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Dear Members of the URI Faculty:

We are eager to hear from you. As you may be aware, the current academic program review instrument is the Academic Improvement and Investment Model (AIIM) questionnaire. It was developed jointly by the Faculty Senate and the University Administration during 2004-2005 in response to requirements for continual assessment and improvements in our academic programs by our accrediting agency, and to an expressed need by the President and Provost for a set of metrics by which resource allocation and other management decisions could be informed. The APRC intends to administer the AIIM survey in its intended biannual cycle with a target of Spring 2008. However, prior to the administration of the questionnaire, the APRC intends to fully review it. Therefore, we request that the University community provide suggestions for revising the AIIM survey instrument prior to December 31, 2007.

Copies of the AIIM survey and supporting quantitative financial contribution documents provided by the Office of the Provost can be found in PDF via a link on the AIIM Homepage: http://www.uri.edu/facsen/AIIM_Home.html. In order to better inform your review of the AIIM survey instrument, the APRC encourages all members of the URI Academic Community to review the 2005 AIIM composite survey results online at the AIIM website operated by Thomas J. Murphy and Associates (www.thomasjmurphy.com). Use the logon code 'notation' and the password '1274' in both cases without quotes to gain access. Once you have logged on, you may view the individual department or program results by clicking on any of the 'bubbles' on the chart that represent individual departments or programs. The AIIM analysis of each department includes a pyramid scoring in the broad categories of Value and Success based on the agreed upon score weightings in each category. There is also a Strengths, Gaps, Opportunities, and Risks analysis for each department, as well as a summary of identity protected responses from individual faculty members in the department. Our goal with protected access to the AIIM data is to provide as much transparency as possible to intramural users while limiting access to the general public, so we ask that AIIM data be treated as sensitive information.

The members of the APRC (Prof. Marilyn Barbour, Pharmacy Practice; Prof. Laura Beauvais, College of Business Administration; Dean Winifred Brownell, A&S; Prof. Stephan Grilli, Ocean Engineering; Asst. Provost Cliff Katz; Prof. Celest Martin, College Writing Program; Ms. Ann Morrissey, PSPD; Vice Provost Lynn Pasquerella; Prof. Michael Rice, Fisheries, Animal & Veterinary Science; and Prof. Susan Roush, Physical Therapy) strongly encourage your participation in this review of the survey instrument as well as participation in the survey once it is administered during the spring semester. Any feedback concerning the AIIM questionnaire or the composite data presentation on the Murphy website can be directed to any APRC member or e-mailed to me at rice@uri.edu.

Cordially,

Michael A. Rice, Chairman
Academic Program Review Committee