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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 Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee Report #1996-97-1 Resubmitted, 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 8, 1997.
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 29, 1997, 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 9, 1997
(date)

James G. Kowalski
James G. Kowalski
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 _____.

5/22/97
(date)

Robert L. Carothers
President

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE
CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND UNIVERSITY MANUAL COMMITTEE
REPORT #96-97-1 RESUBMITTED
APRIL 1997

As Amended by the Faculty Senate on May 8, 1997

At their meeting of February 28, 1997, the Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee reviewed Faculty Senate Bill #96-97--6 "Scheduling Policy Recommended by the Athletics Advisory Board" and approved proposed changes to the UNIVERSITY MANUAL to reflect the legislation. These changes were included on the Agenda for the April 10, 1997 Meeting of the Faculty Senate.

On the morning of April 10, 1997, the CBUM Committee received a request from Professor Donald McCreight, Chair of the Athletics Advisory Board, for a modification in the proposed sections of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL. At the April 10, 1997 Faculty Senate meeting, CBUM Committee Chair Fritz Wenisch moved that the Report be referred back to the CBUM Committee.

The CBUM Committee met on April 18, 1997 and reviewed the original legislation (Attachment A) and Professor McCreight's letter (Attachment B) and agreed that the amendment proposed by the Athletics Advisory Board is not consistent with the original legislation approved by the Faculty Senate. While the amendment can be considered if it is proposed by a member of the Faculty Senate, the CBUM Committee agreed to present the recommendations as originally proposed.

Therefore the CBUM Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the following changes to the UNIVERSITY MANUAL:

1. Add the following new sections 8.51.30-31 to the UNIVERSITY MANUAL and renumber existing sections 8.51.30 and 8.51.40 as 8.51.40 and 8.51.50.

8.51.30 Final Examinations and Athletic Events.

Intercollegiate athletic contests at the University of Rhode Island shall not be scheduled (at home or away) during either the final exam period or designated reading days. Compulsory practice sessions shall not be scheduled during the final exam period

8.51.31 Issues regarding Conference championships, special tournaments, and other athletic competitions not controlled through University scheduling that occur during the final exam period shall be forwarded to the Athletics Advisory Board for their recommendation to waive the above policy and permit participation. The board's recommendation shall be forwarded to the University President for final action.

2. Insert the following sentence before the last sentence in section 5.17.10 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL:

For the role of the Athletics Advisory Board on issues regarding championships and special tournaments during the final examination period see section 8.51.31.

Members of the Committee:

Gordon Dash, FIN
Michael Honhart, HIS
Margaret Keefe, LIB
William Mensel, ENG
Walter Mueller, PLS
Fritz Wenisch, PHL
Sheila Black Grubman

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ATTACHMENT A

Faculty Senate Bill #96-97--6

On October 17, 1996, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee reviewed the proposed Scheduling Policy recommended by the Athletics Advisory Board and agreed that it should be forwarded to the Faculty Senate. At a subsequent meeting, held on October 29, 1996, the Executive Committee agreed to recommend that the proposed Scheduling Policy be approved by the Faculty Senate. On November 14, 1996, the recommendation was approved by the Faculty Senate as Senate Bill #96-97--6. President Carothers approved the legislation on November 20, 1996.

SCHEDULING POLICY

**Recommended by the Athletics Advisory Board
October, 1996**

Intercollegiate athletic contests at the University of Rhode Island will not be scheduled (at home or away) during either the final exam period or designated reading days.

Issues regarding Conference championships and special tournaments not controlled through University scheduling that occur during the final exam period will be forwarded to the Athletics Advisory Board for their recommendation to waive the above policy and permit participation. The board's recommendation will be forwarded to the University President for final action.

During the final exam period compulsory practice sessions will not be scheduled.

ATTACHMENT B
Letter from Athletics Advisory Board

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Athletic Advisory Board
131 Woodward Hall

April 10, 1997

Sheila Black Grubman
Faculty Senate Office
Roosevelt Hall

Dear Sheila:

At our Athletic Advisory Board meeting on April 8, we reviewed the proposed manual additions 8.51.30-31 regarding scheduling policies for Athletic Events during examination periods and found that the way it is stated changes the intent of the board's recommendation forwarded to President Carothers on March 13, 1996.

The original intent of establishing the policy was to limit and control scheduling of Athletic events during examination periods. With the separation into two policies, 8.51.30 does not contain the statement of a possible waiver that is contained in 8.51.31. It was the Board's intent to allow waiver requests under this policy. The Board recommends that the waiver request statement included under 8.51.31 be added to 8.51.30.

Basketball (men and women) is the only sport that is involved during the Fall term. During the Spring term teams that are successful in A-10 conference play are invited to conference playoffs and possibly continue to NCAA tournament play. Since examination schedules have been changing after original adoption, it is possible that conflicts will arise with the new dates.

Several other factors complicate Basketball scheduling: Conference games are scheduled years in advance on a specific rotation plan. However, nationally televised games (conference and non conference) may be scheduled on short notice and require schedule changes. In conclusion, the Athletic Advisory Board requests consideration of the following addition to 8.51.30.

"Exceptions to this policy must be forwarded to the Athletic Advisory Board for their recommendation to waive the above policy and permit participation. The board's recommendation shall be forwarded to the President for final action."

Sincerely,

Donald E. McCreight
Chair of Athletic Advisory Board

cc: Ron Petro, Athletic Director
Robert Carothers, President