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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE
BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Frank Newman

FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Report of the Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee: Recommendation to Amend Sections 8 and 10 of the By-Laws, 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 February 27, 1975 (date).

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 March 20, 1975 (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.

February 28, 1975 (date)

Albert J. Lott
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 Regents is not necessary.

March 17, 1975 (date)

President

Form revised 6/74
ALTERNATE ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Board of Regents

FROM: The University President

1. Forwarded.

2. Approved.

(date) (Office)

ENDORSEMENT 2.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Chairman of the Board of Regents, 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 Regents.

(date) (Office)

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
At the November 7, 1974 meeting of the Faculty Senate, the Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee was "requested to study the question of conditional Presidential approval and make recommendations on this matter to the Senate..."

The Committee in reviewing the By-Laws and the Constitution on this issue discovered that there were some ambiguities in the provisions regarding the disposition of Senate actions, and that some sections of the By-Laws were misplaced. Accordingly the Committee has re-organized the pertinent sections of the By-Laws, and has incorporated amendments, particularly in section 10.4 (below).

The Committee recommends:

A. **Delete** Sections 8.2 and 8.3 of the By-Laws.
   **Re-number** Section 8.4 as 8.2 of the By-Laws.
   **Delete** Sections 10.1 and 10.2 of the By-Laws.

B. Proposes the following new section 10 with a new title, as follows:

**SECTION 10. Disposition of Senate Action**

10.1 The following actions of the Faculty Senate do not require approval by the President: resolutions of the Faculty Senate, the establishment of, and charge to, special Faculty Senate Committees, and the appointment of persons to special committees and those appointed under section 6.

10.2 Actions of the Faculty Senate other than those listed in 10.1 shall be transmitted promptly to the President. The President shall approve or disapprove the Senate action and return it to the Executive Committee within three weeks after passage by the Senate.

10.3 When an action of the Senate has been disapproved by the President, the Executive Committee shall resubmit the action to the Senate. The Senate shall decide whether to take no further action, to confirm, to suspend, to rescind, to amend, to refer to committee, or to confirm and direct the Executive Committee to prepare a statement in rebuttal of the President's statement. If, after transmittal to the President of the Senate's response to his disapproval, agreement between the Senate and the President is not reached, either party may elect to submit the matter to the Board of Regents. Such transmittal from the Senate shall be by way of the President.
10.4 If the President neither approves nor disapproves a Senate action within the three weeks stipulated, the Senate action will be deemed to have been approved. However, upon request by the President, together with a statement of reasons for the request, the Executive Committee shall allow a thirty-day extension of time within which the President can approve or disapprove a Senate action. Any additional extension of time beyond the thirty-day extension shall be for specified periods and shall require the approval of the Faculty Senate, except that during the Summer the Executive Committee shall have authority to grant such additional extensions of time.

10.5 Senate actions which have been approved by the President and which require action by the Board of Regents, shall be transmitted promptly by the President to the Board and shall become effective upon approval by the Board unless otherwise stipulated.

10.6 If the Board of Regents requests further information on a matter from the Senate, the Chairman or his designated representative, or the Executive Committee of the Senate shall represent the Senate, at the discretion of the Board of Regents.

10.7 Actions of the Senate that do not require action by the Board of Regents shall become effective three weeks after passage unless otherwise stipulated in the legislation, or unless the President requests extension of time under section 10.4, or unless a faculty review is duly called for under Article 11.6 of the Constitution. If, after requesting extension of time, the President approves the Senate action, or if after faculty review the Senate action stands as voted, the Senate action shall become effective immediately or as stipulated in the legislation.