

THE
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OF RHODE ISLAND
FACULTY SENATE OFFICE

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Serial Number #17-18-17

TO: President David Dooley
FROM: Mark Conley, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL titled, Recommendations of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Restructuring of the Standing Committees of the Senate: Changes to the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate, section 4.13, effective for the 2018-2019 academic year, is forwarded for your consideration.
2. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on December 7, 2017.
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 28, 2017 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.

Mark Conley
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

December 7, 2017

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

- a. Approved ☒.
- b. Approved subject to Notice of the Council on Postsecondary Education ____.
- c. Disapproved ____.

Signature of the President

3.30.18
(date)

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Amendment approved on November 16, 2017
Returned on December 7, 2017

(effective for the 2018-2019 academic year)
Restructuring of the Standing Committees of the Senate

Changes to the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate

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4.14 Each committee shall meet at least once a semester unless otherwise specified. Carrying out committee work electronically is permissible.

4.15 The chairperson shall be responsible for preparing the agenda and calling the meetings. Another member of the committee shall be responsible for recording minutes and submitting them to the Office of the Faculty Senate upon approval. Unless otherwise specified, the chairperson shall receive the equivalent of one course release per semester.

4.16 Each committee shall provide a brief informational report at the October meeting of the Faculty Senate outlining its goal(s) for the coming year. Each committee shall present a report of its activities to the Faculty Senate at least once a year as indicated in the description of the committee charge.

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With change incorporated:

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