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Academic Standards and Calendar committee Report #1983-84-3 Repeating Courses-Second Grade Option

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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island  

FACULTY SENATE  
BILL  

Adopted by the Faculty Senate  

TO: President Edward D. Eddy  
FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate  

1. The attached BILL, titled Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report  
   #1983-84-3 Repeating Courses-Second Grade Option  
   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 March 8, 1984.  

4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Governors, 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 March 29, 1984, 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 Governors for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Governors, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.  

March 12, 1984  

Marguerite Bumpus  
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate  

ENDORSEMENT  

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate  
FROM: President of the University  

Returned.  

a. Approved  

b. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Governors  

c. Disapproved  

3/15/84  

President  

Form revised 10/83
EXISTING

8.33.30 Repeating Courses. Unless otherwise designated, no course may be repeated in which a grade of "C" or better has already been received except with permission of the student’s academic dean. The dean may require that the course be taken pass-fail. If such a course is repeated for credit, both grades are used in computing the QPA, and the credit requirement for graduation shall be increased by the number of credits repeated. A course in which a student has earned a C- or better has already been received except with the permission of the student’s academic dean. The dean may require that the course be taken pass-fail. If such a course is repeated for credit, both grades are used in computing the QPA, and the credit requirement for graduation shall be increased by the number of credits repeated.

PROPOSED

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Rationale: In response to concerns raised by the Department of Computer Science and Experimental Statistics, the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee agreed to re-review sections 8.33.10 and 8.33.11 of the University Manual regarding repeating courses. The committee’s review included discussions with Deans Cain, Goff, Harris and Strommer. These discussions led the committee to conclude unanimously that the sections ought to be redefined so that the second grade option is available in a more limited way than provided in current regulations. Our recommendations, if passed by the Senate, would permit students to take a second grade option only for their first thirty (30) credits of course work. We also recommend that students exercise their second grade option only during the next two semesters for which the student registers. This provision is to minimize those situations in which upper class students would repeat 100 and 200 level courses in fields where they have already passed more advanced courses.

The second grade option would be available to transfer students for those courses taken during their first semester at the university. Transfer students would also have two semesters to exercise their second grade option.

All of the proposed changes would restrict the second grade option to the student's initial work at URI. It would allow for the fact that some very able students go through an adjustment period in their initial time at the university. This would mediate against student QPA’s being irretrievably damaged by mistakes made early in their college careers.