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## Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #80-81-2: Spring Vacation 1981-82 and 1982-83

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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE  
BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Frank Newman

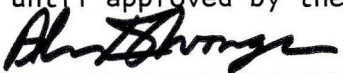
FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #80-81-2: Spring Vacation 1981-82 and 1982-83

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 March 26, 1981 (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 April 16, 1981 (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.

March 27, 1981  
(date)

  
Alvin K. Swonger  
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

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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 \_\_\_\_\_.

4/17/81  
(date)

  
President

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
FACULTY SENATE

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE  
REPORT # 80-81-2

BACKGROUND:

The position of the Spring Vacation during the Spring Semester has been the subject of repeated criticism. Since Spring Vacation has customarily been fixed as the week before Easter, when Easter occurs late, the Spring Vacation breaks the semester into two grossly unequal portions -- sometimes leaving just two or three weeks after Spring Vacation before final exams. In the past this committee has followed custom and the advice of some students in recommending the position of the Spring Vacation. The number of critical comments from students, faculty, counselors, and chaplains, however, has grown. In view of these comments, the committee is recommending disassociating Spring Vacation from Easter and repositioning it so that it falls the week after midsemester.

~~The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee for Spring 1981-82, as it is presently constituted, recommends that the Spring Vacation be moved from the week of April 5 to the week of March 15.~~

RECOMMENDATION:

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that for the Spring Semester 1981-82, the Spring Vacation be moved from the week of April 5 to the week of March 15. *for the Spring Semester 1982-83, the Spring Vacation be moved from the week of March 28 to the week of March 14.*