Academic Summit 2016: Discussion Topics

I. Advancing Sustainability (Room 360)
1. Big Idea:
- **Title:** Environmentally responsive commencement series under restraints of doability & practicality
- **Description:** Over the course of several (5+) years, select commencement speakers who can address environmental issues *sensu lato* (in the broad sense).
    - Foregrounds URI values
    - Motivates community
    - Promotes URI locally; nationally (intergalactically)
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II. Incubation, Innovation, and Enterprise (Room 354)
1. Big Idea:
- **Title:** INC: Incubating Innovation Center
- **Description:**
    - Goal: incubating social + business enterprises through design, thinking makerspaces + mentorship
    - Includes: interdisciplinary curriculum (innovation degree D-school), living learning community, partnership with government and business enterprises
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III. Opportunities with Design Thinking [Problem/Solutions Oriented] (Room 318)
    1. **Big Idea:**
- **Title:** Center for collaborative design
- **Description:**
  - Physical space/environment
  - Design minor: courses in design thinking
  - Faculty of practice in design (2-year appointment, rotates)
  - Support for collaboration studio courses
  - Design theme for honors program
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IV. Building Bridges through the Humanities (Room 314)
    1. **Big Idea:**
- **Title:** Humanities at work in the world
- **Description:** 3-pronged outreach to and learning from undergraduates, wider university and extramural community (including employers) through integrated and collaborative engagement to communicate and advocate for the enduring value of the humanities and the skills they embody, achieved through vastly expanded and better coordinated opportunities in:
  - Internships and experiential learning
  - Undergraduate research
  - Career advising and networking

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2. **Big Idea:**
   - **Title:** Public humanities program
   - **Description:** Build bridges across humanities and with broader community through a variety of interdisciplinary outreach humanities programs
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3. **Big Idea:**
   - **Title:** Pell archives digitization project
   - **Description:** Digitize and make available to students, scholars, and the public Senator Claiborne Pell's Papers (2,500 boxes) of interest to historians, political scientists, marine affairs, oceanography, and library scholars. Digital humanities and Big Data!

V. **Living & Learning at URI and Beyond (Room 313)**

1. **Big Idea:**
   - **Title:** Student network for professional development
   - **Description:**
     - All students enroll in professional development (webinars, portfolio)
     - Makerspaces in LLC
     - Engagement in LLC between students, faculty, and alumni (mentors)
     - Teach life skills, generate portfolio
     - Start in LLC with entrepreneurial ideas
     - Profit center (e.g. film media, product generated)
     - Modules for students
     - At all levels
   - **Interested faculty:**

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2. Big Idea:
- **Title:** Google Analytics
- **Description:** Keep track of most popular issues searched and address them before they export(?? – illegible)

3. Big Idea:
- **Title:** Alumni volunteer center
- **Description:** Students and alumni connect through volunteerism
- **Interested faculty:**
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VI. Big and Small Data (Room 308)
1. Big Idea:
- **Title:** Data forum
- **Description:** Major center/forum for featuring, facilitating, understanding data analysis
    - o Include multiple disciplines, students, faculty, public, admin
    - o Involve quantitative, qualitative, case study, ethnographic, archival data
    - o Discuss/organize terms, language, faculty, expertise related to data analysis
    - o Folksonomy of indexing (e.g. wealth of multidisciplinary data in writing and rhetoric)
    - o Feature networking, student and faculty training, funding opportunities
    - o Include research office, computing and statistics, social sciences, library, engineering, humanities, natural sciences, business, oceanography, education, health, etc.
    - o Emphasize undergraduate and graduate training and opportunities with certificate possibilities and

service/internship options, minor, gen-ed data option, courses
- o Develop mechanism to identify and post data bases as a clearinghouse
- o Communicating data-based findings and patterns to encourage wider understanding and dialogue
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2. **Big Idea:**
   - **Title:** Data education (as a part of data forum)
   - **Description:**
     - o Data science major
     - o Minor in data analysis
     - o Interdisciplinary study of teaching/learning data for pedagogy
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3. **Big Idea:**
   - **Title:** Data analysis projects (examples of activities in data forum)
   - **Description:**
     - o Archival data indexing and networking
     - o Risk management for finance and health
     - o Analysis of student success
     - o Develop investigative journalism tools
   - **Interested faculty:**
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4. **Additional Info (listed on back of poster board)**

- Hans, Human Development:
  - Funding to share and analyze for interdisciplinary work
  - Share data sets – URI-specific
  - Collaboration to determine what data is available
  - Data clearinghouse
- Ted, Psych:
  - Health and behavior databases?
  - Develop functions to anonymize data
  - Develop functions to optimize/analyze growth/behavior (?? – illegible)
- Julia, U. Libraries
  - Crenter for humanities – state (?? – illegible)
  - "Place" for focusing on data
  - An umbrella with research office involvement

VII. Civic Engagement and Social Justice (Ballroom Front)
1. Big Idea:
- **Title:** Civic engagement and service learning center
- **Description:** To explore the creation of a new center to connect faculty, staff, and students in the interest of civic engagement and service learning. Also, to support conversations for faculty and staff across campus to begin meeting and brainstorming immediately.

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2. Big Idea:
- **Title:** Social science major
- **Description:** To explore the creation of a new interdisciplinary social science major
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3. Big Idea:
- **Title:** Women, democracy, and empowerment initiative
- **Description:** Combine goals of participating in democracy with URI's diversity initiatives – empowering underrepresented students to create social change
- **Interested faculty:**
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VIII. Globalizing and Internationalization (Room 300)

1. **Big Idea:**
    - **Title:** Create a new school of languages, cultures, and global studies
    - **Description:**
        - Like an "IEP" for all majors – a languages and culture clearinghouse for all disciplines
        - Connects languages and international experiences across all majors
        - Would house a global studies minor/major
        - Create stronger pipeline for Fulbright Student Program
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2. **Big Idea:**
    - **Title:** Develop global health initiative
    - **Description:**
        - Create infrastructure such as a Global Health Center or Institute
        - Expand graduate opportunities
        - Create Master's Public Health
        - Develop research opportunities internationally for faculty and students (undergraduate and graduate)
    - **Interested faculty:**
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3. **Big Idea:**
    - **Title:** Create an undergraduate international opportunity fund

- **Description:** Expand resources and opportunities for undergraduate international research, J-term, study abroad, internships abroad
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IX. Collaboration and Teaching (Room 301)

1. Big Idea:

- **Title:** Igniting innovative instruction: the URI teaching collaborative
- **Description:** An annual conference and online portal that bring faculty together
  - To create a sustainable community of practice with instructors from across campus who are seeking collaborative opportunities to improve teaching and learning
  - To create an online portal of resources and contacts to build collaborations
  - To conduct research and collect evidence on the efficacy of teaching collaborations
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2. Big Idea:

- **Title:** Collaboration portal
- **Description:** See above
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X. Freelance Ideas and Opportunities (Senate Chambers)

1. Big Idea:
- **Title:** Center for community news
- **Description:** A center for production of news content to be shared by existing community news outlets. Students create content about critical issues in Rhode Island
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2. Big Idea (tied for #1 above):
- **Title:** Virtual reality content
- **Description:** Investigate the use of virtual reality headsets as a teaching tool
    - Put together a group of interested faculty (and others) to explore the potential and to begin thinking about content and how to generate it
    - The focus would be on experiential teaching through virtual reality experiences
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3. Big Idea:
- **Title:** Faculty field experiences
- **Description:** Give faculty an opportunity to learn from experience by encouraging them to visit relevant stakeholders
    - Outcomes may include community engagement, more relevant research, and better teaching

- 2-8 weeks' worth of experiences over the summer
- Co-sponsored by companies and organizations that will benefit from faculty expertise
- **Interested faculty:**
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