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Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Causes and Incidence of Unrest on the URI Campus

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TO:    President Werner A. Baum

FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The Attached BILL, titled Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Causes and Incidence of Unrest on the URI Campus, 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 71-5-13 (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 71-6-3 (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.

71-5-14 (date)          Walter E. Dunn    /s/
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO:    Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM:    President of the University

1. Returned.


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

1/14/72 (date)          Werner A. Baum    /s/ President

Form approved 11/65 (OVER)
ALTERNATE ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

FROM: The University President

1. Forwarded.
2. Approved.

(date) /s/ President

ENDORSEMENT 2.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

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

1. Forwarded.

(date) /s/ (Office)

ENDORSEMENT 3.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: The University President

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

(date) /s/ President

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

(date) /s/ Chairman of the Faculty Senate
The provisions of 6.10.11 and 6.10.12 are accepted as operating guidelines until such time as they shall go into effect as follows:

1. With respect to undergraduates, upon final approval of these sections.

2. With respect to graduate students, upon final approval of these sections and upon final approval of manual provisions (currently pending) relating to disciplinary procedures for graduate students.

3. With respect to members of the faculty and administration, upon final approval of these sections and upon adoption by the Faculty Senate and the President of manual provisions establishing appropriate procedures and sanctions (as voted by the Faculty Senate on April 22, 1971).

ADD the following to the University Manual:

6.10.11 All members of the University community have the same basic rights and are bound by the same responsibilities to respect the rights of others. Academic freedom and the freedoms of free speech, assembly and petition for redress of grievances are fragile rights that cannot thrive without protection. Attacks upon them from within the University community can be as destructive as those from the outside. They are dependent upon respect by every member of the University community for the right of others at appropriate times and places to speak or perform, to conduct approved courses, to express dissent in a peaceful and orderly way, and to hear, be heard and seen. Any infringement upon these rights is unacceptable. A member of the University community who willfully engages in activities which are not protected by the First Amendment and which by violence or coercion materially and intentionally interfere with the rights of others shall, upon final determination of guilt after proceedings affording the full protection of due process, including notice, a fair hearing to determine the validity of the charges, and a right of appeal, be subject to appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with procedures and reasonable standards clearly formulated and made public prior to the alleged violation.

In this context, violence shall mean behavior which willfully inflicts serious physical injury on individuals, or substantial damage to property. Coercion shall mean unlawful interference with the normal activities of other persons and groups on the campus, by actions short of violence which are not protected by the First Amendment.

6.10.12 All members of the University community have the right to personal privacy in offices, laboratories, dormitory rooms and homes, and in the keeping of personal papers, confidential records and effects, subject only to the general law and to conditions voluntarily entered into. Any member of the University community who willfully engages in activities which are not protected by the First Amendment, and substantially and intentionally invades the personal privacy of others shall, upon final determination of guilt after proceedings affording the full protections of due process, including notice, a fair hearing to determine the validity of the charges, and a right of appeal, be subject to appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with procedures and reasonable standards clearly formulated and made public prior to the alleged violation.