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#### UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

#### Faculty Senate

#### FINAL REPORT OF THE RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE

The following legislation is submitted for Senate consideration in the belief that enactment will enhance the climate for research on the URI campus.

#### Item 1

- A. Intent: To increase the ceiling on utility purchase orders.
- B. Justification: The present ceiling on utility purchase orders is \$50.00. When an order exceeds this amount, it is processed via the state bid system. This procedure entails a delay of one or two months and often results in a change of vendor, substitution in items ordered, and frequent back-ordering which can further delay receipt six months or more. Current inflationary trends have reduced the purchasing power of \$50.00 to such a low level that many expendable supplies cannot be purchased under the utility order ceiling.
- C. Recommendation: The University President renew his initiatives to have the ceiling on utility purchase orders increased from \$50.00 to \$100.00.

#### Item 2

- A. Intent: To establish a laboratory store on the campus of the University of Rhode Island.
- B. Justification: It would be very useful for many departments in the University who carry on laboratory research and/or instruction to have a Central Storeroom that could supply a variety of items of common laboratory equipment. Presently such departments order these items in the smaller quantities they require which raises the price and entails delays in receipt of needed items. A Central Storeroom could maintain an inventory of items used by several departments and could purchase these in larger quantities in anticipation of needs. Suggested items that could fit into these categories are: common laboratory glassware (beakers, flasks, graduated cylinders, test tubes, tubing, etc.), rubber and plastic tubing, various types of bottles, metal clamps, spatulas, and thermometers. The departments would put together lists from which a generally useful inventory would be set up. It is not intended that such a storeroom be set up to take care of highly specialized needs, such as specific chemicals, electronic components, etc. - these should remain the responsibility of the specific departments as is true at the present time.

## Summer Session

June 23, Monday July 25, Friday

July 28, Monday August 29, Friday First Term Begins First Term Ends

Second Term Begins Second Term Ends

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Calverley
Joan Clegg
Robert Netter
Robert Rainville
Edna Steeves
Edgar LeDuc, Chairman