

**UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
FACULTY SENATE**

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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**CHANGES TO THE UNIVERSITY MANUAL AND FACULTY
SENATE BY-LAWS TO REFLECT ADMINISTRATIVE
REORGANIZATION**

During the 2006-07 academic year, administrative reorganizations took place, which require editorial and substantive changes to the University Manual and Faculty Senate By-Laws, (i.e. Vice President for Research and Economic Development, separation of the Graduate School from Research; reorganization of Information Technology Services). The Faculty Senate Executive Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the following:

- I. That the Faculty Senate approve the addition of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development to the membership of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee (changes is in **bold**):

5.70.11 The Joint Strategic Planning Committee shall be comprised of the President, who shall serve as Chair, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice Presidents for Administration, **Research and Economic Development**, Student Affairs, and University Advancement, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, a Dean of a degree-granting college appointed by the President, two administrative staff members appointed by the President, the President of the Student Senate, and the President of the Graduate Student Association. It shall be staffed by the Executive Assistants to the President and Directors of Planning Services

- II. That the Faculty Senate approve* the following changes to Faculty Senate By-Laws to reflect the administrative changes: (Changes are in **bold**)

A. **Council for Research** (add Dean of the Graduate School or designee, change administrative responsibilities for the Council; editorial changes in titles, etc.)

4.56 The membership of the Council shall be chosen to reflect the diversity of the academic disciplines of the faculty. The Council shall comprise seven faculty members appointed in accordance with the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate (See section 6.1); three faculty members from the research community chosen by the Vice President for Research and Economic Development; one member of the Council of Deans, chosen by that council; one director (or associate or assistant director) of a research center or bureau and one college business manager chosen by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; one graduate student chosen by the Graduate Student Association; one undergraduate student appointed by the undergraduate Research Grant Committee; the **Dean of the Graduate School or designee**; and the

Vice President for Research and Economic Development or the **Vice President's** designee as a voting ex officio member. The two students shall be appointed yearly. The members appointed by the Senate, the Council of Deans, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs **and the Vice President for Research and Economic Development** shall be appointed to three-year terms commencing in September. Wherever the same person or body is charged with selecting two or more members, the members' terms shall be staggered. The Council shall elect its chairperson for the year from among the faculty members of the Council at its first meeting in September. The name of the chairperson shall be made known to the University community and reported to the Faculty Senate and the President.

B. **Teaching Effectiveness Committee** (replace Director of Information and Instructional Technology Services with the Vice Provost for Information Technology Services or the Vice Provost's designee)

4.60 The Teaching Effectiveness Committee shall promote good teaching at the University by: conducting and reporting to the Faculty Senate an annual audit of programs, activities, policies, etc., which are available at the University to support good teaching; serving as an advisory committee to the Instructional Development Program; undertaking each year, in cooperation with other interested parties, an initiative designed to improve teaching practices at the University. The Director of the Instructional Development Program and **the Vice Provost for Information Technology Services or the Vice Provost's designee** shall serve as ex officio members of this committee.

III. That the Faculty Senate amend section 4.4 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate** to reflect Administrator Evaluation procedure changes if they are adopted (deletion is represented by ~~strikethrough~~):

4.4 The Executive Committee with the consent of the Faculty Senate shall appoint an Administrator Evaluation Coordinator from the tenured faculty for a two-year term. The Administrator Evaluation Coordinator shall be responsible for the following: designating which administrators are to be evaluated in a given year; facilitating the election/selection of administrator evaluation committees within each administrator's constituent group as defined in section 5.76.12 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL; providing guidance and suggestions to these administrator evaluation committees ~~as they design their instruments and outline their procedures~~; and, monitoring the committees' progress in conducting the evaluations. The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate shall review and evaluate the process as outlined here and as it evolves in the respective Evaluation Committees after the first three-year round and at least every six years after that. The results of the review shall be reported to the Faculty Senate.

*** Endnote: These recommendations require a 2/3-majority vote and may not be voted upon at the meeting at which they are first moved.*