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## REPORT OF SENATOR BECKMAN CONCERNING ATHLETIC COUNCIL

University of Rhode Island Faculty Senate

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

FACULTY SENATE

BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Werner A. Baum  
FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The Attached BILL, titled REPORT OF SENATOR BECKMAN CONCERNING  
ATHLETIC COUNCIL.

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 73-2-8  
(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 73-3-1 (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.

73-2-12  
(date)

Stephen B. Wood /s/  
Chairman of the Faculty Senate  
Stephen B. Wood

ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate  
FROM: President of the University

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FACULTY SENATE

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

2/14/73  
(date)

Werner A. Baum /s/  
President

(OVER)

ALTERNATE ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Board of Regents.

FROM: The University President

1. Forwarded.

2. Approved.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
(date) President

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ENDORSEMENT 2.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

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

1. Forwarded.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
(date) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Office)

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ENDORSEMENT 3.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: The University President

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

\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
(date) President

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

\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
(date) Chairman of the Faculty Senate

\* REPORT OF SENATOR BECKMAN, FACULTY  
MEMBER OF THE ATHLETIC COUNCIL

The Faculty Senate at its meeting on 73-2-8 passed the following:

"that the Senate go on record as supporting the objectives outlined in Senator Beckman's statement."

and added:

"that the Athletic Council annually review the entire Athletic budget so that it may supervise and control men's intercollegiate athletics and direct the expenditure of athletic funds."

\* Attached.

5. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. REPORT OF SENATOR BECKMAN, FACULTY MEMBER OF THE ATHLETIC COUNCIL, CONCERNING THE FUNCTIONING OF THE COUNCIL.

This report was originally presented on December 7, 1972.

"I have some comments to make concerning the functioning of the Athletic Council.

First, I should like to read these sections of the University Manual that define the duties and responsibilities of the Council (5.14.17, 5.14.18, and 2.64.10).

It is clear to me from these charges in the Manual that the Athletic Council is supposed to set basic policies and within these policies supervise and control men's inter-collegiate athletics and direct the expenditures of athletic funds. It is equally clear that the Athletic Council has not performed this function with any deliberateness in years. For example, last year the Council approved operating budgets for various sports, but did not consider the total budgets that include salaries for coaches, athletic scholarships, etc. In football, the operating budget amounts to some \$80,000 whereas the total budget for football is on the order of \$350,000 (Evans' study). Thus the Athletic Council did not in reality consider what support should be given to the various sports at all. The Council has not done so for years.

The Council urgently needs to redefine objectives for the whole Athletic Program. Two basic questions are:

1. Is the program to be primarily one that encourages as many students as have desire and ability and potential to participate in intercollegiate sports?

2. Is the program to be one that is used primarily as a public relations arm of the University? This seems to be the basic policy under which we are operating now, not just here, but nationwide. Is this what we want? Is this what we need?

Finally, this is a nationwide problem and concern. I do not, therefore, intend my comments to be a criticism of any individuals. Directors and coaches and athletes often are subjected to severe criticism when they are making great efforts to do a good job at what they have been assigned to do. In my view they have been assigned wrong objectives based on wrong premises.

I believe, therefore, that it is imperative that the Athletic Council address itself to these considerations. I would welcome the sentiment of the faculty, whom I represent."