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FACULTY SENATE BILL #04-05--29

University of Rhode Island

Faculty Senate

Kingston, Rhode Island

Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report

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On April 21, 2005, the Faculty Senate voted to approve the following changes to Sections 8.32.12 and 8.70.23 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL recommended by the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee:

8.32.12 Lecture courses taught during short sessions (i.e., sessions shorter than half a semester) must include between 650 and 700 minutes of instruction time (exclusive of “breaks”) for each academic credit which is offered. (A one-credit course in thirteen 50-minute sessions would equal 650 minutes; a course with fourteen sessions would equal 700 minutes.) Within these limits, the exact length of a short course is at the instructor’s discretion. Appropriate justification for different contact times must be provided for courses using non-lecture formats.

8.70.23 A minimum of seven days shall be scheduled for final examinations. Saturdays and Sundays may be used as final examination days under extraordinary circumstances. A make-up date for a canceled day of final examinations shall be scheduled in the fall semester, when possible.