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## Report of the Research Policy and Facilities Committee: Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Policy

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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 Report of the Research Policy and Facilities Committee: Postdoctoral Research Fellowships Policy

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 March 31, 1983 (date).
4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Governors, 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 April 21, 1983 (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 Governors, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

April 1, 1983  
(date)

James Findlay  
James Findlay  
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

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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 \_\_\_\_\_.

4/7/83  
(date)

F. Newman  
President

PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO UNIVERSITY MANUAL

- Humanities: Art, English and SCRATCH, Languages, Music, Philosophy, Speech Communication, Theatre.....1
- At large (may be from any department in the College of Arts and Sciences).....1
- University Library.....1

Graduate student members of the Graduate Council shall include the following: The President (or, at the discretion of the President, but not interchangeably, the Vice President) of the Graduate Student Association, serving for the academic year following his/her election or reelection; two graduate students chosen by the Graduate Student Council to serve one-year terms, but eligible for one reelection; one graduate student chosen by the Dean of the Graduate School to serve a one-year term but eligible for reappointment.

(In the discussion of Section 5.16.10, two editorial changes were suggested: (1) that the word "faculty" be inserted at the end of the first paragraph between "13 elected" and "members" for clarification; and (2) that "and SCRATCH" be deleted from the Humanities category under the College of Arts and Sciences.)

The Graduate Faculty also voted to recommend to the Faculty Senate the addition of a new Section 7.11.23 External Committee Member as follows:

7.11.23 External Committee Member shall be a person of established reputation or distinction in her/his field appointed by the Graduate School specifically to serve as a member of the thesis or defense committee for a particular graduate student. Nominations for appointments, with supporting documents, shall be made by the colleges or departments to the Dean of the Graduate School who will refer them to the appropriate curricular panel of the Graduate Council for advice before approving or disapproving the committee appointment. The appointment will automatically expire with the dissolution of the committee as provided in the Graduate Student Manual. External Committee Members shall receive no compensation unless it is separately contracted.

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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
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FACULTY SENATE

RESEARCH POLICY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
November, 1982

The Research Policy and Facilities Committee has reviewed the University's Postdoctoral Research Fellowships Policy and recommends the Policy be amended by revising section 7.11.27 of the University Manual and the "Basis for Assignment" section of the Policy.

The REPOFAC specifically recommends approval of the following:

1. Amend section 7.11.27 of the University Manual as follows:

7.11.27 Postdoctoral Research Fellow shall be a person engaged in research work in a specialized subject area for specific funded research projects. The fellowship is primarily for the benefit of the individual to aid in the pursuit of study or research, and appointments are normally made for a period of up to three years. Postdoctoral Research Fellows may hold their award without reference to rank or salary schedules.

2. Approve the following "Basis for Assignment" section of the Policy:

Basis for Assignment:

Applications for fellowships awarded at the University level shall be reviewed by the URI Council for Research subcommittee for awarding research funds. Applications for awards by a college shall be reviewed by a committee within that college. The University or college committees shall develop clearly defined levels of assignment, stipends, and specific criteria associated with the levels. The committees should take into consideration not only experience and qualifications, but also market demand. Applications for fellowships awarded by or through a principal investigator shall be reviewed by the principal investigator and shall follow guidelines recommended by the granting agency or, in the absence of guidelines, by the URI Council for Research subcommittee. Awards from outside the University shall follow guidelines established by the awarding agency.

Requests for applications shall be advertised in appropriate and mandated areas; advertisements should specify required qualifications.

The entire Postdoctoral Research Fellowships Policy is attached for information.

Members of the Committee:

Elie Abushanab  
John Long  
Nelson Marshall  
Myrtle Matejski  
Edward McSweeney, graduate student  
Wendy Roworth  
Brenda Winterholder, undergrad. student  
Norris Wood, Chairperson

UNIVERSITY POLICY

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

ORIGINATOR: Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: October 1982

POLICY #: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS POLICY

APPLICABLE TO:

Postdoctoral Research Fellows

University Manual 7.11.27 POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW shall be a person engaged in research work in a specialized subject area for specific funded research projects. The fellowship is primarily for the benefit of the individual to aid in the pursuit of study or research, and appointments are normally made for a period of up to three years. Postdoctoral Research Fellows may hold their award without reference to rank or salary schedule.

Conditions:

1. The Postdoctoral Research Fellow is not an employee position; such awards are subject to academic screening in ways similar to those of graduate assistantships.
2. Awards are for a limited period of time -- i.e., semester or academic year. Awards are given for up to a three year period.
3. Postdoctoral Research Fellows may purchase health benefits from the University at the group rate including family coverage.
4. The Postdoctoral Research Fellows' schedules are determined by the unit granting the award and are not subject to normal University vacation, sick leave, and compensatory time. Postdoctoral Research Fellows and their families are not eligible for tuition waivers.
5. Postdoctoral Research Fellows will be paid monthly a fraction of the total award (e.g., \$10,000 award for one academic year will result in payment of \$1,000 per month). There will be no deductions. The fellow is individually responsible to the Internal Revenue Service for reporting in accordance with its established policies on academic awards.

The MP-7 is the appropriate form for processing Postdoctoral Research Fellows. (Research Assistants and Associates are employees and their appointments are processed on USP-2 forms.)

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FACULTY SENATE

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE  
December 1, 1982

The Library Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate, the official body representing the entire faculty of the University of Rhode Island, hereby endorses recognition of the need for provision of the highest quality of library resources and services and the program for minimum satisfaction of that need, as stated in Part IV of "The Edge of Excellence: The New State University and Economic Development of Rhode Island -- A Report to the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education, November 1982," and urges prompt implementation of that program in 1983. Included in this program are an increase of the continuing budget for capital (books, journals, periodicals) to \$1,500,000 annually, appropriation of \$1,800,000 for correction of long-term deficiencies in library resources, appropriation of \$400,000 for completion of the electronic data processing system (including an online catalog), and the planning with other universities for a central facility for serials. Appropriate enlargement of faculty and support staff must accompany these projected increases in the library collections.

Members of the committee:

Martha Barden, NUR  
Robert Bell, BCP  
Peter Hicks, EDC  
Patricia Jensen, GLS  
William Krul, PLS  
William Metz, HIS, Chairperson  
Arthur Young, University Libraries,  
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Lucy Salvatore, GLS, ex officio  
Marcy Kramer, undergraduate student