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THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE
BILL

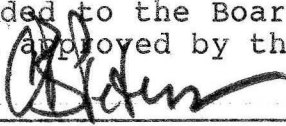
Adopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Edward D. Eddy

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled The Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee Report #88-89-1: Recommendations on Article III of the Faculty Senate Constitution and Chapter 7 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL, 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 November 10, 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 December 1, 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.

November 14, 1988
(date)



C. B. Peters
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 _____.

✓ 11/29/88
(date)

Edward D. Eddy
President

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

CONSTITUTION BY-LAWS AND UNIVERSITY MANUAL COMMITTEE
REPORT #88-89-1

October 1988

As Revised on November 10, 1988

I. ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE

In light of the recent administrative reorganization, the CBUM Committee recommends the following with regard to ARTICLE III of the Faculty Senate Constitution:

- A. That the following titles be changed editorially:
- 1) Vice President for Academic Affairs to Provost;
 - 2) Vice President for Student Affairs to Vice President for Student Development.
- B. That the Faculty Senate authorize a referendum to add the following new ex officio members of the Faculty Senate:
- 1) The Vice President for University Relations;
 - 2) The Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Services;
 - 3) The Vice Provost for Research and Service.

If recommendations A and B are approved, Article III of the Faculty Senate Constitution would read as follows (changes are in bold print):

Article III. Membership

1. The Senate shall consist of designated ex officio administrative members, ex officio student members and of elected members of the full-time teaching, library, research and extension faculty, chosen in the approximate ratio of one senator for each 10 full-time faculty members. For the purpose of determining the number of senators to be elected by a college, the library or other unit of the faculty authorized to conduct elections, part-time faculty members shall be counted according to the fraction of full-time which they serve. Any professor, associate professor, assistant professor, or instructor of the full-time teaching, library, research and extension faculty may be elected a member of the Senate. The Senate will provide means by which

all eligible faculty members not in a college or the library have the opportunity to vote and to be candidates for election. The President, the Provost, the Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Services, the Vice Provost for Research and Service, the Vice President for Business and Finance, the Vice President for Student Development, the Vice President for University Relations, the deans of the colleges and schools, the Dean of the Graduate School, the Dean of the College of Continuing Education, the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, the Registrar and the President or in his absence, the Vice President of the Student Senate and the President or in his absence, the Vice President of the Graduate Student Association shall be members of the Senate ex officio without the right to vote, but with the right to make and second motions. Other officers of administration, including personnel deans and the directors and assistant directors of the University administrative divisions, shall not be eligible for election to the Senate.

Background and Rationale:

In response to a request from Vice President Pezzullo, the CBUM Committee agreed that the Vice President for University Relations should be included as an ex officio member of the Faculty Senate. The Vice President for University Relations is the only Vice President who is not presently an ex officio member of the Faculty Senate. Although the incumbent and the former Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs have attended Faculty Senate meetings on a regular basis for many years, they were not officially part of the body.

The CBUM Committee also considered a request from the Acting Director of Research that the position of Vice Provost for Research and Service be added as an ex officio member of the Faculty Senate. The Committee concurs that this Vice Provost would be a useful addition to the ex officio membership of the Faculty Senate but believes that it would not be appropriate to add one Vice Provost to the membership without adding the Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Services. The Vice Provost for Academic Programs, formerly the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, regularly attends Faculty Senate meetings and has been available to answer questions, but has not had an official role in the Senate. Because the two new Vice Provosts, the Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Services and the Vice Provost for Research and Service, are the administrators who work most closely with the Faculty Senate and its committees on its two primary responsibilities, the CBUM Committee believes that they should be part of the Faculty Senate's ex officio administrative membership. The third Vice Provost, the Vice Provost for Marine Programs, is an ex officio member of the Faculty Senate as Dean of the Graduate School of Oceanography.

The reorganization of the central administration provides the opportunity for the faculty to recognize the Vice President for University Relations and the Vice Provosts for Academic Programs and Services and for Research and Service as ex officio members of the Faculty Senate.

II. REVISION TO CHAPTER 7 OF THE UNIVERSITY MANUAL

The CBUM Committee recommends the following with regard to Chapter 7 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL:

A. Change section 7.50.10 to read as follows:

7.50.10 Salary Levels for faculty are specified in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the URI AAUP and the Board of Governors for Higher Education.

B. Delete existing sections 7.50.11-7.52.10 and 7.53.11-7.53.12.

C. Renumber existing section 7.53.10 as 7.50.11 and delete "therefor as provided below."

Background and Rationale:

Sections of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL on salary were superseded by the Collective Bargaining Agreement in 1972 when the first contract between the URI AAUP and the Board of Regents was negotiated. The UNIVERSITY MANUAL is many years out of date with regard to salary levels and reflects 1970-71 practices with regard to salary of faculty members. The Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee thinks that the next edition of changes to the UNIVERSITY MANUAL should have a Chapter 7 that provides correct, rather than out-dated, information.

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