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FINAL REPORT OF THE RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE THE CEILING ON UTILITY PURCHASE ORDERS

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TO: President Werner A. Baum

FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The Attached BILL, titled _FINAL REPORT OF THE RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE THE CEILING ON UTILITY PURCHASE ORDERS._

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 _73-5-10_ (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 _73-5-31_ (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.

   May 15, 1973
   (date)   Stephen B. Wood /s/

   Chairman of the Faculty Senate
   Stephen B. Wood

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.

   5/15/73 (date)   Werner A. Baum /s/

   President

Form Revised 6/71
ALTERNATE ENDORSEMENT 1.
TO: Chairman of the Board of Regents.
FROM: The University President
1. Forwarded.
2. Approved.

__________________________ /s/ __________________________
(date) President

ENDORSEMENT 2.
TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Chairman of the Board of Regents, via the University President.
1. Forwarded.

__________________________ /s/ __________________________
(date) (Office)

ENDORSEMENT 3.
TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate
FROM: The University President
1. Forwarded from the Chairman of the Board of Regents.

__________________________ /s/ __________________________
(date) President

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

__________________________ /s/ __________________________
(date) Chairman of the Faculty Senate
UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Faculty Senate

FINAL REPORT OF THE RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE

The following legislation is submitted for Senate consideration in the belief that enactment will enhance the climate for research on the URI campus.

Item 1

A. Intent: To increase the ceiling on utility purchase orders.

B. Justification: The present ceiling on utility purchase orders is $50.00. When an order exceeds this amount, it is processed via the state bid system. This procedure entails a delay of one or two months and often results in a change of vendor, substitution in items ordered, and frequent back-ordering which can further delay receipt six months or more. Current inflationary trends have reduced the purchasing power of $50.00 to such a low level that many expendable supplies cannot be purchased under the utility order ceiling.

C. Recommendation: The University President renew his initiatives to have the ceiling on utility purchase orders increased from $50.00 to $100.00.

Item 2

A. Intent: To establish a laboratory store on the campus of the University of Rhode Island.

B. Justification: It would be very useful for many departments in the University who carry on laboratory research and/or instruction to have a Central Storeroom that could supply a variety of items of common laboratory equipment. Presently such departments order these items in the smaller quantities they require which raises the price and entails delays in receipt of needed items. A Central Storeroom could maintain an inventory of items used by several departments and could purchase these in larger quantities in anticipation of needs. Suggested items that could fit into these categories are: common laboratory glassware (beakers, flasks, graduated cylinders, test tubes, tubing, etc.), rubber and plastic tubing, various types of bottles, metal clamps, spatulas, and thermometers. The departments would put together lists from which a generally useful inventory would be set up. It is not intended that such a storeroom be set up to take care of highly specialized needs, such as specific chemicals, electronic components, etc. - these should remain the responsibility of the specific departments as is true at the present time.
Summer Session

June 23, Monday
July 25, Friday
First Term Begins
First Term Ends

July 28, Monday
August 29, Friday
Second Term Begins
Second Term Ends

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Calverley
Joan Clegg
Robert Netter
Robert Rainville
Edna Steeves
Edgar LeDuc, Chairman