

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SECTIONS 8.87.10-11 OF THE UNIVERSITY MANUAL

On February 22, 2007, the Faculty Senate established an ad hoc committee in response to President Carothers' veto of Senate Bill #06-07--10 "Abolition of Programs Legislation on Suspension of Academic Programs." The charge to the committee was to review 8.87.10 and 8.87.11 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL with the intention of crafting new legislation that would satisfy both the Administration and the Faculty Senate. The five member ad hoc committee was comprised of three members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, James Kinnie, James Miller and Michael Rice; a designee of the President, Dean Winifred Brownell; and a designee of the Provost, Vice Provost Lynn Pasquerella.

The ad hoc committee met in early April 2007 and decided to revise the proposed section 8.87.12 Suspension of Programs. Once a revised section 8.87.12 was agreed upon, the committee decided that sections 8.87.10-11 no longer needed revision.

The ad hoc committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the following proposed new section 8.87.12 Suspension of Programs:

8.87.12 Suspension of Programs. The President has the prerogative of suspending admissions of students into degree granting programs. The President shall notify the University Community, including Admissions Officers, and the Board of Governors for Higher Education as to the reasons for and the effective date of program suspension, taking into account students already admitted for study. In concert with policies of the Board of Governors for Higher Education, programs may be maintained in a state of suspension for a maximum of 6 years. Programs may be removed from suspension by the President at any time prior to the expiration of the time limit. The President may appeal to the Board of Governors for Higher Education for a three (3) year extension beyond the prescribed time limit. After the time limit for program suspension has been reached, procedures for program abolition set forth in Section 8.87.10 shall be followed.