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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE
BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Frank Newman

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #78-79-5: Amendment to Section 8.39.70 of the University Manual

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 April 19, 1979.

4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Regents, 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 May 10, 1979 (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 Regents for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Regents, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

April 23, 1979

Dorothy F. Donnelly
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

1. Returned.

2. a. Approved

   b. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Regents

   c. Disapproved

   April 27, 1979

President

Form revised 7/78
BACKGROUND:

In February, this committee was asked by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee on behalf of the Division of University Extension to review University Manual paragraph 8.39.70. This paragraph now reads in part:

8.39.70 An auditor is any person who has permission to attend a course .... Auditors shall be charged no fees for auditing a class.

Adherence to the last sentence of this regulation can cause serious financial problems especially for the Division of University Extension.

Our committee discussed this problem and came to agree that in this case the fee charged for auditing is not a matter of academic standards but rather one of administrative management. Hence, we are recommending deletion of the last sentence of the paragraph.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that the last sentence of University Manual paragraph 8.39.70 be deleted.
XX.XX.XD At least once each academic year the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee shall request of and shall receive from the several undergraduate colleges particulars on all petitions which requested grants of exceptions to courses of study, to other degree requirements, and to any other academic rule established by the General Faculty.

Our four legislative recommendations are reproduced as requested, below.

Legislative Recommendations

XX.XX.XA Every undergraduate college shall establish and publish procedures for dealing with student requests for exceptions to courses of study or to other degree requirements or academic rules prescribed by that college or by the General Faculty.

XX.XX.XB Undergraduate students seeking exceptions to any University rule pertaining to their academic circumstances, including degree requirements and courses of study, shall do so by written petitions submitted to the students' respective deans. Copies of all such petitions shall be preserved by the respective deans for not less than two years.

XX.XX.XC No waiver of any college or university rule or requirement pertaining to an individual student's academic circumstances may be granted except in conformity with XX.XX.XA and XX.XX.XB.

XX.XX.XD At least once each academic year the Faculty Senate Academic Standards and Calendar Committee shall request of and shall receive from the several undergraduate colleges particulars on all petitions which requested grants of exception to courses of study, to other degree requirements, and to any other academic rule established by the General Faculty.

John Boulematis
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March 12, 1979