

Faculty Senate

Academic Standards and Calendar Committee

Report #2002-03-3

April 4, 2003

As amended by the Faculty Senate on May 8, 2003

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee met on April 3, 2003 and considered the following matters that are brought to the Faculty Senate for consideration at this time.

I. Graduate Ceremonies

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate amend the University Calendars for 2003-4, 2004-5 and 2005-6 by adding the date of Graduate Ceremonies on the Saturday before Commencement each spring.

II. Posthumous Degrees

At the request of Vice Provost Rhodes, the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee considered the development of University policy with regard to the granting of posthumous degrees. The committee's original proposal was referred back by the Faculty Senate on November 21, 2002. The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee now recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the following new sections 8.22.50-51 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL:

8.22.50 Posthumous Degrees. Any University of Rhode Island student who dies while registered for courses and who has completed at least fifty percent of the credits necessary for the degree which he or she is seeking is eligible to be awarded a posthumous degree. On the recommendation of the chair of the department and the dean of the college in which the student was enrolled, the Board of Governors may confer a posthumous degree.

8.22.51 Posthumous degrees shall be presented to the family of the deceased student by the President of the University at a time and place of the President's choosing. However, that time and place may not be at the time and place of any college graduation ceremonies except by recommendation of the department chair and college dean.

III. University Calendar for 2006-2007

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommended and the Faculty Senate approved the following calendar for the 2006-07 academic year. Senate Bill #02-03--7, was subsequently disapproved by President Carothers and referred back to committee. Because President Carothers has informed the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee that he will no longer oppose the calendar, it is returned to the Faculty Senate for approval. There are an equal number of MTWRF class days each semester and the total number of weeks for each semester satisfies Federal Financial Aid guidelines.

Fall 2006

Labor Day, classes do not meet, offices are closed	M	Sep. 04
Advising Day	T	Sep. 05
Classes Begin	W	Sep. 06
Last day to "early drop"	F	Sep. 15
Columbus Day, classes do not meet	M	Oct. 9
Mid-semester	M	Oct. 23
Last day to CHANGE from Pass/Fail Option	M	Oct. 23
Midterm freshmen grades due in Enrollment Services	T	Oct. 24
Last day to drop classes	T	Oct. 31
Election Day, classes do not meet, offices are closed	T	Nov. 07
Tuesday classes meet	W	Nov. 08
Veterans' Day Observed, classes meet, offices are closed		

Thanksgiving Recess, classes do not meet	RFSU	Nov. 23-26
Classes End	M	Dec. 11
Reading Days	TW	Dec. 12-13
	RF	Dec. 14-15,
Final Examinations	MTWRF	18-22,
Final grades due by 1:00pm in Enrollment Services	W	Dec. 27
Official Date of December graduation	F	Dec. 29
Spring 2007		
Advising Day	F	Jan. 12
Martin Luther King Day, Classes do not meet	M	Jan. 15
Classes begin	T	Jan. 16
Last day to Drop "early drop" classes	R	Jan. 25
Last day to Add and to Add Pass/Fail Option	M	Jan. 29
Mid-semester	W	Mar 07
Last day to CHANGE from Pass/Fail Option	W	Mar 07
Midterm freshmen grades are due in Enrollment Service	R	Mar 08
Spring Break, classes do not meet, offices are open		Mar. 12-18
Last day for students to DROP classes	M	Mar. 19
Classes End	M	Apr. 30
Reading Days	TW	May 01-02
	RF	May 03-04
Final Examinations	M-F	07-11
Final Grades due in Enrollment Services by 1:00pm	T	May 15
Commencement	U	May 20

IV. Six-year Calendar

The University Manual mandates that calendars be approved four years in advance. The four-year calendar has become a hardship for the College of Pharmacy, whose students are enrolled for six

years and planning is required six years in advance for incoming freshmen. The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that section 8.70.10 of the University Manual be amended by replacing "four-year" with "six-year." The first portion of the section to read (change is in *italics*):

8.70.10 Preparation A *six-year* calendar shall be maintained. In accordance with sections [8.70.20-8.70.40]...

V. Summer Session Calendar

In accordance with section 8.70.11 of the University Manual, the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends approval of the following summer session calendars for summer 2004 and summer 2005:

	2004	2005
Summer SSI	May 19	May 18
Cancellation Day Wednesday before classes begin	May 24	May 23
Term I begins	May 28	May 27
Last day to ADD and to ADD Pass/Fail Option	May 31	May 30
Memorial Day -No classes	June 4	June 3
Make up Monday Classes - following Friday	June 6	June 3
Last day to Drop GRD and UGRD	June 9	June 8
Mid Semester	week of June 21	week of June 20
Term I Classes End and Exams Given		

		2005
Summer SSII	2004	June 22
Cancellation Day Wednesday before classes begin	June 23	June 27
Term II begins	June 28	July 1
Last day to ADD and to ADD Pass/Fail Option	July 2	July 4
Independence Day -No classes	July 5	July 8
Make up Classes due to holiday	July 9	July 8
Last day to Drop GRD and UGRD	July 9	July 13
Mid Semester	July 14	week of July 25
Term II Classes End and Exams Given	week of July 26	