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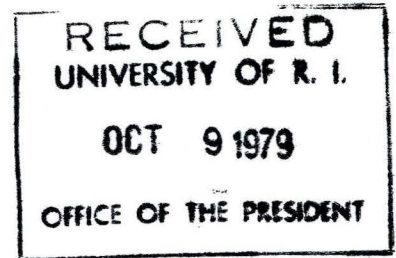
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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE
BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate



TO: President Frank Newman
FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

- 1. The attached BILL, titled Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #78-79-4

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 October 4, 1979 (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 25, 1979 (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 5, 1979
(date)

Alvin K. Swonger
Alvin K. Swonger
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 _____.

10/18/79
(date)

F. Newman
President

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE

Report #78-79-4

March 12, 1979

BACKGROUND:

This committee has recently completed its review of CUE proposal 29.11 which recommends

That at mid-semester instructors be required to return rosters indicating next to each student's name either the designation A for "attending" or NA for "not attending." The Registrar shall issue grade cards only for those students designated as attending a course. No grade cards shall be issued until the roster for a course is returned by the instructor.

This proposal was intended to reduce the need for and the practice of using the "NR" grade designation by requiring instructors to make a deliberate effort to purge the names of non-attending students from mid-semester rosters.

This committee would welcome the intended effects of the CUE proposal; however, in our opinion the additional time and effort which would be required both from the faculty and from Registrar's office personnel are not justified by the expected benefits. Potentially as effective but less cumbersome would be to allow instructors to request the Registrar to delete names of non-attending students from each class roster except the last. This can be accomplished by modifying existing University Manual regulation 8.12.14 as indicated below.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that existing University Manual paragraph 8.12.14 be replaced with the proposed 8.12.14 as indicated below.

Existing 8.12.14

Each time class rosters are distributed by the Registrar after classes begin, each course instructor shall be given the opportunity to delete from the class rosters the names of students, who, to the Instructor's knowledge, have never attended class. The Registrar shall then drop from the respective courses, without academic penalty, every student thus reported, and shall at once notify each student involved, and shall bill each student involved \$5.00 for each course so dropped.

Proposed 8.12.14

Each course instructor shall be given the opportunity to delete from each class roster, except the final roster, the names of students, who, to the instructor's knowledge are not attending class. The Registrar shall then drop from the respective courses, without academic penalty, every student thus reported and shall at once notify each student involved. The Bursar shall bill each student involved the current fee for each course so dropped.

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FACULTY SENATE

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND UNIVERSITY MANUAL COMMITTEE REPORT #1978-79-2

Section 6.3 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate

At the request of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, the CBUM Committee reviewed the second paragraph of section 6.3 of the Senate's By-Laws which reads:

The Senate shall elect faculty members to represent the General Faculty, when requested to do so by appropriate authorities. The Executive Committee shall present two nominations for each position to be filled by election. At the meeting at which an election is conducted, nominations from the floor shall be in order.

and interpreted the section as follows: 1) the first sentence of paragraph 6.3 applies to committees, councils and boards, etc., not specifically included in the University Manual and it applies to any request for participation or representation in bodies other than those in the Manual for which requests have been made by "appropriate authorities;" 2) the sentence "the Senate shall elect..." must be observed when the request for representation is made (not when a request for election is made); and 3) "appropriate authorities" means authorities within the official chain of legal command from the Legislature or the Governor down to the President of the University

In order to deal with procedures to be followed if some organization outside of the University (such as the Alumni Association, or civic or other groups) requests one or more representatives from the faculty, the committee recommends that the first sentence of paragraph 2 of 6.3* be amended to read as follows (change is underlined):

When requested to do so, the Senate shall elect faculty members to represent the general faculty on committees, councils, and boards not stipulated in the University Manual, unless the Senate decides it is inappropriate to do so. The Executive Committee shall present two nominations for each position to be filled by election. At the meeting at which an election is conducted, nominations from the floor shall be in order.

Lillian DePapa
Robert Gutchen, Chairperson
Galen Johnson
Charles Olney
Claire Robinson
Caroline Stitely
Sheila Black Grubman, ex officio

March 5, 1979

* This change in the By-Laws requires a 2/3 majority vote and may not be voted upon at the meeting it is introduced. Originally moved on March 22, 1979.