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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 #94-95-1: Sections 8.90.10 - 8.90.40 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 April 27, 1995 (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 May 18, 1995, 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.

April 28, 1995
(date)



Barbara F. Luebke
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 _____.

5/3/95
(date)



President

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

On April 27, 1995, the Faculty Senate approved the following changes to the UNIVERSITY MANUAL recommended in the Research Policy and Facilities Committee Report #94-95-1 and amended by the Faculty Senate:

8.90.10 Centers, Including Institutes, Bureaus, and Partnerships are officially recognized academic organizational and administrative units that shall be chartered to provide interdisciplinary coordination either within a college or across college lines directed at an issue beyond the scope of a single discipline. They may comprise many different disciplines or they may be single discipline based with secondary emphasis on contributing disciplines. The principal function shall be generally research oriented; however, in some instances, their missions may include instruction and/or service as components of equal importance. The facilities of a center need not be located in one location. A center shall be considered an individual entity and not tied to the demise or expansion of other centers.

8.90.11 Partnerships are centers (see 8.90.10) specifically designed and organized to be significantly broad in scale, for example by involving several disciplines across departmental and college lines, and are expected to be ultimately self supporting. Partnerships may cooperate with or involve extra-university entities or organizations in their activities. The term partnership may, but need not, be used in the organizational name of such a unit.

8.90.12 Individuals or groups at the University, who are not members of, or affiliated with, a Partnership, Center, Institute or Bureau, will have the same opportunities to conduct research and engage in creative activity, to obtain release time for such research or creative activity, and to have access to funding or other forms of support as may be available to members of such Partnerships, Centers, Institutes or Bureaus. Non-affiliation with a Partnership, Center, etc. will not be regarded negatively in applications for promotion or tenure.

8.90.20 Procedures for the Establishment of Centers. Proposals for all centers, including institutes, bureaus and partnerships shall originate with faculty representing the disciplines concerned. A proposal for the creation of a center, institute, bureau, or partnership, shall include an explanation of its goals and rationale, a description of its proposed administrative and staffing structure, a specific description of its relationship to other appropriate units of the University, a budget with personnel and space requirements, as well as amounts and sources of seed money. In addition, procedures for the termination of the center or assumption of full fiscal responsibilities by the University shall be included in the proposal.

8.90.21 Temporary Authorization for Centers. Centers, including institutes, bureaus, and partnerships, may be authorized to operate for an initial three year period by the Provost of the University who shall make the decision in consultation with the Vice Provost for Research, the Dean(s) of the faculty associated with the proposed center, and the chairs of the faculty members associated with the proposed center who will have brought the proposal to the department as a whole for their recommendations.

8.90.22 Permanent Authorization for Centers. Permanent authorization to operate centers, institutes, bureaus, or partnerships, including authorization to operate after an initial three year period described in 8.90.21, shall be subject to review by units and departments involved in the center as well as review by the colleges of the involved departments. Following college review, proposals shall be forwarded with departmental and college recommendations to the Faculty Senate Research Policy and Facilities Committee for consideration. The Research Policy and Facilities Committee shall act on proposals not requiring review under section 8.85.24 and shall report their actions as an informational matter to the Faculty Senate. Otherwise, the proposal with the recommendation of the Research Policy and Facilities Committee shall be forwarded to the Faculty Senate.

8.90.23 If, during the review process described in 8.90.22, consensus cannot be reached within or among the departments, units, and colleges involved in a proposed center, the Faculty Senate Research Policy and Facilities Committee shall report the situation to the Faculty Senate for resolution.

8.90.30 Centers, including, institutes, bureaus and partnerships, shall be reviewed every three years conjointly by the Council for Research and the Research Policy and Facilities Committee who shall submit their recommendations, including recommendations for continuation or dissolution, to the Provost.

8.90.40 At the discretion of the faculty member involved, any scholarship, teaching, or service activities carried out by a faculty member under the aegis of a center, institute, bureau, or partnership can be used in the evaluation of the faculty member for tenure, promotion, and considerations of merit.

CENTERS, INSTITUTES AND BUREAUS

8.90.10 Centers, Including Institutes and Bureaus, shall provide interdisciplinary coordination either within a college or across college lines directed at an issue beyond the scope of a single discipline. They may comprise many different disciplines or they may be single discipline based with secondary emphasis on contributing disciplines. The principal function shall be generally research oriented; however, in some instances, their missions may include instruction and/or service as components of equal importance.

8.90.20 Procedures for the Establishment of Centers, Institutes and Bureaus. All centers, institutes and bureaus shall originate with and be subject to approval by the faculties representing the disciplines concerned and shall be subject to approval of the appropriate college(s). Following college approval, proposals for the creation of centers, institutes or bureaus shall be forwarded to the Faculty Senate Research Policy and Facilities Committee for consideration. Where consensus cannot be obtained within or among the colleges or disciplines, the Faculty Senate Research Policy and Facilities Committee shall report the situation to the Faculty Senate for resolution.

8.90.21 New centers, institutes or bureaus shall be considered as individual entities and not tied to the demise or expansion of other centers. Proposals for the creation of new centers, institutes and bureaus shall include a general explanation of the goals of the center, a rationale for the center and a general description of its relationship to other appropriate units of the University. The proposal shall further include a budget with personnel and space requirements, as well as amount and source of seed money. In addition, procedures for the termination of the center or assumption of full fiscal responsibilities by the University shall be included in the proposal.

8.90.22 Following review of proposals for the creation of new centers, institutes or bureaus by the Research Policy and Facilities Committee, recommendations shall be forwarded to the Faculty Senate. The Research Policy and Facilities Committee shall act on proposals not requiring review under section 8.85.24.