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## Academic Standards and Calendar Report No. 77-78-2: University Calendar 1978-79 to 1982-83

University of Rhode Island Faculty Senate

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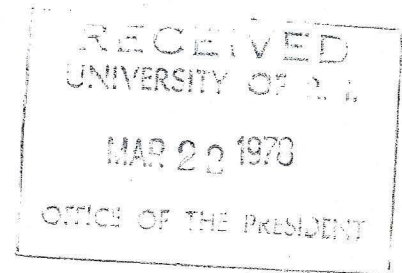
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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE  
BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate



TO: President Frank Newman

FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Academic Standards and Calendar Report No. 77-78-2:  
University Calendar 1978-79 to 1982-83

is forwarded for your consideration.

2. The original and two copies for your use are included.
3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on March 9, 1978  
(date)
4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Regents, completing the appropriate endorsement below.
5. In accordance with Section 8, paragraph 2 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective on April 10, 1978\* (date), three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; (3) you forward it to the Board of Regents for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Regents, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

March 20, 1978  
(date)

Robert M. Gutchen  
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

1. Returned.

2. Approved ✓. Disapproved       .

3. (If approved) In my opinion, transmittal to the Board of Regents is not necessary.

4/14/78  
(date)

President

\* Three weeks after date bill signed by the Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

(OVER)

ALTERNATE ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Board of Regents

FROM: The University President

1. Forwarded.

2. Approved.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
President

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ENDORSEMENT 2.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Chairman of the Board of Regents, via the University President.

1. Forwarded.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Office)

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ENDORSEMENT 3.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: The University President

1. Forwarded from the Chairman of the Board of Regents.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
President

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Original received and forwarded to the Secretary of the Senate and Registrar for filing in the Archives of the University.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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Chairman of the Faculty Senate

OPTION A - CURRENT

Fall	1978-79	1979-80	1980-1981	1981-82	1982-83
Labor Day (M)	Sept 4	Sept 3	Sept 1	Sept 7	Sept 6
Registration (T)	Sept 5	Sept 4	Sept 2	Sept 8	Sept 7
Classes Begin (W)	Sept 6	Sept 5	Sept 3	Sept 9	Sept 8
Columbus Day (M)	Oct 9	Oct 8	Oct 13	Oct 12	Oct 11
Midsemester	Oct 24 (T)	Oct 24 (W)	Oct 21 (T)	Oct 23 (F)	Oct 22 (F)
Election Day (T)	Nov 7	--	Nov 4	--	Nov 2
Veteran's Day	--	Nov 12 (M)	Nov 11 (T)	Nov 11 (W)	Nov 11 (TH)
Thanksgiving (Th,F)	Nov 23- 24	Nov 22- 23	Nov 27- 28	Nov 26- 27	Nov 25- 26
Last day of Classes	Dec 15 (F)	Dec 14 (F)	Dec 12 (F)	Dec 14 (M)	Dec 14 (T)
Reading Days	Dec 16- 17 (Sa,Su)	Dec 15- 16 (Sa,Su)	Dec 13- 14 (Sa,Su)	Dec 15- 16 (T, W)	Dec 15- 16 (W, Th)
Final Examinations	Dec 18- 23 (M-Sa)	Dec 17- 22 (M-Sa)	Dec 15- 20 (M-Sa)	Dec 17- 23 (Th-W)	Dec 17- 23 (F-Th)
Final Grades Due	Dec 28 (TH)	Dec 28 (F)	Dec 23 (T)	Dec 29 (T)	Dec 28 (T)
M	13	13	13	13	13
T	14	14	13	13	13
W	14	14	14	13	13
Th	14	14	14	13	13
F	14	14	14	13	13
TOTAL	69	69	68	65	65

Advantages-

The fall semester begins after Labor Day and all work is completed by Dec. 23.

OPTION A - CURRENT

Spring	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Registration (M)	Jan 15	Jan 21	Jan 19	Jan 18	Jan 17
Classes Begin (T)	Jan 16	Jan 22	Jan 20	Jan 19	Jan 18
Midsemester (W)	Mar 7	Mar 12	Mar 11	Mar 10	Mar 9
Spring Recess (M-F)	Apr 9- 13	Mar 31- Apr 4	Apr 13- 17	Apr 5- 9	Mar 28- Apr 1
Last Day of Classes (F)	May 4	May 9	May 8	May 7	May 6
Reading Days (Sa,Su)	May 5- 6	May 10- 11	May 9- 10	May 8- 9	May 7- 8
Final Examinations (M-Sa)	May 7- 12	May 12- 17	May 11- 16	May 10- 15	May 9- 14
Final Grades Due (W)	May 16	May 21	May 20	May 19	May 18
Commencement (Su)	May 27	June 1	May 31	May 30	May 29
Memorial Day (M)	May 28	May 26	May 25	May 31	May 30
M	14	14	14	14	14
T	15	15	15	15	15
W	15	15	15	15	15
Th	15	15	15	15	15
F	15	15	15	15	15
TOTAL	74	74	74	74	74

Disadvantages-

1. In most years the fall semester is significantly shorter than the spring semester (1-1.5 weeks).
2. In years when Labor Day is late, the fall semester has as few as 13 weeks of classes.
3. Due to the fall holidays, it is not possible in some years to have an equal number of class meetings for each day of the week. This forces classes and labs which meet once a week to lose an additional entire week of work.

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Faculty Senate  
Academic Standards and Calendar Committee  
Report No. 77-78-2  
25/Jan./78

On March 24, 1977, The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee, responding to the criticisms and discontent of some faculty members over the current academic calendars, proposed modifying the 1977-1978 calendar by holding semester exams immediately after Christmas. Though individual senators expressed concern over the calendar, the Committee's recommendation found little support. Instead, the report was returned to committee with instructions: 1) to consult with officers of the Student Senate and G.S.A.; 2) to seek clarification of the faculty vote for semesters of equal length; 3) to come back to the Senate with alternate proposals; 4) to consider proposing a calendar with two full weeks of classes after Christmas; 5) to consider more than one year's calendar; and 6) to consider a quarter system. (See, Minutes, Faculty Senate Meeting, March 24, 1977.) No deadline for return was given, but the Committee deliberated over calendars and is now submitting its report.

Attached are four different calendar options - each worked out for the five year period 1978-1983. Option A is the calendar as it would look if we follow current practice. Option B is a modification of the current calendar which ensures fourteen full weeks of instruction in the fall semesters by requiring up to three days of Saturday classes in certain years and by holding registration before Labor Day each year. Option C is a calendar which compensates for the current shortage of classroom hours by lengthening class meetings to a full sixty minutes. Option D is a traditional semester calendar requiring two full weeks of classes in addition to final examinations after Christmas. Certain advantages and disadvantages of each type of calendar as well as data showing the total number of classes for each day of the week for each semester can be found listed on the sheets.

The Committee is not itself recommending any one of these options but is merely presenting them. Unless one of them or some other alternative is proposed and adopted, the University Calendar will remain as established by Senate legislation of April 10, 1975. That legislation fixes the calendar along present lines until June, 1980.

BUDGET - 1978 - 1979

	RELEASE TIME FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	INTERNAL SUPPORT	EXTERNAL SUPPORT	PENDING
Director, Day Care		\$ 13,000		
Director, Transition Center				\$ 7,000
Day Care Consultants	\$ 4,000			
Adult Program Consultants	7,000			
Gerontology Consultants	3,000			
Secretary (one-half time)		\$ 3,200		
Graduate Students (2)		6,400 (approx)		
Other personnel: Student Aids (work study) Housekeeper		600 4,000		
Other expenses: Postage, Tel., Office Center, Interior Remodeling Equipment, Supplies Pence		550 2,260 1,000 \$ 31,010		\$ 2,500

Estimated Income: Fees From Child Care: \$600/child x 15 Children = \$9,000  
Other Fees \$9,500