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To: The President, Dr. Francis H. Horn

Enclosure


   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 16 January 1964.

4. After your consideration, will you kindly indicate your approval or disapproval, 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 6 February 1964 (three weeks after its approval by the Senate), 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 returned disapproved by the President, or unless referendum is petitioned for by the Faculty, or unless the President decides to forward it, with his approval, to the Board of Trustees for their approval. If it is to be forwarded to the Board of Trustees, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

   16 January 1964
   (Signature) Chairman, Faculty Senate.

Endorsement I.

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

1. Forwarded.
2. Approved.

   (Signature) President, University of R.I.

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Alternate Endorsement 1.

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.

(date) (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

(name)
(date)

Endorsement 3.

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

1. Forwarded. Approved by Board, Feb. 5, 1964

(name)
(date)

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(date)

(Signature) Chairman, Faculty Senate
REPORT OF THE ROTC LIAISON COMMITTEE

Subject: A voluntary program in ROTC

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Faculty Senate reaffirms the desirability of a voluntary ROTC program.

2. Beginning with the Freshman class entering the University in September, 1964, the present four-year program in Branch Material ROTC will be offered on a voluntary basis.

3. Students currently enrolled in the Basic Course will be held to the presently-existing compulsory requirement.

PERSPECTIVES IN SUPPORT OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Responsibility. Directives to this committee are clear-cut: (1) formulate a voluntary ROTC program and determine when it might be established (Faculty Senate; February 6, 1962), and (2) "Immediately upon receipt of new proposals for an Army ROTC program from the Department of Defense, these be studied by the faculty and appropriate recommendations made to the President for consideration by the Board." (Board of Trustees; March 7, 1962).

2. Temporal aspects -- capitalizing on fortunate circumstances. A new program in ROTC (HR 9124) was recently passed by the House of Representatives and then defeated in the Senate. A two-thirds majority necessary in this case, had been guaranteed before civil rights amendments were added to the bill. From a military as well as legislative point of view, provisions are satisfactory to Congress; consequently steps should be taken at the university level to prepare for the new program when it becomes a law. In no way will adoption of a voluntary program maintaining the present two-year basic and two-year advanced courses interfere with initiation of the anticipated programs. On the contrary, by accepting these recommendations, we can capitalize on an opportune situation to effect a major reorganization in one of the University's largest departments. If action is taken now, preparations for the transition period will be in the hands of experienced officers and supporting personnel. Fortunately, their cycles of duty in Kingston are compatible with staff reorganizations which accompany a volunteer program.

3. Other changes not recommended at this time. Establishment of the 'modified program', which allows a student to substitute college credits in selected subjects (language, mathematics,
political science), is not advisable because it would be a temporary arrangement. To bring about an orderly transition, students presently enrolled in Basic ROTC should complete the course.


A. Programs of instruction

1. Four-year course: Congress and the Army designate this as the key program to meet national requirements.
2. Two-year course: Offered only during junior and senior years or in full time graduate study status. Especially desirable in specific cases, supplementing the four-year course: junior college graduates and transferees continuing at URI for the Bachelors degree; students whose college educations were interrupted; situations of national emergency.

B. Scholarship option

1. Available only to students enrolling for four years.
2. Pays for books, tuition, laboratory fees, special fees.

C. Summer camp

1. Four-year course -- six weeks between junior and senior years.
2. Two-year course -- 6 to 8 weeks before junior year and 6 to 8 weeks between junior and senior years.
3. Pay -- $111.15/month (vs $78/month at present)

D. Eligibility

1. Non-scholarship. An advanced student in either the two- or four-year course must enlist in an Army reserve unit. Breach of contract can result in a call to active duty in enlisted rank for two years.
2. Scholarship. Student enlists in reserve unit before entering college. Four years active duty in enlisted rank can follow a breach of contract.

E. Pay during the academic year is $50/month for two years. This applies to non-scholarship students in the advanced part of the four-year course and to all students in the two-year course. Scholarship students receive this pay for four years beginning at initial enrollment as freshmen. Advanced students presently receive $27/month.
SUMMARY

This committee's recommendations are not predicated upon early passage of HR 9124 or any other bill. Voluntary ROTC during the coming academic year will provide an important transition to a new and effective program. The changes recommended in the present ROTC program will place the University in excellent position to later adopt any of the options offered by the pending legislation. We should see a vital department strengthened. It will continue to make significant contributions to education, the well-being of our country and the traditions of this University.

The Faculty Senate has previously voted in favor of changing participation in ROTC from a compulsory to a voluntary basis. On the recommendation of the President, the Board of Trustees declined to approve the change at that time. Their principal reason for postponing change was that it was known that the Department of Defense would recommend changes to the Congress, but the nature of the changes were not clear. The Board did not wish to institute a new program that would then have had to be changed again when the Defense Department proposals were completed.

The nature of the Defense Department proposals are now known, and general sentiment of the Congress is apparently favorable to approval. Voluntary participation is a part of the proposal. This being the case, changing to voluntary participation now at the University of Rhode Island is one step toward, and not in conflict with, what will almost certainly be a necessity in the near future. In our opinion, the reason for objection to the recommended change that existed two years ago no longer exists, and the recommendation of the Committee, if approved by the Faculty Senate, should be favorably received by the Board of Trustees.

In our opinion, such a change at this time would serve the best interests both of the nation, as represented by the Department of Defense and of the University.

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