

# **University of Rhode Island Joint Strategic Planning Committee**

## **Subcommittee on Access to Excellence**

Since early February 2008, the Access to Excellence Subcommittee has been meeting to arrive at a set of recommendations in accordance with its charge as established by the JSPC. The following document is a product of the committee's discussions and final recommendations.

### **Access to Excellence Statement of Purpose**

Develop a set of actionable recommendations for implementation at URI that will help to increase the math and science competencies of students from diverse racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds at both Rhode Island K-12 schools and URI, thus enabling the broadest possible access of these students to URI majors requiring particular strengths in math and science.

### **Recommendations**

1. Compile a list of URI programs and projects currently in place to increase math and science competencies among URI and K-12 students in RI.
2. Review strengths of these programs in order to:
  - A. Identify critical areas for new or additional investments
  - B. Make information about best practices available to the University Community
3. Further develop these proposals by targeting areas where there are internal and external resources.
4. Insure that any new academic programs or practices, should they prove successful, will be opened up to ALL students at URI who are struggling to meet math and science competencies in those disciplines that place a heavy emphasis on these areas.
5. Incorporate the findings that will come from this set of recommendations into the work of the newly forming Blue Ribbon committee, a committee intended to provide information to help guide the formation of a URI strategic plan.