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## Report of the Research Policy and Facilities Committee for 1990-91: Changes in Chapter 5 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL

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THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island  
FACULTY SENATE

BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Robert L. Carothers

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Report of the Research Policy and Facilities Committee for 1990-91: Changes in Chapter 5 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 September 26, 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 October 17, 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.

September 27, 1991  
(date)

Leonard M. Kahn  
Leonard M. Kahn  
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

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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 \_\_\_\_\_.

October 10, 1991  
(date)

Robert L. Carothers  
President

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

RESEARCH POLICY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT

1990-91

Amended by the Faculty Senate on September 26, 1991

The Research Policy and Facilities Committee was moderately inactive this year. This was not because there was a lack of issues to pursue. REPOFAC is currently working with the Research Office, attempting to make some progress in the areas of personnel and purchasing. The committee is striving for autonomy for purchasing at URI and more flexibility for the hiring of personnel whose positions are paid by third party funds.

The committee has also considered the membership of the Institutional Review Board, the charge to and membership of the Council for Research, and the Proposed Policy Statement on Policies and Procedures for Dealing With and Reporting Possible Misconduct in Science.

The REPOFAC recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the following motions:

1. That section 5.85.11 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL on the membership of the Intellectual Property Committee be revised to read as follows:

5.85.11 The Intellectual Property Committee shall consist of twelve members. Six shall be faculty members or center/institute/laboratory directors chosen to reflect a diversity of expertise, appointed to three year staggered terms (three shall be appointed by the Provost and three by the Senate Executive Committee). One additional faculty member shall be appointed to a three-year term by the President. The remaining five shall be ex officio voting members: the Vice Provost for Research, the Director of Industrial Research and Technology Transfer (The Research Office), the Chair of the Research Policy and Facilities Committee, a representative from the URI General Counsel's Office, and the Executive Director of the URI Foundation. The Vice Provost for Research shall chair the committee.

**Rationale:** The Vice Provost for Research and the Intellectual Property Committee would like to increase the size of the IPC, also increasing the faculty representation on the committee. We feel that more varied expertise is needed for evaluation of invention disclosures and patent and copyright applications that are generated by our faculty.

2. That sections 5.52.10 through 5.52.13 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL on the Council for Research be revised as recommended by the Council for Research to read as follows (the rationale for each change follows the proposed section):

5.52.10 The Council for Research shall consist of faculty active and experienced in research, creative and scholarly activities, administrators and students concerned with various aspects of the research effort at URI. Its main objectives shall be to promote and facilitate research activities at the University, to ensure that research and other creative scholarly activities are seen as being of equal importance with the instructional function of the University and to see that the close relationship between the two is recognized. The Council shall attempt to achieve this objective by serving as the representative voice of the university research community and by seeking aggressively to improve in all ways possible the environment for research at URI. Specifically the Council shall: a) provide information to the President in response to all inquiries regarding research from the Board of Governors and the State Legislature; b) seek to identify all problems which hinder research efforts at URI and provide recommendations on their correction, or apply pressure to make needed changes; c) upon request, advise all campus groups and offices on matters relating to research; d) review and recommend policies for the management of research affairs at URI; e) review and recommend programs to solicit research funding for URI and participate in them; f) serve as the advisory council for the Vice Provost for Research; g) promote comprehensive understanding of the notion of research in order to enhance the well-being of all creative scholarly activities at URI; h) submit to the Faculty Senate Research Policy and Facilities Committee all changes in research policy which require the Senate's approval; and i) submit an annual report of its activities to the President and the Faculty Senate.

**Rationale:** The proposed changes reflect the actual functioning of the Council for Research in reviewing and recommending policies pertaining to research and creative scholarly activities.

5.52.11 The membership of the Council shall be chosen to reflect the diversity of the academic disciplines of the faculty and comprise of six faculty members chosen by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate; the Chairperson of the Faculty Senate Research Policy and Facilities Committee; three faculty members from the

research community chosen by the Provost; one member of the Council of Deans, chosen by that council; one director (or associate or assistant director) of a research center or bureau and one college business manager chosen by the Provost; one graduate student chosen by the Graduate Student Association; one undergraduate student appointed by the undergraduate Research Grant Committee; and the Vice Provost for Research and the Dean of the Graduate School as voting ex officio members. The two students shall be appointed yearly. The twelve members appointed by the Senate Executive Committee, the Council of Deans, and the Provost shall be appointed to three year terms commencing in September. Wherever the same person or body is charged with selecting two or more members, their term shall be staggered. The Council shall elect its chairperson for the year from among the faculty members of the Council at or before its first meeting in September. The name of the chairperson shall be made known to the University community and reported to the President and to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for publication in the minutes of the Senate.

**Rationale:** The changes reflect a desire to increase representation on the Council for Research (increase faculty representation from 3 to 6) and to broaden its base. The term of service will increase to three years, giving more continuity to the Council.

5.52.12 The Vice Provost for Research shall be responsible for calling the initial meeting of the Council each fall. Subsequent meetings of the Council shall be held at the call of its chairperson, as often as necessary, but at least twice each semester. Items for its agenda, which may be submitted to the chairperson, shall normally come from the President, the Council of Deans, the Faculty Senate or its Executive Committee, the Faculty Senate Research Policy and Facilities Committee, research bureaus and centers, principal investigators, or the Vice Provost for Research.

**Rationale:** The clause about circulating the agenda at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting is deleted to offer greater flexibility.

5.52.13 Among its duties, the Council shall solicit proposals from the faculty; shall allocate among faculty on a competitive basis financial support for a "Faculty Development" program (using guidelines developed by the Council); and shall advise the Vice Provost for Research on the allocation among faculty on a competitive basis of financial support for a

"Proposal Development" program (using guidelines developed by the Vice Provost for Research in consultation with the Council for Research). Support in both programs shall be for faculty salary and fellowships, student support, operating expenses, travel, and equipment.

**Rationale:** The changes here reflect the changes in the setup for the research support through the "Faculty Research Development" and the "Proposal Development" programs.