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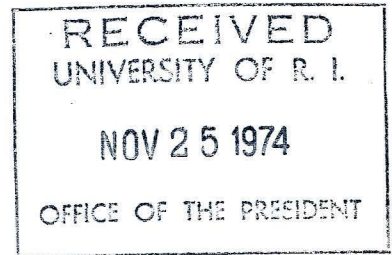
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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE
BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate



TO: President Frank Newman

FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Special Report of the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee: Proposal for Making Up Classes Cancelled Because of the Water Problem,

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 November 21, 1974 (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 December 12, 1974 (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.

November 25, 1974
(date)

Albert J. Lott
Albert J. Lott
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

1. Returned.
2. Approved ✓. Disapproved _____.
3. (If approved) In my opinion, transmittal to the Board of Regents is not necessary.

Nov. 26, 1974
(date)

Frank Newman
President

(OVER)

ALTERNATE ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Board of Regents

FROM: The University President

1. Forwarded.
2. Approved.

(date)

President

ENDORSEMENT 2.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Chairman of the Board of Regents, via the University President.

1. Forwarded.

(date)

(Office)

ENDORSEMENT 3.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: The University President

1. Forwarded from the Chairman of the Board of Regents.

(date)

President

Original received and forwarded to the Secretary of the Senate and Registrar for filing in the Archives of the University.

(date)

Chairman of the Faculty Senate

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

November 21, 1974

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that the following proposal for making up three days of classes, cancelled because of the water problem, be approved by the Faculty Senate.

(8.45.11 Any deviation from announced attendance policy shall be a matter between the instructor and students. A student who finds that he will be or has been unable to fulfill any obligation should initiate being excused from that obligation and should arrange with the instructor for making up missed work. This regulation applies to any student regardless of his status.)

1. That make-up classes be optional, determined jointly by the instructor and students taking into account the nature and structure of the individual course.
2. That classes missed on Wednesday, November 13, 1974 be re-scheduled on the evenings of Tuesday, November 26, 1974 and Thursday, December 5, 1974 as follows:

Wednesday, Nov. 13
Classes

8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 26
Make-up-Date

6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 5
Make-up-Date

12:00 noon
1:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m.

3. That classes missed on Thursday, November 14, 1974 be re-scheduled at their regular meeting times on Saturday, December 7, 1974.
4. That classes missed on Friday, November 15, 1974 be rescheduled at their regular meeting times on Sunday, December 8, 1974.
5. That attendance requirements shall not be enforced for these make-up classes.

Rationale:

- a) Final examination period shall be inviolate. It is already reduced below an optimum time slot for both students and faculty.
- b) Prior commitments and outside work-hours of both students and faculty will conflict with some part of any proposal for make-up time.
- c) If no schedule is provided as a starting point there could well be chaos in the search for free times and free rooms.
- d) In some courses make-up work may not require face to face sessions of students and instructors.
- e) The impact of lost class time will vary from course to course. If accreditation is a factor, the issue could be critical.
- f) If time for make-up of subject matter is provided in a course on an optional basis, can the instructor use the subject matter as a basis for an examination question? Probably, if the instructor gives notice as to the topics at issue. The instructor must find a solution in this context, such as when there is no textbook.
- g) Wednesday, Dec. 4, will remain a special day at the University. Invitations and plans are well along.
- h) Probably any plan is workable only under a spirit of cooperation between faculty and students. There is no intent to make the plan mandatory.

Persons consulted:

Vice President Ferrante, Academic Affairs
Vice President Rosie, Academic Affairs
Mr. Mc Donald, U.R.I. Police
Ms. Mc Mahon, Scheduling
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