

**The University of
Rhode Island**

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Annual Report: Providence Campus Undergraduate Initiative Committee

Academic Year 2007-2008

In an effort to determine more about the population taking our Providence campus courses, Dr. Carla Simonini surveyed 49 sections of General Education courses. While her first question elicited the response that 70% had enrolled through the Kingston campus, her second confirmed an intuition: 50% of the students surveyed (traditional age students) considered the Providence campus to be their home campus. Their number one reason for taking their courses at the Providence campus was proximity to family or work, not as previously thought, that they were closed out of Kingston courses. The survey was conducted in the fall of 2007.

This year an additional major, the B.S. in Biotechnology and Clinical Laboratory Science Option in Biotechnology, was approved for traditional age students at the Feinstein Providence Campus in accordance with 8.88.10 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL

The Providence campus has hired a new full-time advisor, Jeff Johnson. Dr. Simonini reported that she and other staff are tremendously impressed with his energy and commitment. Also, the website has a new look; faculty are invited to take a peek at <http://www.uri.edu/prov/>

Future Directions:

The committee discussed several recommendations for showcasing our Providence Campus:

- ❖ Highlighting the Providence Campus presence in the branding initiative
- ❖ Creating student/faculty outreach in the Providence high schools
- ❖ Researching programs/internships that can use the urban setting of Providence advantageously
- ❖ Highlighting Honors Courses offered on the Providence Campus

Respectfully submitted,

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