


Serial Number #19-20-9

TO: President David Dooley
FROM: Bahram Nassersharif, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL titled, Recommendation of Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Special Committee on Minors, University Manual Sections 8.20-50-8.20.52, is forwarded for your consideration.
2. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on October 24, 2019.
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 November 14, 2019, 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

October 24, 2019

ENDORSEMENT

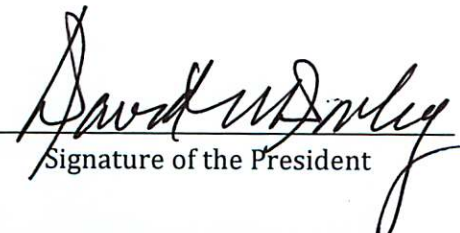
TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

a. Approved .

b. Approved subject to Notice of the Council on Postsecondary Education ____.

c. Disapproved ____.


Signature of the President

11.17.19
(date)

Report to Faculty Senate by Special Committee on Minors

Changes to the University Manual: Proposal 1

Current Language

8.20.50 Minor Fields of Study. Undergraduate students may declare a “minor” field of study. Requirements may be satisfied by: 1) completion of 18 or more credits of any of the interdepartmental minors that have been proposed by one or more departments and approved by the Curriculum and Standards Committee, Faculty Senate, and the President; or 2) completion of 18 or more credits within a curriculum other than the student’s major; or 3) completion of 18 or more credits of related studies offered by more than one department and sponsored by a faculty member competent in the minor field of study. To declare a minor, a student must have approval of the department chairperson of the minor field of study (or faculty sponsor in option 3 of this paragraph), and the student’s academic dean. A student’s approved minor(s) will be listed on the student’s permanent academic record after graduation. [#16-17-22](#), [#17-18-23](#)

Proposed Language

8.20.50 Minor Fields of Study. Undergraduate students may declare a “minor” field of study. A minor is a secondary concentration of courses. Requirements may be satisfied by: 1) completion of 18 or more credits of any of the interdepartmental minors that have been proposed by one or more departments and approved by the Curriculum and Standards Committee, Faculty Senate, and the President; or 2) ~~completion of 18 or more credits within a curriculum other than the student’s major; or 3)~~ completion of 18 or more credits of related studies offered by ~~more than~~ one or more departments or programs and sponsored by a faculty member competent in the minor field of study. To declare a minor, a student must have approval of the department chairperson of the minor field of study (or faculty sponsor in option ~~3~~ 2 of this paragraph), and the student’s academic dean. A student’s approved minor(s) will be listed on the student’s permanent academic record after graduation. [#16-17-22](#), [#17-18-23](#)

Changes to the University Manual: Proposal 2

Current Language

8.20.51 At least twelve of the eighteen credits required for a minor shall be at the 200-level or above. At least half of the credits required for a minor must be earned at The University of Rhode Island. A minimum average of 2.00 must be earned in the eighteen or more credits required for the minor. [#16-17-22](#)

Proposed Language

8.20.51 At least twelve of the eighteen credits required for a minor shall be at the 200- level or above. At least ~~half~~eight of the credits required for a minor must be earned at The University of Rhode Island. A minimum average of 2.00 must be earned in the eighteen or more credits required for the minor. [#16-17-22](#)

Changes to the University Manual: Proposal 3

Current Language

8.20.52 No course required in a major program (30-36 credits) may be used to apply to both the major and minor fields of study. Courses from other curricula that are recommended or required for the major may apply to the minor. Courses in General Education may be used for the minor. Courses in the minor may not be taken under the pass-fail grading option. [#05-06-35](#), [#16-17-22](#)

Proposed Language

8.20.52 ~~No course~~A maximum of two courses required in a major program (~~30-36 credits~~) may be used to apply to both the major and minor fields of study. Additionally, graduates who have earned an undergraduate degree with a minor from the University of Rhode Island and who are then readmitted to the University to pursue an alternate major or degree, may apply for that purpose all credits earned in pursuit of the previous minor field of study. Courses from other curricula that are recommended or required for the major may apply to the minor. Courses in General Education may be used for the minor. Courses in the minor may not be taken under the pass-fail grading option. [#05-06-35](#), [#16-17-22](#)