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Faculty Senate


Serial Number #02-03--31

TO: President Robert L. Carothers

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #2002-03-3, 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, 2003.
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, 2003 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, 2003  
(date)

  
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 Paul G. Arakelian  
 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

5/21/03  
(date)

  
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 President



## Faculty Senate

### Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #2002-03-3

April 4, 2003  
As Amended by the Faculty Senate on May 8, 2003

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee met on April 3, 2003 and considered the following matters that are brought to the Faculty Senate for consideration at this time.

#### I. Graduate Ceremonies

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate amend the University Calendars for 2003-4, 2004-5 and 2005-6 by adding the date of Graduate Ceremonies on the Saturday before Commencement each spring.

#### II. Posthumous Degrees

At the request of Vice Provost Rhodes, the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee considered the development of University policy with regard to the granting of posthumous degrees. The committee's original proposal was referred back by the Faculty Senate on November 21, 2002. The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee now recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the following new sections **8.22.50-51** of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL:

**8.22.50 Posthumous Degrees.** Any University of Rhode Island student who dies while registered for courses and who has completed at least fifty percent of the credits necessary for the degree which he or she is seeking is eligible to be awarded a posthumous degree. On the recommendation of the chair of the department and the dean of the college in which the student was enrolled, the Board of Governors may confer a posthumous degree.

**8.22.51** Posthumous degrees shall be presented to the family of the deceased student by the President of the University at a time and place of the President's choosing. However, that time and place may not be at the time and place of any college graduation ceremonies except by recommendation of the department chair and college dean.

### III. University Calendar for 2006-2007

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommended and the Faculty Senate approved the following calendar for the 2006-07 academic year. Senate Bill #02-03--7, was subsequently disapproved by President Carothers and referred back to committee. Because President Carothers has informed the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee that he will no longer oppose the calendar, it is returned to the Faculty Senate for approval. There are an equal number of MTWRF class days each semester and the total number of weeks for each semester satisfies Federal Financial Aid guidelines.

#### Fall 2006

Labor Day, classes do not meet, offices are closed	M	Sep. 04
Advising Day	T	Sep. 05
<b>Classes Begin</b>	W	Sep. 06
Last day to early drop	F	Sep. 15
Last day to ADD classes and to add Pass/Fail Option	T	Sep. 19
Columbus Day, classes do not meet	M	Oct. 9
Mid-semester	M	Oct. 23
Last day to CHANGE from Pass/Fail Option	M	Oct. 23
Midterm freshmen grades due in Enrollment Services	T	Oct. 24
Last day to drop classes	T	Oct. 31
Election Day, classes do not meet, offices are closed	T	Nov. 07
Tuesday classes meet	W	Nov. 08
Veterans' Day Observed, classes meet, offices are closed		
Thanksgiving Recess, classes do not meet	RFSU	Nov. 23-26
Classes End	M	Dec. 11
Reading Days	TW	Dec. 12-13
Final Examinations	RF MTWRF	Dec. 14-15, 18-22
Final grades due by 1:00pm in Enrollment Services	W	Dec. 27
Official date of December graduation	F	Dec 29

#### Spring 2007

Advising Day	F	Jan. 12
Martin Luther King Day, Classes do not meet	M	Jan. 15

<b>Classes begin</b>	T	Jan. 16
Last day to Drop "early drop" classes	R	Jan. 25
Last day to Add and to Add Pass/Fail Option	M	Jan. 29
Mid-semester	W	Mar 07
Last day to CHANGE from Pass/Fail Option	W	Mar 07
Midterm freshmen grades are due in Enrollment Services	R	Mar 08
Spring Break, classes do not meet, offices are open		Mar. 12-18
Last day for students to DROP classes	M	Mar. 19
Classes End	M	Apr. 30
Reading Days	TW	May 01-02
Final Examinations	RF M-F	May 03-04 07-11
Final Grades due in Enrollment Services by 1:00pm	T	May 15
Graduate Commencement Ceremonies	S	May 19
Commencement	U	May 20

#### IV. Six-year Calendar

The University Manual mandates that calendars be approved four years in advance. The four-year calendar has become a hardship for the College of Pharmacy, whose students are enrolled for six years and planning is required six years in advance for incoming freshmen. The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that section **8.70.10** of the University Manual be amended by replacing "four-year" with "six-year." The first portion of the section to read (change is in *italics*):

**8.70.10 Preparation** A *six-year* calendar shall be maintained. In accordance with sections [8.70.20-8.70.40]...

#### V. Summer Session Calendar

In accordance with section **8.70.11** of the University Manual, Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends approval of the following summer session calendars for summer 2004 and summer 2005:

<b>Summer SSI</b>	2004	2005
Cancellation Day Wednesday before classes begin	May 19	May 18
<b>Term I begins</b>	<b>May 24</b>	<b>May 23</b>

Last day to ADD and to ADD Pass/Fail Option	May 28	May 27
Memorial Day — No classes	May 31	May 30
Make up Monday Classes - following Friday	June 4	June 3
Last day to Drop GRD and UGRD	June 6	June 3
Mid Semester	June 9	June 8
Term I Classes End and Exams Given	week of June 21	week of June 20
<b>Summer SSII</b>	2004	2005
Cancellation Day Wednesday before classes begin	June 23	June 22
<b>Term II begins</b>	<b>June 28</b>	<b>June 27</b>
Last day to ADD and to ADD Pass/Fail Option	July 2	July 1
Independence Day — No classes	July 5	July 4
Make up Classes due to holiday	July 9	July 8
Last day to Drop GRD and UGRD	July 9	July 8
Mid Semester	July 14	July 13
Term II Classes End and Exams Given	week of July 26	week of July 25