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THE 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 #87-88-3: Examinations, Major and Minor Fields of Study, and Quality Point Average, 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 12, 1988 (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 June 2, 1988, 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 13, 1988
(date)

Wendy B. Holmes
Wendy B. Holmes
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 _____.

May 27, 1988
(date)

Edward D. Eddy
President

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE REPORT

#87-88-3

Examinations, Major and Minor Fields of Study and Quality Point Average

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the following changes to the University Manual:

1. EXAMINATIONS

- a. Add the following new paragraph 8.51.15:

8.51.15 Examinations given during the semester may be administered at a time other than the regularly scheduled class hours provided students are notified in advance in the Schedule of Courses and in the course syllabus. Examinations given at a time other than the regularly scheduled class hours may not be scheduled to begin earlier than 6:00 p.m. and may not occur on Saturday or Sunday. (See 8.39.10)

- b. Renumber existing paragraphs 8.51.15 and 8.51.16 as 8.51.16 and 8.51.17.

- c. Add "(See 8.51.15)" as a reference notation to the end of paragraph 8.39.10.

Rationale: Concern has been expressed about the increasing number of departments that are scheduling common examinations during the semester in time periods that conflict with regularly scheduled classes and events. Students who are in Theatre 100, certain Music courses, rehearsals or practice sessions, or have scheduled work hours in the late afternoon find it necessary to cut a class, miss a rehearsal or practice, or not report to work in order to take an examination.

2. MAJOR AND MINOR FIELDS OF STUDY

Change paragraphs 8.20.50 and 8.20.61 as follows (changes are underlined):

8.20.50 Major Fields of Study. An undergraduate student's concentrated field of study in a degree-granting college shall be the student's "major"; University College students may have a "preferred major." The major field of study for graduate students shall be the student's "program." An "option" is a recognized path toward a major. Curricular requirements for majors and programs are defined in the University Bulletin. At least half of the credits required in an undergraduate student's major field of study must be earned at The University of Rhode Island. A student's major(s) or program(s) will be listed on the student's permanent academic record after graduation.

8.20.61 At least twelve of the eighteen credits required for a minor shall be at the 200-level or above. At least half of the credits required for a minor must be earned at The University of Rhode Island. A minimum average of 2.0 must be earned in the eighteen or more credits required for the minor.

Rationale: The Committee believes that, if a student's academic record is to list a major or a minor earned at The University of Rhode Island, there should be enough University credits to assure the quality of the major or minor.

3. QUALITY POINT AVERAGE

Change all references in the University Manual to "2.0" quality point average to "2.00."

Rationale: The quality point average that appears on all official student records is expressed in hundredth's. As the University Manual now reads, a student could ask that his/her quality point average be rounded to meet qualifications that are specified in several areas.

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