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Intellectual Opportunity Plan for Graduate Students

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TO: President Francis H. Horn
FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The Attached BILL, titled Intellectual Opportunity Plan for Graduate Students is forwarded for your consideration.

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

3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on May 16, 1968 (date)

4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Trustees, completing the appropriate endorsement below.

5. In accordance with Section 8, paragraph 2 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective on June 6, 1968 (date), 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 Trustees for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Trustees, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

May 20, 1968 (date) Chairman of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT 1.

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

1. Returned.

2. Approved Disapproved

3. (If approved) In my opinion, transmittal to the Board of Trustees is not necessary

1/21/68 (date)

President /s/

Form approved 11/65 (over)
TO: Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
FROM: The University President

1. Forwarded.
2. Approved.

(date)
President

ENDORSEMENT 2.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Chairman of the Board of Trustees, via the University President.

1. Forwarded.

(date) (Office)

ENDORSEMENT 3.

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

1. Forwarded from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

(date) President

Original received and forwarded to the Secretary of the Senate and Registrar for filing in the Archives of the University.

(date) Chairman of the Faculty Senate
An Intellectual Opportunity Plan for Graduate Students was approved by the Graduate Council. The text of the plan approved follows:

"In order to encourage intellectual exploration among Graduate Students, and to allow them to venture into new areas of knowledge without the fear that their scholastic average will suffer from a low grade in an area where they have no previous training, the Graduate School provides the following Intellectual Opportunity Plan:

A Master's degree candidate may choose to register for a maximum of four credits on a pass-fail (S or U) grade option which may be taken for credit as a part of his Program of Studies. A Ph.D. candidate may register for a maximum of eight credits including any taken as a Master's candidate under the same option; in either case not more than one-fifth of the courses taken at URI shall be taken under this option. To be eligible for this option, the student's major professor or adviser must certify on a form provided by the Graduate School, that the course or courses are outside of the student's major field of study, are not entrance deficiencies, and are not specific requirements of, but are relevant to the student's program. The exercise of the option must have the approval of the Dean of the Graduate School.

A student receiving a grade of S (satisfactory) will receive credit toward the fulfillment of degree requirements, but the grade of S will not be used in calculating the student's quality point average.

A student receiving a grade of U (unsatisfactory) will receive no credit toward degree requirements nor will the U be included in calculating his quality point average although it will appear on his official transcript."

The Academic Standards Committee approves the proposed Intellectual Opportunity Plan for Graduate Students with the following recommended additions:

1. The instructor will continue to submit a letter grade (A, B, C, D, F) for the student to the Registrar.

2. The Dean of the Graduate School will inform the Registrar of the student's intention to take a course for S/U credit. The Registrar must be notified prior to the end of the "add period" of each semester.
3. A grade of "S" will be given for all courses, provided the student earns an "A", "B", or "C". A grade of "U" will be given for a "D" or "F".

Professor Alexander Cruickshank
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