Opposition to a Common Salary Scale for the three State Educational Institutions

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FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached RESOLUTION, titled Opposition to a Common Salary Scale for the three State Educational Institutions, is forwarded for your consideration.

2. The original and two copies for your use are included.

3. This RESOLUTION was approved by vote of the Faculty Senate on January 19, 1967.

4. After considering this resolution, will you please indicate your approval, disapproval or other comment and return the original copy, completing the endorsement below.

February 2, 1967
(date)

Chairman of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate
FROM: The University President

1. Returned.

2. Approved ______ Disapproved ______ Other (explanation attached) ______

(date)

President

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Chairman of the Faculty Senate

Form approved 11/65
Reasons: There are two major reasons why the faculties should be on different salary scales.

First, they are different faculties. The more diverse functions of a University as compared to those of colleges, particularly in the areas of research and of graduate programs, are of necessity reflected in faculty recruiting. (See Table 1.) This being so, the market in which U.R.I. competes for faculty is different from the markets facing the other two institutions. The salary scales should reflect this.

Second, a state university's salary scale is an indication to prospective faculty members of the degree to which the people of the state, through the Board of Trustees, respect their own university. A salary scale which disregards basic differences between the functions of Universities and colleges is unlikely to impress prospective university faculty that the people of Rhode Island take an interest in their state University.

Table 1. Comparative Educational Background of Faculties at Three Rhode Island State Educational Institutions 1966.

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<td>73 1</td>
<td>106 8</td>
<td>48 18 (24)</td>
<td>43 20 (33)</td>
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<td>39 8</td>
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<td>31 46 (53)</td>
<td>32 53 (56)</td>
<td>25 82 (86)</td>
<td>100 52 (56)</td>
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</table>

1/ Percent of total faculty in No. column and percent of faculty in that rank in Ph.D. column.

2/ Numbers in parentheses are for Ph.D. plus other Doctorates such as Ed.D.

Sources: Most recent catalogs of the three institutions. Data have not been double checked, so slight inaccuracies are possible.

Recommendation: The Salary Committee recommends that the Senate instruct its Chairman to convey to the Board of Trustees of State Colleges the University faculty's serious doubt as to the wisdom of the Board's decision to place faculty at all three state educational institutions on the same salary scale.