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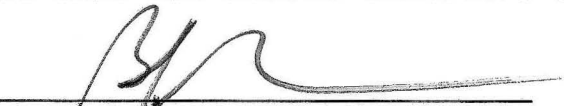
Adopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Robert L. Carothers

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Annual Report of the Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee for 1994-95: Changes to the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate, 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 May 11, 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 June 1, 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.

May 12, 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 _____.

5.17.95
(date)



President

College of Arts and Sciences

1. Department of Communication Studies

*ADD: COM 445 Television Advertising (II, 3) Examination of theory and practice in television advertising. Students will acquire and analyze commercials made by professionals and create and produce television advertisement. (Lec. 3) Not for graduate credit. Devlin

2. Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Department of Political Science

- a. CHANGE: Level and number for SOC 521 (or PSC 531) to "SOC 473 (or PSC 473) Behavior Systems in Crime."
- b. CHANGE: Social Justice category in the Justice, Law and Society minor by adding SOC 473 (or PSC 473) to the list of approved courses.

*No action by Graduate Council. Not for graduate credit.

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
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FACULTY SENATE

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND UNIVERSITY MANUAL COMMITTEE
APRIL, 1995

This year the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate charged the CBUM Committee to conduct a review of Faculty Senate procedures, including the Faculty Senate committee structure. Although this review has not been completed, the CBUM Committee is prepared to make a number of recommendations at this time.

The following proposed changes to the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate require a 2/3 majority vote and cannot be voted upon at the meeting at which they are first moved.

- A. **Administrator Evaluation:** Replace the Faculty Senate Administrator Evaluation Coordinating Committee with an Administrator Evaluation Coordinator working in cooperation with the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate.
 1. Delete sections 4.45 and 4.46 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate.
 2. Add the following new section 4.4 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate:

4.4 The Executive Committee with the consent of the Faculty Senate shall appoint an Administrator Evaluation Coordinator from the tenured faculty for a two-year term. The Administrator Evaluation Coordinator shall be responsible for the following: designating which administrators are to be evaluated in a given year; facilitating the election/selection of administrator evaluation committees within each administrator's constituent group as defined in section 5.75.12 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL; providing guidance and suggestions to these administrator evaluation committees as they design their instruments and outline their procedures; and, monitoring the committees' progress in conducting the evaluations. The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate shall review and evaluate the process as outlined here and as it evolves in the respective Evaluation Committees after the first three year round and at least every six years after that. The results of the review shall be reported to the Faculty Senate.
 3. Change section 5.75.11 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL by replacing the "Administrator Evaluation Coordinating Committee" with the "Administrator Evaluation Coordinator (see section 4.4 of the By-Laws)."
 4. Change section 10.90.13 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL by replacing the "Administrator Evaluation Coordinating Committee" with the "Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate."

- B. **Curricular Affairs Subcommittee on Student Writing:** Add the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (or designee) as approved in Faculty Senate Bill #94-95--3.

Change section 4.86 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate to read as follows:

4.86 The Subcommittee on Student Writing shall consist of two members of the Curricular Affairs Committee, a representative of the College Writing Program, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (or designee) and four members of the University faculty appointed at large. The Chairperson shall be elected by its members.

- C. **Honors Program and Visiting Scholars Committee:** Designate the Director of the Honors Program as Chair, change terms of other members to three-year terms appointed on a staggered basis.

1. Change section 4.40 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate to read as follows:

4.40 The Honors Program and Visiting Scholars Committee. This committee shall supervise the Honors Program (See Chapter 8, Academic Programs, Sections 8.60.10 - 8.65.13) and bring distinguished scholars to the campus for general lectures and/or other public programs. The committee shall comprise six faculty members: the Director of the Honors Program shall serve as chairperson of the committee; the five additional members shall be appointed for three-year terms. Appointments shall be made on a staggered basis.

2. Delete the last sentence of 4.42 of the By-Laws which states that the Director of the Honors Program "may serve as chairperson of the committee."

- D. **Teaching Effectiveness and Facilities Committee:** Add the Director of the Instructional Development Program as an official ex officio member of the committee.

Change section 4.60 by adding "The Director of the Instructional Development Program shall serve as an ex officio member of this committee."

- E. **Committees:** Change the general statement about standing committees to permit more flexibility in the number of members and length of terms and add a statement permitting committees to begin functioning prior to ratification of their appointment by the Faculty Senate in the fall and delete references to the Administrative Council.

1. Change section 4.13 of the By-Laws by deleting names of specific committees which do not follow the standard standing committee membership:

4.13 Unless specified otherwise, each committee shall be comprised of six faculty members, one of whom shall serve as chairperson, and three students, two undergraduates and one graduate; the faculty members shall serve for terms of two years, and shall be appointed on a staggered basis, three one year and three the following year. Similarly, the committee chairs shall be staggered so that approximately one-half are named each year. The student members shall serve for one year and shall be eligible for appointment to a second term. They shall be appointed, respectively by the Student Senate and by the Graduate Student Association.

2. Change section 6.1 of the by Laws by adding a last sentence permitting committees to meet before the members are ratified by the Faculty Senate in the fall:

6.1 The Chairperson of the Senate with the advice of the Executive Committee and the consent of the Senate shall appoint for two-year terms faculty members and chairpersons of standing committees to replace those faculty members and chairpersons whose terms have expired. These appointments shall be on staggered basis so that half the members of each committee are replaced each year and so that the chairpersons of half the committees are replaced each year. When the list of new members and new chairpersons of committees is presented to the Senate for approval, the Senate's action shall be limited to consenting to the appointees for each committee or to referring the matter back to the Chairperson and the Executive Committee. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as preventing a newly constituted Senate committee from meeting prior to the Faculty Senate's ratification of the new committee membership at the Senate's first fall meeting.

3. Change sections 3.4 and 4.8 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate by deleting references to the "Administrative Council."

- F. **Meeting Time:** Specify that the Faculty Senate adjourn at 5:00 p.m. rather than two hours after it begins.

Change section 7.2 to require a 5:00 p.m. adjournment:

7.2 Regular Senate meetings shall begin at 3:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as a quorum is determined to be present, and shall be adjourned at 5:00 p.m. When the Senate fails to complete its agenda within the time limit, the meeting either (1) shall be recessed and reconvened one week thereafter at the usual time, or (2) shall be adjourned and the unfinished business postponed definitely until the next regular meeting of the Senate.

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