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FACULTY SENATE

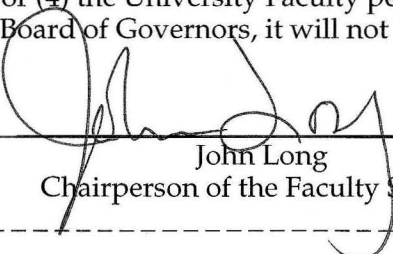
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TO: President Robert L. Carothers

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Report of the Centers Review Coordinating Committee: Proposal for a Permanent John Hazen White, Sr. Center for Ethics and Public Service, 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, 2000.
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, 2000 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 11, 2000  
(date)

  
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 John Long  
 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  8/17/00
- c. Disapproved

5/23/00  
(date)

  
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 President

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

AD HOC CENTERS REVIEW COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT  
ON THE JOHN HAZEN WHITE, SR. CENTER FOR ETHICS AND PUBLIC SERVICE

SECTION I

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

ABSTRACT

The John Hazen White, Sr. Center for Ethics and Public Service was established within the College of Arts and Sciences through a grant to the University of Rhode Island Foundation of \$500,000 from Mr. John Hazen White, Sr. Its purpose is to sensitize elected and appointed officials to the ethical conflicts every public servant must confront. The Center promotes and coordinates education on ethics in public life on campus for faculty and students and off-campus for citizens of the state.

The Ad Hoc Centers Review Coordinating Committee voted to recommend approval on a permanent basis of the John Hazen White, Sr. Center for Ethics and Public Service to be funded by its endowment, and, in the remote possibility that additional support is necessary, to compete within the College of Arts and Sciences at the Class B level (recommends that proposed new programs compete for resources on an equal basis with all other University activities).

BACKGROUND

The John Hazen White, Sr. Center for Ethics and Public Service was initially established on July 1, 1994 and named in honor of Mr. John Hazen White, Sr. whose gift of \$500,000 endowed the center. The Center was subsequently approved on a temporary basis by M. Beverly Swan, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, under the provisions of section 8.90.21 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL.

Although section 8.85.17 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL states that "the Council for Research shall serve as the coordinating and review committee...for proposals for new centers, including partnerships, bureaus and institutes" it also provides that the "Executive Committee may establish or recommend establishing a special committee to serve as the coordinating and review committee for a proposal." After reviewing the proposal, it was agreed that the John Hazen White, Sr. Center for Ethics and Public Service had implications beyond those of a research center and an ad hoc Centers Review Coordinating Committee was established comprising representatives of the Curricular Affairs Committee, the Graduate Council and the Council for Research. The Faculty Senate approved the Ad Hoc Centers Review Coordinating Committee at its first meeting in September 1999. The following members were designated by their constituent committees: Maling Ebrahimpour, Graduate Council; Chet Hickox, CAC, Chair; William O'Malley, Graduate Council; Margaret Ordonez, Council for Research and Sue Fisher Vaughn, CAC.

Early in the spring 2000 semester, copies of the proposal for the Center were forwarded to the following groups for their review and recommendations: The Curricular Affairs Committee, the Graduate Council, the Council for Research, the Council of Deans and the Joint Educational Policy Committee. In addition, the Ad Hoc Centers Review Coordinating Committee asked the Budget Office to review the financial implications of the proposal.

On March 29, the center received unanimous support from the Council of Deans. The Graduate Council voted to endorse the center at their meeting of April 14. The Curricular Affairs Committee voted on April 24 to recommend approval of the center on the basis that it would be supported by the endowment and agreed that if funding from within the College of Arts and Sciences is sought, it compete on a Class B Level. Neither the Joint Educational Policy Committee nor the Council for Research took any action with regard to the proposal.

In the Budget Office review, Budget Director Linda Barrett noted on April 11, that "the program proposal would appear to make no demand on new budgetary resource commitments beyond those presently committed to its support." She noted that the endowment would provide funds of approximately \$24,000 to "fund the Center's workshops and special programs. Compensation to the Directors in the form of released time or stipend will have the explicit approval of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences on an annual basis."

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## SECTION II

### RECOMMENDATION

The Ad Hoc Centers Review Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal and considered all of the comments forwarded to them by the various bodies. On April 28, 2000 they voted to recommend to the Faculty Senate that John Hazen White, Sr. Center for Ethics and Public Service be approved on a permanent basis. It is now presented to the Faculty Senate for approval at the Class B Level - - to compete for resources on an equal basis with all other University activities. The proposal is in the format required by the Board of Governors for Higher Education.

#### JOHN HAZEN WHITE, SR. CENTER FOR ETHICS AND PUBLIC SERVICE

##### A. General Information

1. *Name of Institution:*

University of Rhode Island

2. *Administrative Unit*

College of Arts and Sciences

3. *Title of Proposed Organizational Unit:*

The John Hazen White, Sr. Center for Ethics and Public Service

4. *Intended Date of Program Implementation:*

As soon as approved. Program has been operating on preliminary basis since 7/1/94.

5. *Intended location of proposed program:*

University of Rhode Island/Kingston Campus

6. *Institutional Review and Approval Process:*

College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee	10/8/98
College of Arts and Sciences Faculty	3/9/99
Centers Review Coordinating Committee	4/28/00
Faculty Senate	5/11/00
President	
Board of Governors for Higher Education	

7. *Summary Description:*

The mission of the Center for Ethics and Public Service is as follows: -

"The John Hazen White, Sr. Center for Ethics and Public Service at the University of Rhode Island will be a catalyst for ethics education for officials, citizens, and students in Rhode Island. The Center will sensitize elected and appointed officials to the ethical conflicts every public servant must confront. The Center will promote and coordinate education on ethics in public life on campus for faculty and students and off-campus for citizens of the state. The Center will facilitate internships in public service for students."

The Center is led by co-Directors, Professors Maureen Moakley and Alfred Killilea of the Political Science Department. The directors meet regularly with faculty from departments throughout the University for advice on implementing the Center's mission as well as with the Center's Advisory Board which consists of:

President Robert Carothers, Chair  
Dean Winifred Brownell  
Ms. Kathleen Mallon  
Mr. Gary Sasse  
Mr. Sheldon Whitehouse  
Ms. Eleanor Slater  
Rev. Daniel Burke  
Rep. Anthony Pires  
Mr. John Hazen White, Sr.

8. *Signature of President*

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9. *Persons to be contacted during the review:*

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**B. Rationale**

The purpose of the John Hazen White Sr. Center for Ethics and Public Service is to provide non-curricular ethics education for public officials in all areas of Rhode Island government and also for students, faculty and the general public. Public ethics is a critical concern of citizens and the University. In the preliminary period of the last two and a half years, the Center has run a series of day long ethics workshops for the entire cabinet of the governor, for state court personnel, for new members of the General Assembly, for faculty, for alumni, and for various state agencies. The purpose of the Center is to strengthen and expand this kind of ethics education.

### **C. Institutional Role**

The mission of the Center fits well the University's mission and long range goal of uplifting public service and educating its students and the general public in the ethical standards and challenges of democratic government.

### **D. Interinstitutional Considerations**

The idea for the Center for Ethics and Public Service grew out of a project funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (F.I.P.S.E.).

The purpose of that project was to provide a plan for the teaching of ethics throughout the Master of Public Administration Program that is jointly offered by U.R.I. and Rhode Island College. R.I.C. faculty have worked with the Center from its inception and this collaboration has been fruitful for all faculty involved. The Center does not duplicate programs offered by R.I.C. or C.C.R.I. but does offer the prospect of involving their faculty as both participants and facilitators in its workshops on ethics.

### **E. Resources**

All of the resources of the Center derive from its endowment at the University Foundation. It is presently expected that the principal of \$500,000 will provide annual funds to operate the Center of approximately \$24,000. This money will fund the Center's workshops and special programs. Compensation to the directors in the form of released time or stipend will have the explicit approval of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences on an annual basis.

### **F. Evaluation**

The Center will be monitored and periodically evaluated by its Directors and Advisory Board and by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.