

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
FACULTY SENATE
CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND UNIVERSITY MANUAL COMMITTEE

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At the direction of the Faculty Senate, the Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee (CBUM) drafted Manual language to account for a procedure for new programs that have no additional resources attached to them. This issue originally came to the Faculty Senate from the Graduate Council.

The CBUM Committee drafted changes to University Manual section 8.85.30 and the addition of a new 8.85.31. These were forwarded to the Curricular Affairs Committee and Graduate Council for their consideration. The Graduate Council approved the changes on November 18, 2005 and the Curricular Affairs Committee approved them on November 21, 2005.

Following notification by the CAC and the Graduate Council that the Manual changes are satisfactory to both committees, the Constitution, By Laws and University Manual Committee is ready to recommend their approval to the Faculty Senate at this time.

The CBUM Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the following changes to the UNIVERSITY MANUAL on classification of new programs:

A. Rename section 8.85.30 Classification of Programs:

8.85.30 Classification of Programs for which new funding is required ...

B. Add new section 8.85.31

8.85.31 Programs for which no new funding is required. When the proponents of a new program, including a certificate program, assert that the new venture can be administered entirely with existing funds, the proposal shall include a five-year plan demonstrating that existing funds are sufficient for carrying the program. Prior to that plan being presented to the Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee or the Graduate Council, it shall be reviewed and approved by the appropriate department(s) and college(s) whose participation is necessary for the program to be offered successfully. The plan shall also include a Budget Office review. No classification under 8.85.30 is required.