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Annual Report of the Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee for 1994-95: Changes to the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate

University of Rhode Island Faculty Senate

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TO: President Robert L. Carothers

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Annual Report of the Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee for 1994-95: Changes to the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate is forwarded for your consideration. The original and two copies for your use are included.

2. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on May 11, 1995.

3. 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 June 1, 1995, 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.

May 12, 1995

Barbara F. Luebke
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 ___.

3.17.95

President

Form revised 9/91
Department of Communication Studies

a. ADD: COM 445 Television Advertising (II, 3) Examination of theory and practice in television advertising. Students will acquire and analyze commercials made by professionals and create and produce television advertisement. (Lec. 3) Not for graduate credit. Devlin

b. CHANGE: Level and number for SOC 521 (or PSC 531) to "SOC 473 (or PSC 473) Behavior Systems in Crime."

c. CHANGE: Social Justice category in the Justice, Law and Society minor by adding SOC 473 (or PSC 473) to the list of approved courses.

Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Department of Political Science

a. CHANGE: Level and number for SOC 521 (or PSC 531) to "SOC 473 (or PSC 473) Behavior Systems in Crime."

b. CHANGE: Social Justice category in the Justice, Law and Society minor by adding SOC 473 (or PSC 473) to the list of approved courses.
B. Curricular Affairs Subcommittee on Student Writing: Add the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (or designee) as approved in Faculty Senate Bill #94-95-3.

Change section 4.86 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate to read as follows:

4.86 The Committee on Student Writing shall consist of two members of the Curricular Affairs Committee, a member of the College of Arts and Sciences (or designee) and four members of the University faculty appointed at large. The Chairperson shall be elected by its members.

C. Honors Program and Visiting Scholars Committee: Designate the Director of the Honors Program as Chair, change terms of other members to three-year terms appointed on a staggered basis.

1. Change section 4.40 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate to read as follows:

4.40 The Honors Program and Visiting Scholars Committee. This committee shall supervise the Honors Program (See Chapter 8, Academic Programs, Sections 8.60.10 – 8.65.13) and bring distinguished scholars to the campus for general lectures and/or other public programs. The committee shall comprise six faculty members: the Director of the Honors Program shall serve as chairperson of the committee; the five additional members shall be appointed for three-year terms. Appointments shall be made on a staggered basis.

2. Delete the last sentence of 4.42 of the By-Laws which states that the Director of the Honors Program "may serve as chairperson of the committee."

D. Teaching Effectiveness and Facilities Committee: Add the Director of the Instructional Development Program as an official ex officio member of the committee.

Change section 4.60 by adding "The Director of the Instructional Development Program shall serve as an ex officio member of this committee."

E. Committees: Change the general statement about standing committees to permit more flexibility in the number of members and length of terms and add a statement permitting committees to begin functioning prior to ratification of their appointment by the Faculty Senate in the fall and delete references to the Administrative Council.

1. Change section 4.13 of the By-Laws by deleting names of specific committees which do not follow the standard standing committee membership:

F. Meeting Time: Specify that the Faculty Senate adjourn at 5:00 p.m. rather than two hours after it begins.

Change section 7.2 to require a 5:00 p.m. adjournment:

7.2 Regular Senate meetings shall begin at 3:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as a quorum is determined to be present, and shall be adjourned at 5:00 p.m. When the Senate fails to complete its agenda within the time limit, the meeting either (1) shall be recessed and reconvened one week thereafter at the usual time, or (2) shall be adjourned and the unfinished business postponed indefinitely until the next regular meeting of the Senate.

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