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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 #81-82-1

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 September 9, 1982.
(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 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective on September 30, 1982 (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.

September 10, 1982
(date)

James Findlay
James Findlay
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

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 Governors _____.
- c. Disapproved _____.

9/29/82
(date)

F. Newman
President

University of Rhode Island
Faculty Senate
Academic Standards and Calendar Committee
Report #81-82-1
June, 1982

Background:

In August, 1981 the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee submitted a lengthy report recommending changes in various sections of Chapter 8 of the University Manual. (See, Faculty Senate Agenda for Meeting #2, September 24, 1981). The recommendations of that report were discussed and acted on at Senate meetings during the Fall and Spring. During the course of discussion, some of the recommendations were sent back by the Senate to the Committee for further consideration, some were withdrawn by the Committee for further revision before being presented to the Senate, and some "suggestions" for further changes to sections already acted on were made by certain Senators. This report contains the Committee's recommendations regarding those sections.

Recommendations:

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends:

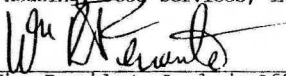
that the paragraphs in the column below headed "PROPOSED" be adopted, replacing or supplementing the paragraphs in the column headed "EXISTING". (The material in italics is explanatory and is not a part of the recommendations).

J. Abbate
J. Demitroff
A. Gaines
J. Kowalski, Chairman
M. D. Massey
W. Mensel
M. Navascues

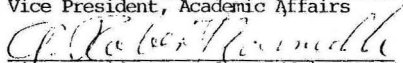
OTHER

As soon as the information is available, the Study Abroad Advisor will provide the names of all URI and international exchange students to the following offices: Bursar, Registrar, Housing, Food Services, International Student Affairs.

Approved:



Vice President, Academic Affairs



Vice President, Student Affairs



Vice President, Business and Finance

EXISTING

8.21.15 No course credit earned at the University or at other institutions shall be counted for graduation after eight years, except by consent of the dean of the college involved. For exception, see 8.70.10-12.

8.22.10 Graduation. To graduate, a student must have completed the work for and must have achieved the minimum quality point average established by the curriculum in which s/he is enrolled and must have earned a total number of quality points equal to at least twice the total number of credits for which s/he has registered in that curriculum (see 8.21.10).

8.24.16 A written report of every case of automatic dismissal and of actions on appeals shall be made by the dean of each college to the Registrar. Dismissal shall consist of separation from the University.

PROPOSED

8.21.15 Course credit earned at the university or other institutions more than eight years prior to admission, readmission, or transfer to a degree granting program shall be counted for graduation only with the consent of the dean of the college involved.

The original recommendations (See, F.S. Agenda for meeting of September 24, 1981) was returned with instructions to clarify the date from which counting begins.

8.22.10 Graduation. To graduate, a continuously matriculated student must have met the requirements of the curriculum in which the student is enrolled and the minimum quality point average approved by the Faculty Senate and published in the University Bulletin at the time of initial matriculation. A student who leaves the university and is subsequently readmitted may choose to meet the requirements in effect at the time of initial matriculation with permission of the dean of the degree granting college. To graduate, the student must have earned a total number of quality points equal to at least twice the total number of credits for which the student was registered in the curriculum (see 8.21.10). One fourth of all credits required for graduation must be earned at the university.

The original recommendation (See, F.S. Agenda for meeting of September 24, 1981) was returned with instructions to clarify what curricular requirements are binding for readmitted students.

8.24.15 Every case of automatic dismissal and of action on appeals shall be reported by the dean of each college to the Registrar. Dismissal shall result in the loss of matriculating status.

The original recommendation (See, F.S. Agenda) was withdrawn by the Committee for additional clarification.

8.36.10-Renumber to 8.36.16. Delete the heading "Pass-Fail Grading Option".

8.36.11-Renumber to 8.36.17.

8.36.12-Renumber to 8.36.11.

8.36.13 - Renumber to 8.36.10. Add heading: Pass-Fail Grading Option.

8.36.14-Renumber to 8.36.12.

8.36.15-Renumber to 8.36.13.

8.36.16-Renumber to 8.36.15.

8.36.17-Renumber to 8.36.14

This renumbering and editorial changes were suggested by Senator Bumpus.

8.38.10 Attendance Requirements. Each faculty member has a responsibility and authority for determining class attendance requirements. These requirements shall be announced at the beginning of the semester.

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

8.44.10 Classes. The schedule of classes shall be made by a designated scheduling officer, and no instructor may change the time or place of a scheduled class or laboratory without approval of this officer.

8.44.11 No student shall be so scheduled in a course that his/her attendance will be divided between two or more sections of that course or in one in which full attendance is impossible.

8.38.10 Attendance Requirements. Course attendance ~~and~~ policies are to be determined by the faculty member(s) responsible for teaching a course. Faculty should clearly inform students of these policies at the beginning of the semester. Notice that a course will require examinations at times other than regularly scheduled class times shall be given in the Schedule Of Courses published by the Registrar.

8.38.11 Any deviation from announced attendance policy shall normally be a matter between the instructor(s) and the student(s). A student who will be or has been unable to fulfill an obligation should discuss with the instructor(s) the possibility of and the conditions for making up the missed work. Instructors shall make reasonable efforts to allow students to compensate for work missed due to serious verifiable reasons such as illness, participation in university sanctioned events, etc. (See 6.20.12 for policy on religious observance.)

The Committee withdrew the original recommendations pending further discussions of the problems with Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Swan.

8.44.10 Classes. The Schedule Of Courses shall be made by designated scheduling officers, and no instructor may change the time or place of a scheduled course without approval of the Registrar or designee.

The original recommendation was amended by the Senate and then sent to the Committee for further review. We think the section as amended is sufficient.

The Committee recommends deletion of this section.

The original section was returned to the Committee for further consideration. The Committee now thinks the section is unnecessary.

FACULTY SENATE

REPORT OF THE HONORS PROGRAM AND VISITING SCHOLARS COMMITTEE

Part III

On May 13, 1982, a motion was made to approve the following proposed sections 4.40-4.44 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate. Changes in the By-Laws require 2/3 majority vote and may not be voted upon at the meeting at which they are first moved.

Proposed Changes in Faculty Senate By-Laws

4.40 The Honors Program and Visiting Scholars Committee. This committee shall supervise the Honors Program (See Chapter 8, Academic Programs, Sections 8.60.10-8.65.13) and bring distinguished scholars to the campus for general lectures and/or other public programs.

4.41 The committee's powers and responsibilities with respect to supervision of the Honors Program are set forth in Chapter 8, "Academic Programs," Sections 8.64.10-8.64.14. In addition, the committee shall recommend to the Faculty Senate changes in the Honors Program as they appear desirable.

4.42 The Honors Program shall be administered by a Director selected from the University faculty. This faculty member shall be released from one half of his/her normal duties and shall be compensated for work done during summers. Normal duties shall include, but not be restricted to, teaching, assigned research, advisement, committee work and thesis direction. The director shall be responsible for the overall management of the Honors Program and may serve as chairperson of the committee.

4.43 The faculty member who serves as coordinator for the Honors Colloquium shall be released from one half of his/her normal duties during the academic year and compensated for preparatory work done during the summer preceding the offering of the Colloquium. If two or more persons serve as coordinators the equivalent amount of release time and summer compensation shall be divided between/among them. Normal duties shall include, but not be restricted to, teaching, assigned research, advisement, committee work and thesis direction. The coordinator(s) shall be responsible for the overall conduct of the colloquium but its content and the method of presentation shall be reviewed by the committee.

4.44 The committee shall arrange the distinguished scholars series so that a variety of topics is presented each year, and it shall invite to the campus promising younger teachers and scholars as well as those with national reputations. The series shall, as much as possible, be coordinated with the public programs of the Honors Colloquium and other courses offered within the Honors Program.

Members of the Committee

Brian Bresnahan, Und. Stu.
Agnes Doody, SPE, Ex officio
David Ketner, ART
Jordan Miller, ENG
William Rosen, CHM
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Stephen B. Wood, PSC, Chair

FACULTY SENATE

Administrator Evaluation Committee Report

March 15, 1982

On March 6, 1980, the Faculty Senate directed the Administrator Evaluation Committee to prepare evaluation questionnaires in consultation with each administrator to be evaluated and to conduct a trial evaluation. The results of the trial evaluation were to be distributed only to the administrators who were evaluated. In the spring of 1981, the committee conducted a trial evaluation as directed by the Senate and each individual's results were forwarded to that administrator during the fall 1981 semester.

In addition, the committee was charged with recommending which items or portions of the questionnaire results were to be disclosed to the administrator's supervisor and which items or portions to the administrator's faculty constituency, and the procedures for such disclosure. As a result of the committee's deliberations over the past two years, we recommend the following changes in the By-Laws* of the Faculty Senate:

1) Change sections 4.45 and 4.46 as follows:

4.45 The Administrator Evaluation Committee. This committee shall conduct faculty evaluation of administrators. Administrators who have held their positions for less than a calendar year at the time of the evaluation shall be exempt from evaluation. The committee shall be responsible for the format of the evaluation and shall have access to the quantitative results of previous evaluations for the purpose of revising the evaluation instrument. The committee shall report annually to the Faculty Senate on the effectiveness of the evaluation and shall make any recommendations it deems appropriate for the expansion or modification of the evaluation at that time.

4.46 The administrators shall be evaluated in a two year cycle as follows: In the first year, the Dean of the Graduate School shall be evaluated by the University faculty and the Deans of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Engineering, Human Science and Services, Nursing, Pharmacy, Resource Development, the Graduate Library School, the Graduate School of Oceanography, and the University Libraries shall be evaluated by the faculties in their respective colleges. Only continuing faculty holding one of the ranks listed in 7.10.10 will be eligible to participate. However, faculty who shall have been at the University less than six months as of the date the questionnaire is distributed shall be excluded. In the second year, the President of the University and the Vice President for Academic Affairs shall be evaluated by the University faculty. Deans holding faculty status shall be eligible to participate in the evaluation of the President and Vice President. The evaluations shall be conducted in the month of November. Responses shall be returned to the committee at the Faculty Senate Office. Results of the evaluations shall be reported by the following April.

* Changes in the By-Laws require 2/3 majority vote and may not be voted upon at the meeting at which they are first moved.