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Charge for a Standing Committee for Liaison with the Division of University Extension, Authorization to include in the University Manual.

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Transmittal Form for Bills Approved by the Faculty Senate

From: The Chairman, Faculty Senate.
To: The President, Dr. Francis H. Horn

1. The attached bill, entitled ____________________________, is hereby forwarded to you for your consideration.

2. The official original and eight copies for your use are attached.

3. This bill was approved by vote of the Faculty Senate on ____________, 1963.

4. After your consideration, will you kindly indicate your approval or drawback, as appropriate, and either return it or forward it to the Board of Trustees, as you may deem appropriate, completing the appropriate endorsement below.

5. Attention is invited to the fact that this bill will become effective on ____________, 1963, in accordance with paragraph 8.2 of the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate as amended, or in accordance with provisions of the bill, unless it is disapproved by the President or by the Board of Trustees, or unless referendum is petitioned for by the Faculty.

Endorsement I.

From: The President, University of Rhode Island
To: The Chairman, Board of Trustees of State Colleges

1. Forwarded.
2. Approved.

Alternate Endorsement I.

From: The President, University of Rhode Island
To: The Chairman, Faculty Senate.

1. Returned.
2. Approved ______ Disapproved ___________.
3. (If approved) In my opinion, transmittal to the Board of Trustees would not be desired by the Board and is unnecessary.

13 December 1963

(Signature) President, University of R. I.
Endorsement 2.
From: The Board of Trustees of State Colleges.
To: The Chairman, Faculty Senate.
Via: The President, University of Rhode Island.

1. Returned.
2. Approved ____ Disapproved ____.

(Date) __________________________ (Signature) __________________________

(Office) __________________________

Endorsement 3.
From: The President, University of Rhode Island
To: The Chairman, Faculty Senate.

1. Forwarded.

(Date) __________________________ (Signature) President, University of R.I.

Received 31 December 1963 __________________________

(Date) __________________________ (Signature) Chairman, Faculty Senate.

Original forwarded to Secretary of the Senate and Registrar, E. Farrell, for filing in the archives of the University.
31 December 1963 __________________________

Robert W. Harrison __________________________
Serial II.

Recommendation II.

It is recommended that the Senate establish a Standing Committee for Liaison with the Division of University Extension, with the following charge, and that the charge to the committee be included in the University Manual:

The Committee shall

a) examine the relationships between the administrative divisions and faculties on the Kingston campus and the Division of University Extension. The committee shall concern itself with the academic growth and the standards of the Extension Division.

Explanation of Recommendation II.

The rapid growth of the Division of University Extension, and a number of problems that have become apparent recently, prompt this recommendation. At the invitation of the Executive Committee, academic Vice-President Hartung and Dean of the Extension Division Hackett attended a meeting to discuss these matters, and it was agreed that such a committee would be useful in formulating recommendations to solve present and future problems of this nature and to establish closer relations between this important and rapidly growing division of the University and the faculties on the Kingston campus.

Robert W. Harrison
Professor Robert W. Harrison  
Chairman, Faculty Senate  
Ranger Hall, Campus  

Dear Bob:  

I briefly discussed with you my objections to the action of the Senate in setting up a "Standing Committee for Liaison with the Division of University Extension." This is merely to summarize my objections to the proposal.  

I have no objection to a committee of the Senate to consider matters of policy affecting the Extension Division; however, the statement of the committee to the extent that such a committee "would be useful in formulating recommendations to solve present and future problems" concerning the relationships of the campus to the Extension Division seems to me to involve this committee too much in administrative operations. I believe that the actual day-by-day handling of the Extension Division should be left to John Hackett and his people, dealing with the appropriate administrators on campus, but that all new matters of policy, both affecting the curriculum and the role of the faculty up there, would benefit by a faculty committee, I am sure. Consequently, if you will give the committee some such name as "Standing Committee on Educational Policy for the Extension Division," I'd be happy to approve this. Your people may come up with a still better title, but I would have to say that I don't want the word "liaison" in it if I must approve it.  

Perhaps a new statement of its charge would also want to be worked out. I am sure there is no basic disagreement between us on this; it is just a matter of finding the right wording.  

Cordially,  

Francis H. Horn  
President
President Francis M. Horn  
Administration Building  
Campus

Dear President Horn:

Please refer to:

a. Senate Bill Serial II, as transmitted to you and returned, with letter attached.


d. Your letter to me dated December 3, 1963, paragraph 3.

There seems to be some misunderstanding in connection with Senate Bill Serial II. Reference to the transmittal form letter will reveal that it was transmitted to the President only for authorization of inclusion of the charge to the Standing Committee for Liaison with the Division of University Extension in the University Manual. Perhaps I did not make that clear. The establishment of such a committee, and the charge itself, do not require the approval of the President, and these therefore are now in effect as approved by the Faculty Senate on December 12, 1963.

The question of requirements for approval of Senate committees was discussed in my letter dated November 22, 1963 (reference c) and I interpreted your statement in reference b to indicate your agreement that the Senate has the authority to appoint whatever committees it wishes to appoint, that are within its jurisdiction. In our opinion the academic program of the Division of University Extension lies within the jurisdiction of the Faculty Senate (together with the President).
January 6, 1964

President Horn

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I shall interpret the President's disapproval of Bill Serial 11 to mean that he does not approve of inclusion of the charge to the committee in the University Manual.

At its meeting on January 3, 1964, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate concurred with the Chairman in this interpretation.

We shall, therefore, proceed to select members for this committee and present their names to the Senate for approval at a Senate meeting in the near future. If the membership is approved by the Senate, the committee will be requested to proceed with its business as charged.

I note (reference a, attached letter) that the President would propose changes in the name and charge to this committee. The most appropriate means to accomplish this would have been to present the proposals at the Senate meeting on December 12, during the debate on the bill. The opportunity for doing that being now past, I suggest that the next most appropriate recourse is for the President to move re-consideration of the charge to the committee at a future meeting of the Senate as an item of new business. Such a motion is debatable and requires a simple majority vote. If passed, it has the effect of rescinding the previous action. Any proposals you have to make then might be moved.

Respectfully yours,

Robert W. Harrison
Chairman, Faculty Senate

cc: All members, Senate Body Committee
Dean Nekett
Vice President Hartung
Chairman, Committee on Univ. Manual