

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FACULTY SENATE

In an effort to streamline course approvals, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, in consultation with the President, recommends the following amendments to the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate:

(By-Laws) 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 Board of [Education 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 Board of Education 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 Board of Education 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 Board of Education Governors.

10.7 Actions of the Senate that do not require action by the Board of Education 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.

If moved and seconded at the May 7, 2015 Faculty Senate Meeting, amendments to these sections will be voted on at the September 17, 2015 Meeting per **By-Laws 12.1**:
...a proposed amendment to the By-Laws may not be voted upon at the meeting at which it is first moved.

Also, at that time, the following change to Chapter 8 of the University Manual will be recommended for approval:

(Chapter 8) 8.81.10 Course Approval. All new courses must first be approved by a vote of the faculty of the originating department. A course which does not originate in a specific department or college must be approved by the governing committee(s) with responsibility for administering it. After departmental or committee approval, a permanent course must gain the approval of the college(s), where applicable, the Curricular Affairs Committee and/or the Graduate Council, and the Faculty Senate, and the President.