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Faculty Senate

Serial Number #06-07--35

TO: President Robert L. Carothers

FROM: Michael A. Rice, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Curricular Report No. 2006-07-7A: Proposal for a dual Diplom/Master of Science program with the Technische Universität Braunschweig is forwarded for your consideration.
2. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on May 10, 2007.
3. 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.
4. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective May 31, 2007 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 14, 2007  
(date)

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Michael A. Rice  
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    ✓ APPROVED 5/21/07

c. Disapproved   .

5/28/07  
(date)

  
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President

**UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND**  
**The Graduate School**

**Curricular Report from the Graduate Council to the Faculty Senate**  
**Report No. 2006-2007-7A**

At meeting No. 418 held on 30 March, 2007, the Graduate Council approved the following proposal that is now submitted to the Faculty Senate.

**SECTION I**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**ABSTRACT**

The Graduate Council approved a proposal from the College of Engineering for a dual Diplom/ Master of Science program with the Technische Universität Braunschweig. The goal of the program is “ to offer students the opportunity to complete a significant portion of the studies of their home institution at the partner institution, and, in cases where the curricular requirements of both institutions are met, to receive both the Masters Degree from the University of Rhode Island and the *Diplom* from the Technical University of Braunschweig.”

**BACKGROUND**

Several years ago the University entered an agreement with the Technische Universität Braunschweig (TUB) that contained the description of a program that allows participating students to meet the requirements for the Diplom at TUB and the Master of Science degree at URI. Probably because the dual Diplom/ Master of Science program did not alter requirements for either credential, the proposal did not move through the normal approval process.

As part of its review of the recently submitted Dual Degree Doctoral program that is based on the earlier Diplom/ M.S. program, the Board of Governors for Higher Education has asked that the Diplom/ M.S. program be submitted for the normal approval process. The agreement already has served a large number of students and requires no new resources.

The proposal was reviewed under the process established by the Faculty Senate in which the Graduate Council serves as the Coordinating and Review Committee. Announcements of the receipt of the proposal were sent to the Provost and the Council of Deans, the Budget Office, and Department Chairs and Graduate Directors. Recommendations were sought from each of these. Comments and recommendations have been kept on file in the Graduate School.

The Council of Deans unanimously endorsed the agreement.

**SECTION II**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Graduate Council approved the proposal for the dual Diplom/ Masters program at its meeting number 418 held on 30 March, 2007, and forwards it to the Faculty Senate with a recommendation for approval in the category of programs that require no additional University resources.