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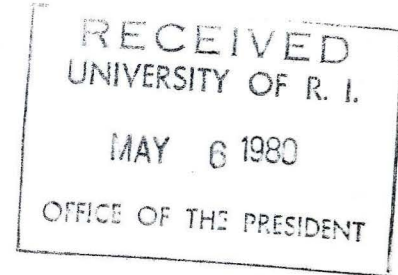
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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

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
#79-80-5

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 1, 1980
(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 May 22, 1980 (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 2, 1980
(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 _____.

5/13/80
(date)

F. Newman
President

University of Rhode Island
Faculty Senate
Academic Standards and Calendar Committee
Report #79-80-5

BACKGROUND:

In 1978 the Faculty Senate passed legislation fixing the Academic Calendars for the years 1978-79 through 1982-83. (See F.S. Minutes, #11-78-3-9) However, over the past several years, a number of concerns have been voiced by students, faculty, and/or staff about the planned Spring Semester calendars. One is over the long uninterrupted stretch of classes from the beginning of the semester until Spring Recess which occurs in some semesters. The other is that reading days are usually scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays instead of on week-days.

In response to these concerns, the Faculty Senate, in February, 1979, approved a recommendation to modify the planned Spring 1980 Calendar by adding a holiday around Washington's Birthday and by scheduling reading days on week-days instead of week-ends. (These recommendations would have been followed had not events made other changes desirable.) This year the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee is making similar recommendations for the Spring 1981 Calendar.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that the existing Spring Semester calendar for 1980-81 be replaced with the calendar proposed on the following page *and that similar actions be taken with regard to calendars for 1981-82 and 1982-83.*

- J. Demitroff
- A. Gaines
- L. Gemma (Std.)
- J. Kowalski (Chairman)
- D. McGuire (Std.)
- D. May
- J. Morello
- P. Moretti (Grad. Std.)
- G. Osborne
- J. Sheehan

SPRING	Existing 1980-81	Proposed 1980-81
Registration (M)	Jan 19	Jan 19
Classes Begin (T)	Jan 20	Jan 20
Washington's Birthday (M) No classes	- - -	Feb 16
Midsemester (F)	Mar 11	Mar 11
Spring Recess (M-F)	Apr 13 - 17	Apr 13 - 17
Last day of classes (Existing F; prop. W)	May 8	May 6
Reading Days (Existing Sa, Su; proposed Th, F)	May 9 - 10	May 7 - 8
Final Exams (Existing M-Sa; proposed M)	May 11 - 16	May 11 - 16
Final grades due (T)	May 19	May 19
Memorial Day (M)	May 25	May 25
Commencement (Su)	May 31	May 31
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Teaching Days		
M	14	14
T	15	14
W	15	15
Th	15	14
F	15	14
Total	74	71

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FACULTY SENATE

MINUTES

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #37 - April 14, 1980

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Faculty Senate Office, Chairperson Swonger presiding. All members were present except Senator McNab.
2. The Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting #36, April 7, 1980, were approved, albeit begrudgingly.
3. The Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting #14s, April 24, 1980 was reviewed and its final form approved.
4. The Executive Committee reviewed the Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting #14, April 27, 1980.
Copies of an Addendum to Agenda #14 which listed all of the items under Unfinished Business were distributed to members of the Executive Committee.
5. The Executive Committee discussed the names of possible faculty members to serve as nominees for Ombudsman.
6. The Ombudsman's Report (Fall, 1978 through Fall, 1979) and Chairperson Swonger's April 11 memorandum to the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee requesting a review of recommendations raised by the Ombudsman were distributed. The Executive Committee discussed the recommendations outlined by Chairperson Swonger in his memorandum.
7. Vice Chairperson Swan reported on the annual meeting between the Regents and Legislature which had been held on April 8, 1980.
8. Vice Chairperson Swan reported on the April 11 meeting of the Interinstitutional Committee on Articulation Transfer. She stated that the document being drafted by the committee on the transferability of courses between the institutions would be available shortly.
9. The Executive Committee agreed to the following topics for their April 21 meeting with President Newman, Vice President Ferrante and Assistant Vice President Pezzullo:
 - a. Ombudsman's Report;
 - b. Status of Quattrocchi Bill;
 - c. Status of Revens Bill providing Private School Tuition Subsidy.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Black Grubman

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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT #79-80-4

March 31, 1980

The UCGE recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the following General Education divisional assignments:

- A. That the BGS Seminars be assigned as follows:
 - BGS 390 "Social Science Seminar" to Division C
 - BGS 391 "Natural Science Seminar" to Division B
 - BGS 392 "Humanities Seminar" to Division A
- B. That FRN 131 "Refresher Course in French" be assigned to Division D.
- C. That MTH 420 "Topics in Foundations" be assigned to No Division.
- D. That the 1980-81 Honors Colloquium topic: "In the Beginning..." be assigned to Division B.
- E. That the assignment of the Arts and Sciences experimental courses to General Education divisions be continued during the 1980-81 academic year as follows:
 - CMS 100X "College Communication Skills" to Division D
 - ETA 204X "Experiencing the Arts" to Division A
 - QTS 100X "Quantitative Thinking Skills" to Division B