On May 12, 2005, the Faculty Senate adopted the following resolution:

If it is the policy of the University of Rhode Island that students and faculty of the University are prohibited from using the athletic fields not designated for varsity use without previously securing a permit, we want that policy stated in writing, at which point we will challenge it legally.

If it is not the policy of the University to prohibit faculty and students of the University from using the athletic fields when they are not in use, we ask that grounds crew people, police, and University officials cease and desist from harassing us and infringing upon our rights as members of the URI community.