

University of Rhode Island  
Kingston, Rhode Island

2005-06 Annual Report of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee

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*UNIVERSITY MANUAL 5.70.12 The Joint Strategic Planning Committee shall meet on a regular basis and submit recommendations falling under the purview of the Faculty Senate to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for transmission to the proper channels. Other recommendations shall be directed to the President. The President shall delegate the implementation of recommendations to the appropriate officials. The President and the Chair of the Faculty Senate shall report on the progress of the Committee to the Faculty Senate at least once each year and to the university community as appropriate.*

During the academic year 2005 - 2006, the Joint Strategic Planning Committee met nine times. Highlights of topics from JSPC Minutes included:

- 1) Discussions of trends impacting higher education in Rhode Island as well as their impact on URI.
- 2) Report on the results of the consultant's study on the URI Capital Campaign. It was noted that the consensus is that potential donors are more interested in contributing in ways that directly affect students and faculty, such as scholarships and endowed chairs.
- 3) Review of the University's capital improvement plan
- 4) Review and revision of the University Mission Statement.  
See: <http://www.uri.edu/home/about/mission.html>
- 5) Review of the FY2006 budget and recommendations for the FY 2007 budget
- 6) Formulating points for inclusion in the 2006-2009 Strategic Plan:
  - a) Enhance student recruitment, retention, involvement and graduation rates.
  - b) Improve the fiscal health of the University.
  - c) Create a more inclusive environment.
  - d) Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of research and outreach support.

The approval of the initiatives was the preliminary step in the process. The next step was for the University and its units to develop goals and plans for achieving them.

- 7) Receiving progress reports on the progress of the implementation of the BOGHE mandated Student Outcomes Assessment Initiative.
- 8) Discussion of preliminary plans for a self-study in preparation for the next NEASC accreditation visit, which is scheduled for October 2007.
- 9) Discussion of cyber security in higher education and FERPA issues.
- 10) Discussion of mid-year (FY 2006) budget issues.

A complete set of approved JSPC minutes can be accessed from the Faculty Senate website, <http://www.uri.edu/facsen/JSPC.html>

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