

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
FACULTY SENATE

Academic Standards & Calendar Committee
Report #2006-07--1

As approved by the Faculty Senate on February 22, 2007

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee met on Thursday, November 9, 2006. The committee is comprised of Dr. Laura Beauvais, Dr. John Boulmetis Chairperson, Dr. Thomas Husband, Dr. William Rosen, Dr. Michael Vocino, Dr. Vincent Rose, Mr. John Humphrey, Mr. Chip Yensan, Mr. Jesse Whitsitt-Lynch and Mr. Thomas Parker.

During this meeting the committee addressed a number of items of business brought before it by the Faculty Senate. These items are reported below. Section I contains matters of information. Section II requires action by the Faculty Senate.

SECTION I - Informational

A. Deadline for Dropping a Course Request from Judith Swift re: 8.33.13

At the request of Dr. Swift the committee discussed language in 8.33.13 that according to her request should be changed to accommodate courses that meet only weekly. The committee discussed this at length. Current members who have been on the committee during prior years, indicated that this issue had been discussed in the past and the language changed specifically to address such courses. A motion to leave the language of 8.33.13 as it stands was approved.

B. Final Exam Repository Request from Judith Swift re: 8.51.50

At the request of Dr. Swift the committee discussed language in 8.51.50 that indicated the URI Library shall house a Repository of Final Examinations. She inquired whether this might be offered online in electronic format. The committee discussed this and it was informed by a member that this capacity currently exists. There was no need for a change of the language in 8.51.50. Instead a conversation with the appropriate people in the Library should commence.

C. Length of Add Period Issues related to the "add period" brought to the committee by Dr. Stephen Grubman-Black **NR-enrolled-no grade reported**. A motion was made and seconded to add this option to the list.

D. Summer Session Calendar

The Summer Session Calendar was not delivered to this committee by the meeting time. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

SECTION II - Requires Approval

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the following:

B. Amend section 8.53.10 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL by adding "NR-enrolled-no grade reported."

Background: A request was made by URI Ombud Dr. Rose for Clarification of the Grade of NR in the Manual. Currently under the list of grades that can be reported under 8.53.10, there is no mention of **NR-enrolled-no grade reported**. A motion was made and seconded to add this option to the list.

C. Add the following new section 8.53.13 to the UNIVERSITY MANUAL:

8.53.13 Enrolled - No Grade Reported. Assigned by Enrollment Services when instructor does not submit grade. (See 8.54.12.)

Background: See B above.

D. Delete section 8.26.14 from the UNIVERSITY MANUAL.

Background: Request from Ombud Rose for discussion of 8.26.14:

8.26.14 At least once each academic year the Faculty Senate Academic Standards and Calendar Committee shall request of and shall receive from the several undergraduate colleges particulars on all petitions which requested grants of exception to courses of study, to other degree requirements, and to any other academic rule established by the General Faculty.

There is no record of any such report having been made and on only one occasion has the committee requested such information. The result of that request was incomplete and no report was developed. A motion that 8.26.14 be removed from the manual was approved.