

University of Rhode Island Advisory Committee on Disability Issues

Mission Statement (developed Spring 2006)

The Advisory Committee on Disability Issues is a collaborative group of Administrators, Faculty and Students who are concerned about the visibility and inclusion of persons with disability at the University of Rhode Island. The purposes of the committee are:

- a) To proactively advise administrators with ADA responsibility (DSS, AAEOD, HR) on the priorities regarding access for persons with disabilities to programs, courses, facilities, and transportation.
- b) To promote awareness in the URI Community about issues of inclusion & equal opportunity for citizens with disabilities
- c) To promote understanding of universal design for learning and for facilities.

This newly formed Advisory Committee will be convened by Pamela Rohland, Director of Disability Services for Students and will have as its dual roles:

- promote the wellbeing of persons with disabilities at URI and
- provide advisement to staff charged with ADA responsibility.

The important goal of the Advisory work is to ensure inclusion and equal opportunity for all members of the University community who have disabilities. The achievement of this goal depends on surmounting barriers that are not restricted to a single University division; therefore we are grateful that colleagues and students from many different departments and divisions are participating in this group.

(See University of Rhode Island Strategic Plan: 2006-2009 Steps Toward Transformation – University wide Initiative 3 – Create a More Inclusive Environment)