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Report of the Executive Committee on Abolition of ACRA.

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Faculty Senate

Serial Number #05-06--4

TO: President Robert L. Carothers
FROM: Michael A. Rice, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

- 1. The attached BILL, titled Report of the Executive Committee on Abolition of ACRA, 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 November 17, 2005.
- 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 December 8, 2005 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.

November 21, 2005
(date)

Michael A. Rice
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 ___.

11/30/05
(date)

President

**UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
FACULTY SENATE**

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
November 2005**

When the Joint Strategic Planning Committee was established in the spring of 2003, its responsibilities included those previously assigned to the Advisory Committee on Resource Allocation (ACRA). Since that time, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate has decided each fall not to appoint the members of ACRA because the Joint Strategic Planning Committee (JSPC) had assumed ACRA's function as set forth in University Manual Sections 5.70.10 to 5.70.12 inclusive.

Agreeing that the JSPC has replaced the Advisory Committee on Resource (ACRA), the Executive Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the committee's elimination.

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that the Advisory Committee on Resource Allocation (ACRA) be eliminated and that the following sections of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL be deleted:

5.72.10 The Advisory Committee on Resource Allocation (ACRA) shall serve as an advisory committee on resource allocation to the Vice President for Administration. It may also serve as an additional vehicle for communication within the University community.

5.72.11 The committee shall review and analyze the University's income and expenditure patterns with particular attention to the basic assumptions and priorities that underlie these patterns. In conducting these analyses, the committee shall review budget data from comparable institutions to provide context and external benchmarks. The committee will be consulted and may offer advice on budget priorities prior to the finalization of the prospective unrestricted budget request, including new initiatives submitted by the University to the Board of Governors and may be consulted and may offer advice prior to the implementation in the event of major state recessionary requirements.

5.72.12 The committee shall consist of four faculty members appointed by the Faculty Senate and four members appointed by the President. The Vice President for Administration shall serve as a non-voting *ex officio* member. The Chairperson shall be appointed jointly by the President and the Chairperson of the Faculty Senate.

5.72.13 The committee may participate in the annual report on the budget to the Faculty Senate and may report as needed to the Faculty Senate on major modifications to the budget during the academic year. The Faculty Senate's representatives shall report once each year to the Faculty Senate and whenever there is a major change.