

**UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
FACULTY SENATE  
Academic Standards & Calendar Committee  
Report #2008-09-1**

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In September 2008, the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee was asked by Dean Libutti, the Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, to review the current add period policy and determine if it is meeting the needs of the students, faculty, and departments. The current add period that is advertised in the University Academic Calendar, affords students fourteen calendar days to add courses. This policy has been problematic for the University community.

After reviewing the current policy, recruiting feedback from stakeholders on campus (students, faculty, advisors, and Deans offices) and examining the policies of other schools, the committee decided that amending the add period policy was in the best interest of all members of the University.

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the revised policy 8:33:11 (to begin Fall 2009) that appears as follows:

**Current Add Period Policy 8:33:11:**

No course shall be added to a student's schedule after two weeks from the beginning of a semester. Courses offered by the Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Continuing Education may be added with the approval of the instructor prior to the third class meeting or by the prescribed University deadline, whichever is greater.

**Proposed Add Period Policy 8:33:11:**

For fall and spring semesters, the open add period extends for 7 days. This will consist of the first seven calendar days of the semester. An additional 7 calendar-day late add period allows students the opportunity to add courses via permission numbers granted at the discretion of the faculty member or other identified office.