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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


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

3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on March 26, 1981.

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 April 16, 1981, 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.

March 27, 1981
Alvin K. Swonger
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 

#17/77

President

Form revised 7/78
It has been almost four years since the University Manual was revised regarding
the Student Judicial System. Following are recommendations to amend the relevant
sections of the University Manual which were suggested by Dr. Rod Crafts, Dean of
Student Life, and Mr. Ron Weisinger, Director of Student Relations, in order to en-
hance the effectiveness and fairness of the judicial procedures. In conjunction
with Dr. Crafts and Mr. Weisinger, the CBUM Committee recommends that the Faculty
Senate adopt the following:

a. Add new section 9.21.20:

9.21.20 Deferral of Proceedings. The staff of the Office of
Student Life may defer judicial action at any stage of the process
for a period not to exceed ninety calendar days. Pending charges
may be discontinued thereafter depending upon what the good conduct
of the accused student.

b. Change first sentence of section 9.22.10:

9.22.10 Within twenty (20) school (class) days from the date
the student chooses to present their case (9.21.10), the student
shall meet with a staff member of the Office of Student Life
to discuss the full circumstances of the charge(s). . . .

c. Change section 9.22.12:

9.22.12 If the student fails to attend the scheduled meeting
with a staff member in the Office of Student Life after having
chosen administrative action, the staff member may complete
the process in the student's absence and notify him/her by letter
of the decision. A student shall have the right to one rescheduled
meeting if she/he fails to attend the originally scheduled meeting
without fault of his/her own as determined by the staff member
in the Office of Student Life.

d. Change first sentence of section 9.23.10:

9.23.10 A hearing shall be held before the appropriate judicial
board within twenty (20) school (class) days from the date the
student chooses the Board hearing (9.21.10) . . . .

e. Change section 9.23.12:

9.23.12 The advisor may not serve as a witness or be a party
to the case. Neither party shall be permitted to employ profes-
sional legal counsel or other persons from outside the University
community to present the case before the board or advise the stu-
dent during the hearing (in rare instances, passive assistance
of legal counsel may be allowed by the Student Life staff; see

that Office for details). The student must be present. . . . The
Board shall rule on the admissibility of evidence. Unduly repeti-
tious or irrelevant evidence may be excluded.

f. Change section 9.23.18 by substitution "advisor to the Board" for "Di-
rector of Student Relations and Research."

g. Change section 9.24.10:

9.24.10 Appeal Procedures. Following approval by the President
or Dean of Student Life (as appropriate) of the judicial action,
an accused student shall have the right to submit an ap-
peal request concerning the decision of a Board or an administra-
tor to the University Appeals Board (5.21.10). Such appeal re-
quests shall be based only on specific evidence, presented in
writing, of fraud, denial of rights, procedural error, or on the
claim of new evidence not previously available which would have
materially affected the decision of the Board. Appeal requests
must be filed. . . .

h. Add new section 9.24.11:

9.24.11 Students who obtain information at their hearing which
might lead to new evidence shall ask for a continuance of the
case at that time rather than wait to raise the matter for the
first time as the basis for an appeal request.

i. Change first sentence of section 9.26.10:

9.26.10 Pending final action on violation of University regu-
lations, the status of a student shall not be altered or his or her
right to be present on the campus and to attend classes suspended,
except for reasons of imminent danger to his/her physical or emo-
tional safety or well-being or for reasons of imminent danger to
the safety or well-being of the University community.

Norman Coates
Robert Gutchen, Chairperson
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March 6, 1981