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## Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #97-98-3: Proposed Change in Drop Deadline as Amended

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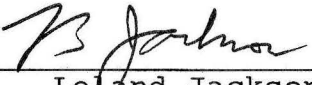
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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island  
FACULTY SENATE  
BILL  
Adopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Robert L. Carothers  
FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #97-98-3: Proposed Change in Drop Deadline as Amended 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 14, 1998.
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 4, 1998, 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 15, 1998  
(date)

  
Leland Jackson  
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 \_\_\_\_\_.

5/20/98  
(date)

  
President

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE  
REPORT #1997-98-3

PROPOSED CHANGE TO UNIVERSITY MANUAL SECTION 8.34.10:  
DROPPING A COURSE.

As Amended by the Faculty Senate on May 14, 1998

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee considered a change in the deadline for dropping courses proposed by the Registrar's Advisory Council and now presents the following recommendation to the Faculty Senate for approval.

Recommendation:

Amend the first sentence of section 8.34.10 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL to read as follows: (Change is in **Boldface**)

8.34.10 Dropping a Course. A course may be dropped by official procedures determined by the Registrar on or before the **end of the eighth week of classes...**

Rationale:

The Registrar's Advisory Council proposed a change to academic regulation 8.34.10 Dropping a Course. Specifically, the Council recommends that the last day to drop a course be changed from midsemester to the end of the tenth week of instruction. The Council is of the opinion that the midsemester drop deadline places a hardship on students and consequently on deans' offices. Frequently, students are unsure of their potential for academic success in a course(s) until after midsemester exam results and grades are available. Deans frequently receive requests by students for waivers of the drop deadline based on the lack of this information. These waivers create a workload for the deans that could be eliminated by changing the drop deadline. The tenth week of the semester provides ample time for students to assess their progress in a course and decide if they should continue or drop their course(s).

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