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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

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
Janice Sieburth, LIB
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Stephen B. Wood, PSC, Chair

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.