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## **Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #82-83-5: Reading Days**

University of Rhode Island Faculty Senate

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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 #82-83-5: Reading Days

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 April 21, 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 May 12, 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 22, 1983  
(date)

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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 \_\_\_\_\_.

5/5/83  
(date)

F Newman  
President

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE

Report #82-83-5

Reading Days

March 31, 1983

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the addition of the following new section 8.50.20 of the University Manual:

8.50.20 Reading Days are scheduled immediately following the final day of classes to enable students to prepare for final examinations. Classes, examinations, and laboratories will not be scheduled during this period. Counselling, advising and optional review sessions in preparation for final examinations may take place on a voluntary basis for both students and faculty.

Rationale:

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee believes that the purpose of reading days is to allow time for students to prepare for final examinations. The committee has received many reports that reading days have been used to schedule required make-up classes, exams, and other activities; the committee believes these activities ought to occur either during scheduled class days or during the final examination period. The above legislation is proposed in the hopes that a manual definition of reading days will encourage the University community to respect those days as a time for students to prepare for finals.

Members of the Committee:

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