

**COUNCIL FOR OUTREACH
Minutes**

**Monday, March 11, 2002, 2:00PM
Library, Conference Room A**

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:20PM.
2. The February 12, 2002 meeting minutes were approved.
3. Janett Trubatch updated the Council on the "Impact of Higher Education on the State of Rhode Island" report for Commissioner Holland. She informed the Council that representatives from URI, RIC and CCRI would be meeting on March 13, 2002 to present the documents from each of the institutions and answer any questions from the Office of Higher Education.
4. Melissa McCarthy brought a laptop so the Council could view the database and website together at the meeting. The Council made suggestions regarding the organization of the website in terms of using "keywords" in addition to using the "Focus Areas."
5. Melissa presented the Council with the current nomination list for the "Research, Graduate Studies and Outreach Recognition Luncheon." The council decided that since the nomination deadline was during spring break week it should be pushed back to the following Friday, March 22, 2002. Melissa agreed to make the new deadline announcement to the Deans, Chairs, and other Councils.
6. The present Council members discussed projects and issues that they are dealing with and working with on a daily basis. John Boulmetis discussed how he has seen an increase in State Agencies asking for assistance. A problem that the agencies are having is the FTE cap and they are coming to John for assistance in training particularly the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Human Services. George DeLodzia discussed the fact that he gets many unsolicited calls from the Rhode Island community for his assistance in a variety of problems from sexual harassment in the workplace to ethics issues. He is always pleased to help people but wanted to know if there was a way to recognize his consultation work without it being published to the community. Cathy Wessells discussed how Cooperative Extension and the Agricultural Experiment Station are campus wide and have programs ranging from sustainable communities, to water quality programs, to gardening programs, to 4-H and housing programs. She wanted to know if there was a way for the Council to come up with a Rapid Response Program, where in cases like the 9/11 attack the University could have a team of experts to help in a crisis or some other local issues where the URI faculty and staff would be utilized to outreach to the community.
7. The meeting adjourned at 3:10PM