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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
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Serial Number #98-99--3

TO: President Robert L. Carothers

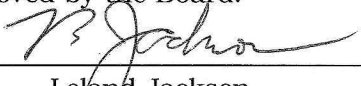
FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

- 1. The attached BILL, titled University College and General Education
Committee Report #98-99-1

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 October 22, 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 November 12, 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.

October 23, 1998
(date)


Leland Jackson
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

10/28/98
(date)


President

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
REPORT #98-99-1

October 9, 1998

At the October 9, 1998 meeting of the University College and General Education Committee, the following matters were considered and are now presented to the Faculty Senate.

SECTION I

Current General Education Program

The UCGE Committee recommends the approval of the following additions to the Current General Education Program:

A. College of Arts and Sciences

That ARH 184, Architecture: An Introduction, be assigned into the Fine Arts and Literature (A) Area.

B. Honors Program

That Honors Colloquium Topic for Spring 1999, HPR 201, The Literacy Challenge in America, be assigned into the Social Sciences (S) area.

SECTION II

Informational Report on NEASC Recommendations Related to General Education

The UCGE Committee received a brief summary of the NEASC Evaluation Report from Vice Provost Blair Lord which emphasized recommendations related to issues under consideration by the UCGE Committee. Variations of the following two recommendations are found throughout the report:

1. The University is encouraged to redouble its efforts to reinvigorate and enhance the General Education program.
2. The University should develop and institute a comprehensive outcomes-based assessment program for its academic programs.

Members of the Faculty Senate are encouraged to read the NEASC Accreditation Report which is accessible on the URI Home Page. Copies may also be obtained upon request of the Faculty Senate Office and the Provost's Office.

Provost Swan and Vice Provost Lord will be available at the October 22, 1998 Meeting of the Faculty Senate for an informal discussion of the NEASC Report and the recommendations.