

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FACULTY SENATE

At the May 7, 2015 Meeting of the Faculty Senate, the following amended sections of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate were first moved. They are now returned to the Faculty Senate for a vote per Section 12.1 of the By-Laws, Amendment of By-Laws.

Current language with proposed changes indicated in track changes:

Section 10. Disposition of Senate Action.

10.1 The following actions of the Faculty Senate do not require approval by the President: creation of new courses, changes to existing courses, resolutions of the Faculty Senate, the establishment of, and charge to, special Faculty Senate Committees, and the appointment of persons to special committees and those appointed under Section 6.

10.2 Actions of the Faculty Senate other than those listed in 10.1 shall be transmitted promptly to the President. The President shall approve or disapprove the Senate action and return it to the Executive Committee within three weeks after passage by the Senate. When the President approves programmatic legislation, administrative officers shall be directed to review promptly resource allocation plans so that the newly legislated program may compete for resources according to the category of approval recommended by the Faculty Senate.

10.3 When an action of the Senate has been disapproved by the President, the Executive Committee shall resubmit the action to the Senate. The Senate shall decide whether to take no further action, to confirm, to suspend, to rescind, to amend, to refer to committee, or to confirm and direct the statement. If, after transmittal to the President of the Senate's response to his/her disapproval, agreement between the Senate and the President is not reached, either party may elect to submit the matter to the Council on Postsecondary Education Board of Governors. Such transmittal from the Senate shall be by way of the President.

10.4 If the President neither approves nor disapproves a Senate action within the three weeks stipulated, the Senate action will be deemed to have been approved. However, upon request by the President, together with a statement of reasons for the request, the Executive Committee shall allow a thirty-day extension of time within which the President can approve or disapprove a Senate action. Any additional extension of time beyond the thirty-day extension shall be for specified periods and shall require the approval of the Faculty Senate, except that during the summer the Executive Committee shall have authority to grant such additional extensions of time.

10.5 Senate actions which have been approved by the President and which require action by the Council on Postsecondary Education Board of Governors, shall be transmitted

promptly by the President to the Board and shall become effective upon approval by the Board unless otherwise stipulated.

10.6 If the Council on Postsecondary Education ~~Board of Governors~~ requests further information on a matter from the Senate, the Chairperson or his/her designated representative, or the Executive Committee of the Senate shall represent the Senate, at the discretion of the Council on Postsecondary Education ~~Board of Governors~~.

10.7 Actions of the Senate that do not require action by the Council on Postsecondary Education ~~Board of Governors~~ shall become effective three weeks after passage unless otherwise stipulated in the legislation, or unless the President requests an extension of time under Section 10.4, or unless a faculty review is duly called for under Article II.6 of the Constitution. If, after requesting an extension of time, the President approves the Senate action, or if, after faculty review, the Senate action stands as voted, the Senate action shall become effective immediately or as stipulated in the legislation.

Final language as proposed:

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If amendments to By-Laws Sections 10.1-10.7 are approved, the following change to Chapter 8 of the University Manual is recommended for approval:

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