Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #81-82-1

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TO: President Frank Newman

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #81-82-1 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 September 9, 1982.

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 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective on September 30, 1982, 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.

   September 10, 1982

   James Findlay
   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 Governors

   c. Disapproved

   9/28/82

   (date)

   James Newman
   President

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University of Rhode Island
Faculty Senate
Academic Standards and Calendar Committee
Report #81-82-1
June, 1982

Background:

In August, 1981 the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee submitted a lengthy report recommending changes in various sections of Chapter 8 of the University Manual. (See, Faculty Senate Agenda for Meeting #2, September 24, 1981). The recommendations of that report were discussed and acted on at Senate meetings during the Fall and Spring. During the course of discussion, some of the recommendations were sent back by the Senate to the Committee for further consideration, some were withdrawn by the Committee for further revision before being presented to the Senate, and some "suggestions" for further changes to sections already acted on were made by certain Senators. This report contains the Committee's recommendations regarding those sections.

Recommendations:

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends:

that the paragraphs in the column below headed "PROPOSED" be adopted, replacing or supplementing the paragraphs in the column headed "EXISTING". (The material in italics is explanatory and is not a part of the recommendations).

J. Abbate
J. Demitroff
A. Gaines
J. Kowalski, Chairman
M. D. Massey
W. Mensel
M. Navascues
As soon as the information is available, the Study Abroad Advisor will provide the names of all URI and international exchange students to the following offices: Bursar, Registrar, Housing, Food Services, International Student Affairs.

Approved: [Signature]
Vice President, Academic Affairs
[Signature]
Vice President, Student Affairs
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Vice President, Business and Finance
8.21.15 Course credit earned at the university or other institutions more than eight years prior to admission, readmission, or transfer to a degree granting program shall be counted for graduation only with the consent of the dean of the college involved.

The original recommendation (See, F.S. Agenda for meeting of September 24, 1981) was returned with instructions to clarify the date from which counting begins.

8.22.10 Graduation. To graduate, a continuously matriculated student must have met the requirements of the curriculum in which the student is enrolled and the minimum quality point average approved by the Faculty Senate and published in the University Bulletin at the time of initial matriculation. A student who leaves the university and is subsequently readmitted may choose to meet the requirements in effect at the time of initial matriculation with permission of the dean of the degree granting college. To graduate, the student must have earned a total number of quality points equal to at least twice the total number of credits for which the student was registered in the curriculum (see 8.21.10). One fourth of all credits required for graduation must be earned at the university.

The original recommendation (See, F.S. Agenda for meeting of September 24, 1981) was returned with instructions to clarify what curricular requirements are binding for readmitted students.

8.24.15 Every case of automatic dismissal and of action on appeals shall be reported by the dean of each college to the Registrar. Dismissal shall result in the loss of matriculating status.

The original recommendation (See, F.S. Agenda) was withdrawn by the Committee for additional clarification.
8.36.10 - Renumber to 8.36.16. Delete the heading "Pass-Fail Grading Option".

8.36.11 - Renumber to 8.36.17.

8.36.12 - Renumber to 8.36.11.

8.36.13 - Renumber to 8.36.10. Add heading: Pass-Fail Grading Option.

8.36.14 - Renumber to 8.36.12.

8.36.15 - Renumber to 8.36.13.

8.36.16 - Renumber to 8.36.15.

8.36.17 - Renumber to 8.36.14

This renumbering and editorial changes were suggested by Senator Bumpus.
8.38.10 Attendance Requirements. Each faculty member has a re-
sponsibility and authority for determining class attendance re-
quirements. These requirements shall be announced at the beginning
of the semester.

8.38.11 Any deviation from the announced attendance policy shall
be a matter between instructor and students. A student who finds
that s/he will be or has been unable to fulfill any obligation should
arrange with the instructor for making up missed work. This regulation
applies to any student regardless of his/her status.

8.44.10 Classes. The schedule of classes shall be made by a
designated scheduling officer, and no instructor may change the
time or place of a scheduled class or laboratory without approval
of this officer.

8.44.11 No student shall be so scheduled in a course that his/her
attendance will be divided between two or more sections of that
course or in one in which full attendance is impossible.
On March 6, 1980, the Faculty Senate directed the Administrator Evaluation Committee to prepare evaluation questionnaires in consultation with each administrator to be evaluated and to conduct a trial evaluation. The results of the trial evaluations were to be distributed only to the administrators who were evaluated. In the spring of 1981, the committee conducted a trial evaluation as directed by the Senate and each individual's results were forwarded to that administrator during the fall 1981 semester.

In addition, the committee was charged with recommending which items or portions of the questionnaire results were to be disclosed to the administrator's supervisor and which items or portions to the administrator's faculty constituency, and the procedures for such disclosure. As a result of the committee's deliberations over the past two years, we recommend the following changes in the By-Laws* of the Faculty Senate:

1) Change sections 4.45 and 4.46 as follows:

4.45 The Administrator Evaluation Committee. This committee shall conduct faculty evaluation of administrators. Administrators who have held their positions for less than a calendar year at the time of the evaluation shall be exempt from evaluation. The committee shall be responsible for the format of the evaluation and shall have access to the quantitative results of previous evaluations for the purpose of revising the evaluation instrument. The committee shall report annually to the Faculty Senate on the effectiveness of the evaluation and shall make any recommendations it deems appropriate for the expansion or modification of the evaluation at that time.

4.46 The administrators shall be evaluated in a two year cycle as follows: In the first year, the Dean of the Graduate School shall be evaluated by the University faculty and the Deans of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Engineering, Human Science and Services, Nursing, Pharmacy, Resource Development, the Graduate Library School, the Graduate School of Oceanography, and the University Libraries shall be evaluated by the faculties in their respective colleges. Only continuing faculty holding one of the ranks listed in 7.10.10 will be eligible to participate. However, faculty who have been at the University less than six months as of the date the questionnaire is distributed shall be excluded.

In the second year, the President of the University and the Vice President for Academic Affairs shall be evaluated by the University faculty. Deans holding faculty status shall be eligible to participate in the evaluation of the President and Vice President. The evaluations shall be conducted in the month of November. Responses shall be returned to the committee at the Faculty Senate Office. Results of the evaluations shall be reported by the following April.

* Changes in the By-Laws require 2/3 majority vote and may not be voted upon at the meeting at which they are first moved.