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The University has engaged BerryDunn, an independent management and information technology (IT) consulting firm experienced with higher education, to work with us to develop an enterprise-wide IT Strategic Plan. This consulting engagement follows the recent work that focused on creating a process for shared IT strategic governance in response to recommendations made by the AMRC.

The goal is to improve the delivery and scope of information technology services across URI, while building an IT structure reflecting strong support for delivering teaching, learning, research and administrative services.

This project entails two phases over the course of the 2015-16 academic year. Phase One will be an assessment of URI's IT operations, services, resources, and organizational structure. Phase Two will build upon this assessment to develop an actionable IT Strategic Plan and work with a new Strategic Governance Committee to establish IT strategic priorities for the University.

BerryDunn's first visit is scheduled for **Oct. 13-16, 2015** and interviews will be planned over the next several weeks. All URI participants will receive an interview agenda before their meeting. Below are key points for the consulting project:

- Build on prior work and engage campus constituents to further understand perspectives and needs among students, faculty and staff. The consultants will want to hear from key academic, administrative, research, and technical stakeholders.
- Align with URI's Mission and Strategic Plans
- Establish the right mix and organization of IT services to help strengthen future operations and ensure a secure information technology environment
- Prepare the University to leverage new opportunities and identify sustainable funding strategies for technology

Information Technology Services Associate Director Mike Motta, is the project director and will coordinate the campus interviews. We look forward to broad participation and engagement from our University community in this very important effort. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Mike at [mmotta@uri.edu](mailto:mmotta@uri.edu).

Thanks in advance for your collaboration and participation in this important effort.

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