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#80-81-37

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs

Memorandum

TO: Niels West, Chairman, Faculty Senate  
FROM: William R. Ferrante  
DATE: October 22, 1981  
SUBJECT: Disposition of Senate Bill #80-81-37

*Bill F.*

I have made the following arrangements for the ombudsman:

Office Space. If the faculty member does not have adequate private office space of his/her own office, space will be found by my office. Sharing an office with the Student Ombudsman appears to be a workable solution.

Secretarial help. If the Ombudsman does not have access to secretarial help in his/her own department, the work will be done on a time-available basis by the secretaries in my office.

I consider the legislation approved as written. Please let me know if any additional clarification is needed.

vm

cc: M. Beverly Swan

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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
FACULTY SENATE

#80-81-37

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Niels West, Chairman, Faculty Senate

FROM: William R. Ferrante

DATE: July 1, 1981



Niels, this is in response to your letter of June 11, 1981 addressed to President Newman in reference to Senate Bill #80-81--37 about the University Ombudsman. I agree that it would be beneficial for me to meet with the Executive Committee to discuss the comments of Frank's memorandum of June 2 to you and the reactions of the Executive Committee as described in your June 11 letter. Therefore, on behalf of President Newman, I am requesting an extension of time in which to consider Senate Bill #80-81--37 before final action is taken.

I trust that we can schedule a meeting with the Executive Committee at your convenience in the near future.

rsb

cc: F. Newman

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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
FACULTY SENATE



June 11, 1981

President Frank Newman  
Admin. Bldg.  
Campus

Dear President Newman:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your June 2 memo regarding the disposition of Senate Bill #80-81--37. The Executive Committee met on June 2 and discussed at length your memo and the intent of the legislation as passed by the Faculty Senate On May 14, 1981.

Our concerns are divided into two. One deals with the physical and emotional environment necessary to execute the responsibilities of the Ombudsperson. The second problem which we have concerns the broader issue of signing conditional legislation. Let me address each of these very briefly.

There appear to be some major differences of opinion regarding this matter which transcends the terms of office of the last two faculty who have held the position of Ombudsperson.

From our previous discussions I believe there was agreement that the office of Ombudsperson is an important one for the faculty, students and the administration. The intent of this position is to act as an impartial agent between and among the three constituencies to possibly prevent a more costly and emotionally difficult grievance procedure and formal adjudication. It is for exactly these reasons the Faculty Senate passed Senate Bill #80-81--37. Since confidential matters are likely to be discussed between the client and the Ombudsperson it is of paramount importance that such conferences be assured full and complete privacy. Furthermore, since a number of faculty share offices or have offices with only partial walls and since few of the emeriti professors would have offices on campus, the Faculty Senate believes the functions and effectiveness of this office would be severely compromised with the conditions specified in your June 2 memo.

On the matter related to secretarial services, it was the impression of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee that the administration recognized these as important and that these services would be provided. It is clear that a misunderstanding on this issue has arisen.

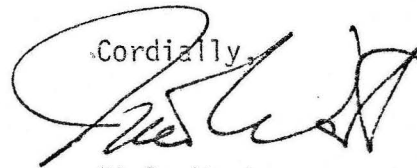
The Faculty Senate Executive Committee has considerable difficulty with the concept of passing "conditional legislation." Briefly, by attaching conditions to such legislation as you are proposing, the administration essentially deprives the Senate from executing its rightful role in guiding the University in matters related to scholarly activities.

While there may be areas where the will of the faculty can't be implemented for lack of funds, the administration would be obligated not to sign such legislation--in essence vetoing it.

Since the current bill has attached conditions which are not acceptable to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, the Committee interprets the administration's action as a veto. This decision would in our opinion be least preferable. Every effort should be made to eliminate these problems prior to passage as indeed was our impression.

I would recommend that before a final decision be made that an extension be requested and that you or Vice President Ferrante meet with the Executive Committee to resolve this matter.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Niels West', written over the word 'Cordially,'.

Niels West  
Chairperson, Faculty Senate

cc: W. R. Ferrante



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Niels West, Chairman, Faculty Senate

FROM: Frank Newman

*Bill Fenwick  
for Frank Newman*

DATE: June 2, 1981

SUBJECT: Disposition of Senate Bill #80-81--37

This is to report to you on the disposition of Faculty Senate Bill No. 80-81--37, University Ombudsman. I have approved the bill subject to the following. I cannot accept the conditions that the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs provide office space and part-time secretarial help as requirements which must be met only because it may not be possible to meet such requirements. It has always been our policy (a policy accepted by the Senate in the past) that faculty and staff positions and space allocations are not matters for Senate legislation but must be handled as are all other resources within the University. We have always considered items in Senate legislation relating to space and positions as advisory. Needs of the University Ombudsman have to be assessed in the context of all other University needs. At present, there are no unassigned secretarial positions (either full-time or part-time) and there are none included in the new University budget for 1981-82. We have a large backlog of requests accumulated over the years which have not been met and cannot be met. Assisting with meeting the secretarial needs of the University Ombudsman will be considered and will be provided if possible. Depending upon who is selected to serve as ombudsman, it is possible that secretarial assistance could be provided by the department of the individual selected.

With regard to space, a large backlog of unmet space needs already exists. While it may be beneficial and advantageous to assign a separate office for the University Ombudsman, it may not be possible to do so and in some cases it may not be necessary to do so.

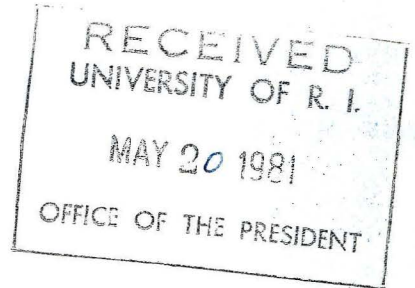
I assure you that both secretarial and space needs will be assessed and accommodated to the extent possible. Agreements on these issues will be reached before confirmation by the Senate. I trust that the Senate will accept these conditions.

rsb

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

- The attached BILL, titled Amendments to Sections 2.45.11 and 2.45.18 of the University Manual Regarding the Ombudsman

is forwarded for your consideration.

- The original and two copies for your use are included.
- This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on May 14, 1981 (date).
- 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 bill will become effective on June 4, 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.

*copy*

May 15, 1981  
(date)

Alvin K. Swonger  
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

- Returned.
- Approved in accord with memo of June 2, 1981
  - Approved subject to final approval by Board of Regents \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_.

5/28/81  
(date)

for Frank Newman  
President  
Wm R. Ferando

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 28, 1981

At its meeting of April 23, 1981, the Faculty Senate referred back to the Executive Committee with instructions, the Executive Committee's recommendations to change sections 2.45.11 and 2.45.18 as amended by the Senate. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee now recommends the approval of the following amendments to sections 2.45.11 and 2.45.18 of the University Manual:

PROPOSED SECTION 2.45.11

2.45.11 The Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee shall jointly nominate a full-time, tenured faculty or an emeritus faculty for the post of Ombudsman and shall submit the name of a nominee to the Faculty Senate for confirmation, no later than May 1st of the year in which the Ombudsman's term is to begin.

PROPOSED SECTION 2.45.18 (changes are underlined)

2.45.18 The Ombudsman shall be provided with office facilities by the Vice President for Academic Affairs including part-time secretarial help. If the nominee is a full-time faculty member, his/her teaching and/or research load shall be adjusted in consultation with his/her departmental chairperson, his/her dean, and the Academic Vice President. Every effort shall be made to reduce his/her teaching and research load appropriately and professional expectations for accomplishment in these areas will reflect this commitment to the position of Ombudsman. He/she shall be free of all committee assignments student advising and other similar duties, during his/her term of office. The faculty member's department will be provided with replacement funding from the Vice President for Academic Affairs to the extent of one course per semester. Any additional released time or summer compensation for a full-time faculty member, and any compensation for an emeritus faculty member shall be negotiated by the nominee with the Vice President for Academic Affairs before Faculty Senate confirmation.

If the proposed changes are adopted by the Faculty Senate and approved by the President, the following additional changes will be made editorially:

2.45.12 Substitute "person" for "faculty member" in line four; change "election" in line seven to "confirmation."

2.45.20 Conflict of Interest. If a complaint to the Ombudsman in any way compromises the objectivity of the Ombudsman in handling the case; a past Ombudsman may be called upon to serve on an ad hoc basis. This arrangement...

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Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

April 29, 1981

Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee One Hundred and Eightieth Report

At its meeting of April 27, 1981, the Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee considered the following matters now presented to the Faculty Senate.

SECTION I

Informational Matters

College of Arts and Sciences

1. Department of Computer Science and Experimental Statistics

CHANGE: Title and description for CSC 240:

CSC 240 Foundations of Computational Analysis (I or II,3)  
Combinatorial techniques used in non-numerical computation and analysis of algorithms. Topics include counting, enumeration, recurrence relations, graphs, and networks. Complexity analysis of several representative problems and algorithms for their solution. (Lec. 3) Pre: 202, prior or concurrent registration in 283, MTH 215. Staff

2. Department of Geology

CHANGE: Prerequisite for GEL 302 to "Pre: 103 or 105 and 106 or permission of instructor."

3. Department of Speech Communication

CHANGE: Title and description for SPE 220:

SPE 220 Communication in the Small Group (I and II,3)  
The study of communicative functions in the small group setting. Includes group dynamics, leadership, problem-solving and decision-making. Emphasis on theory and application. (Lec. 3) Staff

4. New England Studies Program

a. CHANGE: Description for NES 300 by deleting "Concurrent enrollment in 400."

b. CHANGE: Description for NES 400, 401, 402, 403 by deleting "Concurrent enrollment in 300 or 500."

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Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

APPORTIONMENT OF THE 1981-82 FACULTY SENATE

1982	1983	1984
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<u>NURSING</u> JUDITH ABBATE	JOAN HALPIN BARBARA MORGAN	NONE
<u>PHARMACY</u> EDWARD MATTEA RAYMOND PANZICA	ALVIN SWONGER	NONE
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<u>GRADUATE SCHOOL OF OCEANOGRAPHY</u>	DAVID EVANS	
<u>GRADUATE LIBRARY SCHOOL</u> NONE	STEWART SCHNEIDER	NONE
<u>UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES</u> LUCILLE CAMERON	ABNER GAINES	NONE

\* to be replaced by James Fasching during the Fall semester 1981  
\*\* to be replaced by John Purvis during the 1981-82 academic year

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominations of Officers of the 1981-82 Faculty Senate

Chairperson: W. Donald Rankin, Music  
Niels West, Geography and Marine Affairs

Vice Chairperson: Edward Carney, Computer Science and Experimental Statistics  
Tom Towers, English

One 2-year term: Marguerite Bumpus, Education  
David Evans, Oceanography

\*Two 1-year terms: Lucille Cameron, Library  
James Findlay, History  
Kathryn Quina-Holland, Psychology  
Wendy Holmes, Art  
Richard Polidoro, Physical Education  
Emilio Roxin, Mathematics

Submitted by,

Angaraih Sadasiv  
John Sieburth  
Judith Swift, Chairperson

\* If Niels West is elected to the Chairperson position, there will be three 1-year terms available on the Executive Committee.