THINK BIG WE DO"

Serial Number #14-15—6

TO: President David Dooley

FROM: Bahram Nassersharif, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL titled, Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #2014-15-1, is forwarded for your consideration.

2. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on <u>November 20, 2014.</u>

3. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original, completing the appropriate endorsement below.

4. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective December 11, 2014 three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; or (3) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum.

Bahram Nassersharif
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

November 25, 2014

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

a. Approved ✓____.

b. Approved subject to Notice to the Board of Education ____.

c. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Education ____.

d. Disapproved ____.

Signature of the President

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University of Rhode Island
Faculty Senate
Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #2014-15-1

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee met on 10 October 2014.

We discussed a proposal to revise the manual to correct an error introduced last year as well as the 2020-2021 calendar.

We propose the following manual change:

Current 8.53.30 (recent changes to the manual in red bold)

S/U Courses. Certain courses do not lend themselves to precise grading (e.g., research, seminar). For these courses, only a Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) shall be given to all students enrolled. To qualify as an S/U course, the course must be approved by the Faculty Senate after recommendation by the Curricular Affairs Committee and/or the Graduate Council. S/U courses shall be so labeled in the University Bulletin. An S/U course is not to be counted as a course taken under the Pass/Fail grading option. Courses numbered below 100 **or 500 and above** that are graded on an S/U basis shall not be included in the calculation of a student's quality point average or credits earned.

New proposed change

S/U Courses. Certain courses do not lend themselves to precise grading (e.g., research, seminar). For these courses, only a Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) shall be given to all students enrolled. To qualify as an S/U course, the course must be approved by the Faculty Senate after recommendation by the Curricular Affairs Committee and/or the Graduate Council. S/U courses shall be so labeled in the University Bulletin. An S/U course is not to be counted as a course taken under the Pass/Fail grading option. Courses numbered below 100 ~~or 500 and above~~ that are graded on an S/U basis shall not be included in the calculation of a student's quality point average or credits earned. **Courses numbered above 500 that are graded on an S/U basis shall not be included in the calculation of a student's quality point average.**

Rationale

A manual change this committee proposed, and which went through Faculty Senate approval last year contained what we now realize was an error. The changes, which were intended to reconcile a conflict between practice and policy and between the graduate manual and the university manual about S/U grades at

the graduate level, changed more than anyone intended. We inadvertently changed language in the university manual such that now classes at 500 and over don't count for credit, versus not counting for quality points in the GPA as intended. This is problematic for a variety of reasons, not least that most graduate programs include courses and/or thesis credits that are essential to the degree and credit count, but are graded as S/U. The proposed revision corrects that error recently introduced into the manual.

The committee would also like to propose the following calendar for the academic year 2020-2021.

FALL	2020
Labor Day, classes do not meet, offices are closed	M. Sep. 7
Advising Day	T. Sep. 8
Classes begin (pro-rata billing period begins)	W. Sep. 9
e-Campus Open Add Period	Sep. 9 - 15
e-Campus Permission Number Late Add Period	Sep. 16-22
Last day to ADD any course via eCampus/Permission Number and to ADD Pass/Fail Option (Last day to drop with any pro-rata billing adjustment)	T. Sep. 22
Last day to DROP courses with NO TRANSCIPT DESIGNATION (pro- rata billing adjustment not applicable after add period)	W. Sep. 30
Courses dropped on or after this date will have a "W" for Withdrawal recorded on the Academic Record.	Th. Oct. 1
Columbus Day	M. Oct. 12 CLASSES MEET, offices are closed
Columbus Day Class make up day	NA
Last day for students to DROP courses (pro-rata billing adjustment not applicable after add period)	W. Oct. 21
Mid-semester	M. Oct. 26
Last day to CHANGE from Pass/Fail Option	M. Oct. 26
Freshmen Mid Term Grades and Mid Term Surveys due in e-Campus by 12:00 PM	T. Oct. 27
Election Day	T. Nov. 3 CLASSES MEET, offices are open

Election Day **Class make up day**	**NA**
Veteran's Day	**W. Nov. 11** **Classes do not** **meet, offices are**
Veterans Day **Class make-up day**	**NA**
Thanksgiving **Recess, classes do** **not meet**	**Nov 26-29**
Last Day of Classes	**F. Dec. 11**
Reading day(s)	**M. Dec. 14**
Final Examinations	**Dec.15-19, 21-22**
Final Exams Make-up **Day.** (Used only in the event of Official Snow Delay or Cancellation)	**W. Dec. 23**
Final grades due in e- **Campus by 12:00 PM**	**M. Dec. 28** **by 12:00 p.m.**
Official date for **December graduation**	**Dec. 31, 2020**
Commencement **Ceremonies**	**May 22-23, 2021**
Total class days	**13 M - F**
Total instruction **weeks**	**16**
WINTER **J-TERM**	**2021**
Winter J-Term **Pre-registration** **begins**	**M. Oct. 31, 2020**
Classes begin	**Sat. Jan. 2**
Last Day of Classes	**F. Jan. 22**
Final grades due in e- **Campus prior to the** **1st day of Spring** **classes**	**M. Jan. 25**
SPRING	**2021**
Advising Day	**M. Jan. 25**
Martin Luther King, Jr. **Day Classes not in** **session**	**classes not in session**
Classes begin *(pro-* *rata billing period* *begins)*	**T. Jan. 26**
e-Campus Open Add **Period**	**Jan. 26- Feb. 1**
e-Campus **Permission Number** **Late Add Period**	**Feb.2-Feb. 8**
Last day to ADD any **course via e-** **Campus/Permission** **Number and to ADD** **Pass/Fail Option** *(Last* *day to drop with any* *pro-rata billing* *adjustment)*	**M. Feb. 8**

Last day to DROP courses with NO TRANSCIPT DESIGNATION (pro- rata billing adjustment not applicable after add period)	T. Feb. 16
Courses dropped on or after this date will have a "W" for Withdrawal recorded on the Academic Record.	W. Feb. 17
Presidents' Day	**M. Feb. 15 CLASSES MEET offices are open**
President's Day Class make up day	NA
Last day for students to DROP courses *(pro-rata billing adjustment not applicable after add period)*	T. Mar. 9
Mid-semester	**W. Mar. 17**
Last day to CHANGE from Pass/Fail Option	**W. Mar. 17**
Freshmen Mid Term Grades and Mid Term Surveys due in e-Campus by 12:00 PM	**W. Mar. 17**
Spring Break, classes do not meet, offices are open	**Mar. 22-28**
Last Day of Classes	**M. May 3**
Reading day or class make-up day if needed	**T. May 4**
Reading day	**W. May 5**
Final examinations	**May 6-7, 10-14**
Final grades due in e_Campus by 12:00 PM	**T. May 18 by 12:00 p.m.**
Graduate Commencement Ceremony	**Saturday, May 22, 21**
Undergraduate Commencement Cermony	**Sunday, May 23, 21**
Total class days	**13 M-F**
Total instruction weeks	**15**