Curricular Report No. 2016-17-4 from the Graduate Council to the Faculty Senate: University Manual Changes, Sections 3.30.10-3.30.17, and 5.65.10.

University of Rhode Island Faculty Senate
TO: President David Dooley  
FROM: W. Michael Sullivan, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL titled, Curricular Report No. 2016-17-4 from the Graduate Council to the Faculty Senate: University Manual Changes, Sections 3.30.10-3.30.17, and 5.65.10, is forwarded for your consideration.

2. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on February 23, 2017.

3. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original, completing the appropriate endorsement below.

4. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate’s By-Laws, this bill will become effective March 16, 2017 three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; or (3) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum.

   W. Michael Sullivan  
   Chairperson of the Faculty Senate  
   February 23, 2017

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate  
FROM: President of the University

a. Approved 

b. Approved subject to Notice of the Council on Postsecondary Education

c. Disapproved

Signature of the President

3/10/167 (date)
University Manual Changes

Chapter 3
CHAPTER 3 – THE COLLEGES, SCHOOLS AND DIVISIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY

3.30.10 The Graduate School. The University offers programs leading to Master of Arts or Science degrees, professional master’s degrees and the Doctor of Philosophy degree, in cooperation with the several colleges, graduate professional schools and the Alan-Shawn Feinstein College of Continuing Education.

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3.30.12 The Dean shall be ex officio chairperson and a member of the Graduate Faculty, and the Graduate Council. S/he shall be the executive officer of both the Graduate Faculty and Graduate Council.

3.30.13 The Dean shall transmit to the Faculty Senate actions of the Graduate Faculty requiring its approval; administer and enforce regulations pertaining to the conduct of graduate work and the granting of graduate degrees and certify to the Graduate Council the names of students who have satisfied requirements for degrees; administer the executive office of the Graduate School, maintain appropriate records, prepare the annual budget, make regular reports to the President and to the Graduate Faculty on the condition of the Graduate School; and perform other related duties necessary for the effective functioning of the Graduate School.

3.30.14 Early in each academic year s/he shall prepare and distribute to all faculty a list of the faculty members who qualify for membership on the Graduate Faculty; and shall coordinate and administer University graduate fellowship and scholarship programs.

3.30.15 In carrying out these responsibilities the Dean shall be assisted by the following (see 3.30.16):

3.30.16 The Associate Dean of the Graduate School shall perform the duties of the Dean of the Graduate School during the absence of the Dean and such other duties as are delegated by the Dean.

3.30.17 The Assistant Dean of Graduate Recruitment and Diversity Initiatives shall develop recruitment and retention initiatives to attract and provide support for a diverse population of graduate students and collaborate with departments and colleges to facilitate graduate student success.
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CHAPTER 5 – COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY

5.65.10 The Graduate Council shall comprise 19 representatives of whom 15 faculty members (12 elected by the Graduate Faculty, one elected by the Library Faculty, and two appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School), three graduate students and the nineteenth is the Dean of the Graduate School. Representation of the 13 elected members is as follows:

- Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Education and Professional Studies (1)
- College of Business Administration (1)
- College of Engineering (1)
- College of the Environment and Life Sciences (1)
- College of Health Sciences and Service (2)
- College of Nursing (1)
- College of Pharmacy (1)
- Graduate School of Oceanography (1)
- College of Arts and Sciences (3):
  - Natural Sciences: Chemistry, Computer Science and Statistics, Mathematics, Physics (1)
  - Social Sciences: Economics, Library and Information Studies, History, Journalism, Military Science, Political Science (1), Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology (1)
  - Humanities: Art and Art History, Communication Studies, English, History, Library and Information Studies, Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, Music, Philosophy, Theatre (1)
- At Large: may be from any department in the College of Arts and Sciences (1)
- University Libraries (1)

Graduate student members of the Graduate Council shall include the following: The President (or, at the discretion of the President, but not interchangeably, the Vice President) of the Graduate Student Association, serving for the academic year following his/her election or reelection; and two graduate students chosen by the Graduate Student Association to serve one-year terms, but eligible for one reelection; one graduate student chosen by the Vice President for Research and Economic Development to serve a one-year term but eligible for reappointment.
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