Withdrawal

from the University and amendment to section 8.12.16 of the University Manual

is forwarded for your consideration.

2. The original and two copies for your use are included.

- This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on February 8. 1979 3.
- (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.
- In accordance with Section 8, paragraph 2 of the Senate's By-Laws, this 5. bill will become effective on <u>March 1, 1979</u> (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 12, 1979 (date)

Dorothy F. Donnelly Chairperson of the Faculty Sénate

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

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Approved 2. а.

> Approved subject to final approval by Board of Regents b.

с. Disapproved

Jeb 26, 1979 (date)

7. Newman President

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE REPORT # 78-79-1

December 22, 1978

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends:

1) That the following new manual section be approved and inserted at an appropriate place in chapter 8 of the University Manual.

Undergraduate

8.XX.XX A Students who withdraw from the University after the date designated as the last day for dropping courses and who seek readmission to the University for the next semester shall be readmitted only upon approval of the Scholastic Standing Committee for the college or school in which registration is desired.

2) That existing University Manual paragraph 8.12.16 be replaced with proposed paragraph 8.12.16 as indicated below.

existing 8.12.16.

proposed 8.12.16

A student may withdraw from a course later than the announced expiration date for withdrawal if at mid-term the student has requested but received no evaluation of his or her work in the course. Such withdrawal requires the consent of the department chairman. However, in the absense of the chairman, or if the chairman is the instructor, the student may withdraw from the course with the consent of the dean of the college. A student may drop a course later than the announced expiration date for dropping if at mid-term the student has requested but received no evaluation of his or her work in the course. Such a drop requires the consent of the department chairman. However, in the absence of the chairman, or if the chairman is the instructor, the student may drop the course with the consent of the dean of the college. University College and General Education Committee Report 78-79-2 13 December 1978

The Committee recommends adding GEG 409 to the list of courses exempted from counting towards Division C of the University General Education requirements listed on page 10 of the 1978-79 Catalogue.

RATIONALE: The members of the Committee agree with the recommendation of Professor Havens of the Geography Department and of the CAC, that GEG 409 is too advanced and non-general in nature to meet the criteria for a course in general education.

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND The Graduate School

CURRICULAR REPORT FROM THE GRADUATE COUNCIL TO THE FACULTY SENATE - Report No. 1978-79-5

At its Meeting No. 180 held December 15, 1978 the Graduate Council considered and approved the following curricular matters which are now submitted to the Faculty Senate for information or confirmation as indicated.

I. Matters of Information.

A. <u>College of Nursing</u> 1. Temporary Courses

NUR 513X Advanced Mental Health Nursing II II,3 Theoretical investigation into current modes of Advanced Mental Health Nursing to improve mental health status of families and small groups in communities. Relevance and application to nursing and nursing research are analyzed. (Lec 3) Pre: NUR 511X and NUR 512X. Garner/Feather

NUR 514x Advanced Mental Health Nursing Intervention II,3 Application of the various theoretical and mental health nursing approaches to family, group and community modes of intervention. (Lab 6) Pre: NUR 511X, NUR 512X and co-requisite with NUR 513X Garner/Feather

- B. College of Resource Development
 - 1. Department of Fisheries and Marine Technology
 - a. Temporary Course

FMT 519X Fishing Vessel Technology II,3 Principles of naval architecture applied to fishing vessels: ship geometry and calculations, stability and trim, propulsion, seakeeping, strength, construction methods and materials. (Lec 3) Pre: FMT 518 or permission of instructor. Sainsbury

2. Department of Plant Pathology-Entomology

a. Temporary Course

PLP 571X Plants, Insects and Pathogens II,3 Two-part investigation of insect-microbe associations concentrating upon the comparative pathobiology of microbial agents in the insect host and the transmission of plant disease organisms by insect vectors. (Lec 3) Pre: PLP(Z00) 381 and MIC 211 or permission of instructor. LeBrun

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FACULTY SENATE

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE REPORT #78-79-1

December 22, 1978

BACKGROUND:

This report presents two recommendations which were developed in the course of reviewing Commission on Undergraduate Education proposal 30.2. This proposal reads:

That students be permitted to withdraw from the University after mid-semester only for adequate cause.

In its report to the parent CUE committee dated 15 January 1977, the CUE Subcommittee on Grading Practices stated as rationale for CUE 30.2 that:

> The procedure for withdrawal from the University (c.f. 8.61.10-8.61.12) is being widely abused. Students frequently withdraw from the University and apply for readmittance for the next semester on the same day. In effect the student is simply dropping all his courses after midsemester. If the intent is to permit students to drop all courses in order to avoid poor grades. then a simpler system involving less paper work and less subterfuge should be devised. Our interpretation of the intent of the withdrawal procedure is that it is to allow students faced with crisis situations or unavoidable obligations such as military service (though currently unlikely in the absence of conscription) to leave the University without penalty.

This Committee agrees with the above interpretation of the intent of the withdrawal procedure and is interested in curbing abuses. Yet because crises situations can be enormously varied, difficult to judge, and invented if necessary, the Committee does not think that direct attempts should be made to control withdrawals. Instead, we think a more fruitful approach would be to control readmission to the University after withdrawal. Recommendation 1) below is directed towards this end.

The second recommendation below is principally editorial in nature and only indirectly related to the first. The problem is that University Manual paragraph 8.12.16 uses the term "withdrawal" as a synonym for "dropping". In order to preserve the terminological distinction, we are recommending the obvious changes.