Memorandum:

To: Faculty Senate and All Academic Faculty

From: URI Student Senate   Chairwoman Vanessa Garcia Polanco,  
             President Cody S. Anderson

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One of the goals of the URI Student Senate is to be the representative voice of the student body on the Kingston campus in all aspect of student life, including academic affairs. One of the URI Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee roles is to advise students on academic issues and facilitate solutions between faculty and administrators when students are unable to do so. Over several years we have offered a service for students to submit concerns and complaints for us to facilitate conflict resolution and better communicate student perspectives and issues to university administrators. Most recently students can submit their concerns online at: http://web.uri.edu/studentsenate/academic-complaints/.

In order to better collect information and communicate students concerns we would like to increase awareness of this online platform to all students across campus. Therefore, we are encouraging all teaching faculty to add this paragraph to their syllabus this Fall:

Right to Submit an Academic Complaint & Concern

“The URI Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee advises students on academic rights and facilitates solutions to academic issues between faculty and administrators when students are unable to do so. Students have the right to submit concerns and complaints to the committee in order to facilitate conflict resolution and communicate student perspective on all matters relating to academic issues. Students can submit their concerns online at: http://web.uri.edu/studentsenate/academic-complaints/”.

We appreciate your assistance and diligence, and for helping us, the URI Student Senate, track trends on specific issues inside colleges and university-wide to better serve the student body. Please contact me at academic@rhody senate.org or visit URI Student Senate office at the Memorial Union Room 201 regarding any questions and/or comments.

Best,

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