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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 #90-91-2: Changes in Sections 8.14.20 & 8.23.12 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 January 24, 1991.
(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 February 14, 1991, 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.

January 25, 1991
(date)

Winifred Brownell

Winifred Brownell
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 _____.

2/1/91
(date)

Edward D. Eddy
President

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE
REPORT #1990-91-2

CHANGES IN SECTIONS 8.14.10 & 8.23.12 OF THE UNIVERSITY MANUAL

I. PERFORMANCE BASED ADMISSION POLICY

A. Recommendation

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that section 8.14.10 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL be amended to read as follows (change is underlined):

8.14.10 Students who seek matriculated undergraduate status on the basis of future successful completion of 15 approved credits may be admitted through the College of Continuing Education upon the recommendation of the appropriate admissions officer. Such admissions shall be termed Performance Based Admissions and shall be limited to students whose last formal education occurred three or more years ago, and for whom academic evidence demonstrating admissibility is incomplete. Students admitted under this regulation are subject to the same regulations as students admitted in the usual way.

B. Background and Rationale

The change in the proposed number of credits (from 12 to 15) is to bring the language of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL and current practice into agreement. The College of Continuing Education requires that students in the Performance Based Admission Program take a core course (BGS 100 or WRT 123) plus four selected from at least three different areas of General Education. Done under the close supervision of an academic advisor, this approach has proven to be far more effective in terms of student retention than the simpler self-selected minimum of 12 credits permissible in the current version of 8.14.15.

The principal change being proposed would limit candidacy for Performance Based Admission to students "whose last formal education occurred three or more years ago." The intention is to prevent those denied admission by the Dean of Admissions from seeking another door into the University (as some have attempted to do). Performance Based Admission was not meant for this purpose, rather it was designed for

people who, while they may have gotten off to a shaky academic start in the past, feel they now have matured and want an opportunity to prove themselves.

II. DISMISSAL POLICY

A. Recommendation

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that section 8.23.12 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL be amended to read as follows (change is underlined):

8.33.12 A student shall be dismissed for scholastic reasons at the end of the third semester of probation or when the student has a deficiency of eight or more quality points below a 2.0 average after being on probation the previous semester. (A student on probation for the second successive semester who has a deficiency of fewer than 8 quality points below a 2.0 average will continue on probation.) Students who obtain less than a 1.0 average in their first semester shall be dismissed automatically.

B. Background and Rationale

There is a group of students who remain on probation semester after semester, never quite getting below the 8 quality points. Dismissals can be waived for those students making real progress toward getting off probation but those whose performance is consistently below a 2.0 should not be encouraged to continue.

This policy change would make probation real. If students knew they were likely to be dismissed if they remained on probation, they would be more likely to take corrective action and to avail themselves of the various academic support services.

Members of the Committee:

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT & ASSAULT INCIDENTS
 REPORTED TO THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICE AND
 SEXUAL HARASSMENT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

June 1, 1989 to May 31, 1990
 (12 months)

Complainant:

Gender	N (%)	Status	N (%)
Female	44 (86)	Undergraduate	28 (55)
Male	03 (06)	Graduate Student	05 (10)
Group (2+)		Staff	14 (27)
Female	04 (08)	Faculty	03 (06)
Male		Other (URI relat.)	
		Unidentified	01 (02)
Total	51 (100)		51 (100)

Accused:

Gender	N (%)	Status	N (%)
Male	47 (92)	Undergraduate	23 (45)
Female	01 (02)	Graduate Student	04 (08)
Group (2+)		Staff	10 (20)
Male	03 (06)	Faculty	09 (18)
Female		Other	02 (04)
		Unidentified	03 (06)
Total	51 (100)		51 (100+)

'89-'90 Sexual Harassment and Assault Incident Report (cont'd)

Nature of Harassment/Assault Incident: N (%)

Sexual Harassment	36 (71)
Verbal (including phone calls)	23
Written	03
Display of Offensive Material (including computer graphics)	01
Unwanted Sexual Advances	09
Voyeurism	01
Obscene Behavior	01
Exhibitionism	03
Public Sex	01
Unwanted Physical Contact	15 (29)
Non-intimate Touching (including pushing)	03
Sexual Assault	12
2nd degree -- Touching of Intimate Body Parts	07
1st degree -- Penetration	05

Resolution of Sexual Assault Incidents	12 (100)
No action requested @ time of report (complainant had contact w. campus police, Counseling Center, and/or Health Services but no formal charges filed)	06
Administrative Action/Judicial Board	04
Civil/Criminal Court	0
Complaint Dropped (by victim, police or Attorney General's Office)	03
Unknown	02