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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE
BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Edward D. Eddy

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #83-84-1B: Make-Up Policy-University Sanctioned Events

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 May 17, 1984 (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 June 7, 1984 (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 Governors 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.

May 18, 1984
(date)

Marguerite Bumpus
Marguerite Bumpus
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

Returned.

- a. Approved _____.
- b. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Governors _____.
- c. Disapproved _____.

6/6/84
(date)

Edward D. Eddy
President

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE

REPORT #83-84-1B

Make Up Policy
University Sanctioned Events Resubmitted

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee had two lengthy meetings on this matter after the Faculty Senate returned the original proposal. We included Dean Crafts, Vice President Rainville, Assistant Vice President Swan and representatives of the Department of Athletics in our discussions. The following proposed new section 8.51.12 is a result of those discussions:

8.51.12 Students who expect to be absent from classes or examinations for university sanctioned events shall discuss this with the appropriate instructor(s) in advance of the sanctioned event(s). *at least one week*
The instructor(s) concerned shall then offer the student an alternative listed in section 8.51.11. For these purposes university sanctioned events shall be those events approved for class excuses by a Vice President, a Dean, or the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics. No event shall be regarded as university sanctioned until the Vice President for Academic Affairs has been notified. Disagreements over the validity of an event being categorized as university sanctioned shall be mediated by the Vice President for Academic Affairs. If agreement cannot be reached, the Vice President for Academic Affairs shall decide the matter and that decision shall be final.

Rationale:

The committee believes that the above policy, if approved by the Senate, will help to assure three things -

- 1) That there is appropriate advance notification of faculty and the Vice President for Academic Affairs' office when university sanctioned events are planned.
- 2) That students are able to make up work missed for reasons viewed as appropriate by the university.
- 3) That a process is in place allowing students or faculty to appeal to the Vice President for Academic Affairs if they believe an event has been improperly designated.

The committee does not wish this policy to be used to make the Vice President for Academic Affairs a clearing house for individual student excuses. Indeed such a result would run counter to the intent of this policy which wants assessment made of events that conflict with course work.