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Letter from William Ferrante to Maury Klein regarding Bills 73/74 - 11 and 12

University of Rhode Island Faculty Senate

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Dear Maury:

I have enclosed Faculty Senate Bills Number 73-74--11 "Ad Hoc Committee to Study Physical Education and Athletics Recommendation Number One" and 73-74--12 "Ad Hoc Committee to Study Physical Education and Athletics Recommendation Number Two." In accordance with our earlier discussion and your letter of February 1, 1974, I have considered these two Bills together because of the obvious interrelationships. I have approved and signed both Bills and have indicated on the approval forms that these matters must be referred to the Board of Regents in accordance with the policy adopted by the Subcommittee for Postsecondary Education on January 7, 1974.

I plan to bring these matters to the Subcommittee for Postsecondary Education together with a detailed plan of organization and implementation. Now that these recommendations have been approved, I think it is essential that the details of implementation be developed and approved internally before I present them to the Regents.

I will meet very soon with Dean Robert Lepper, Vice President Aloys Michel, and Vice President John Shay who have the major responsibilities in physical education and intercollegiate athletics. I will establish with their advice a group which will include their representatives and representatives from intercollegiate athletics, the Department of Physical Education for Men, and the Department of Physical Education for Women who will be charged with developing the organizational structure and principles of operation for effecting the objectives which underlie the recommendations. I will ask the group to work as expeditiously as possible to conclude their assignment and to present their recommendations to the Office of the President for final review and approval before I bring the recommendations to the Board of Regents. I am anxious that the recommendations be implemented in such a way as to achieve all of the educational objectives which were discussed by the Ad Hoc Committee and by the Faculty Senate and which are implied by our positive action. We must insure that our plan is one which will enhance the opportunities for growth and development and for achieving high standards of excellence in all three areas, intercollegiate athletics and physical education for men and for women.

I will keep the Faculty Senate informed of our progress by reporting periodically to the Executive Committee of the Senate. If you have any questions relating to this, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

William R. Ferrante
Acting President

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cc: Dean Robert Lepper; V. P. Aloys Michel
V. P. John Shay; Prof. Dorothy Massey; Prof. Maurice Zarchen