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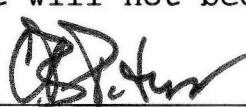
Adopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Edward D. Eddy

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #89-90-2: Change to Sections 8.56.10 and 8.33.10 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 March 22, 1990.
(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 April 12, 1990, 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.

March 23, 1990
(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 _____.

April 4, 1990
(date)


President

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE REPORT
#89-90-2

CHANGES TO SECTIONS 8.56.10 AND 8.33.10 OF THE UNIVERSITY MANUAL
as amended by the Faculty Senate on March 22, 1990

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends approval of two specific changes in the UNIVERSITY MANUAL.

I. 8.56.10

Current language:

8.56.10 Changes in Records. No grade shall be changed after it has been reported to and recorded by the Registrar except upon written request by the instructor to the dean of the instructor's college and approval by the dean."

Proposed language [the following sentences to be added to the end of the current language]:

Entries to a student's academic record shall not be changed after two years for the undergraduate student and after three years for the graduate student. Appropriate academic deans shall be authorized to allow exceptions for exceptional reasons.

Recommendation:

That the Faculty Senate adopt the proposed change to section 8.56.10 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL.

Rationale:

The proposed change addresses a concern about the lack of a "statute of limitations" on changes to the permanent academic records of students. The Graduate Council specifically requested the three year limitation for graduate students while the one year limitation appears to be reasonable for undergraduate students. The time limitation could be extended by the appropriate Dean for exceptional cases.

II. 8.33.10

Current language:

8.33.10 Registration Procedures. No student shall begin a course unless officially registered for that course. A student's registration for a course is not official until the appropriate registration form is filed in the Office of the Registrar. If specified conditions of enrollment are not met, the Registrar may be requested to cancel a student's registration.

Proposed language [to be inserted prior to the last sentence of the existing language]:

A grade may not be received for a course for which a student is not officially registered as of the last day of classes for a semester.

Recommendation:

That the Faculty Senate adopt the proposed change to section 8.33.10 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL.

Rationale:

This change is intended to eliminate cases in which students attend classes, but do not officially register and pay fees until after they have determined their degree of success. Students would be able to appeal for individual exceptions to their Dean.

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