

E-NEWS! URI PART-TIME FACULTY UNITED

SEPTEMBER 2012

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT EDWARD S. INMAN III

Dear Part-Time Faculty Colleagues:

I am respectfully thanking the membership for your support as your new president. Additionally, I would like to acknowledge and thank the past presidents and executive committee for their hard work -- David Malley for his initial work as president and member of the first negotiation committee, and Timothy Tierney for his conscientious work finishing the first term as our leader. This leadership has established a strong foundation for our Union. I would also like to identify our current leadership team: Executive Committee (2012-2014): Vice President, Marilyn Donahue; Treasurer, Alexia Kosmider; Secretary, Olga Ruiz de Panciera; At Large, Thomas Gidley; At Large, Roy Panciera; Past President, Timothy Tierney; Executive Assistant, Patricia Maguire; Consultant; Dorothy F. Donnelly, PhD.

The excellence of the University is part of our main mission. However, we need to continue to strive to promote and preserve PTF standing in the URI community. We need to cooperatively promote our Union so that the students and the URI community continue to excel. URI's part-time faculty play a significant role in the achievements of the entire community. With your support we can preserve, protect and promote the accomplishments of the Union and additionally serve the public as a whole.

To that end, the Union is currently in the process of negotiations for a new contract. The input of the members has been documented and we will be addressing those items during the upcoming meetings. If you have any concerns please contact us. The PTFU Union office is located in Room 119, Rodman Hall, 94 W Alumni Avenue on the main campus in Kingston. You may contact the PTFU office at: Tel: (401) 874-4481; Email: uriptfu@etal.uri.edu

I ask that we join together in this important endeavor.

Thank you.

Edward S. Inman III, President
URI Part-Time Faculty United (PTFU)

URI PTFU WEBSITE

The URI PTFU Website has recently been updated and, in response to PTF suggestions, significantly re-designed. The Website includes: Frequently Asked Questions; Contract for 2010-2012; PTFU Fact Sheet; Newsletters; Level Advancement information along with the Application Form; Course Availability/Assignment Form; Grievance Procedure Time-Frame and Grievance Form; Time-in-Service Correction Form; Membership Application Form; and much more. The PTFU Website is provided by the URI PTFU as a service for URI part-time faculty and is regularly updated. Please visit: www.uri.edu/ptfu/

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS 2012

The URI PTFU Negotiation Committee has been meeting the past several weeks to prepare for contract negotiation sessions with representatives of the URI/BOG in working towards our 2nd collective bargaining agreement. The proposals to be placed on the table for URI PTF were prioritized by PTF members in a mail survey that was conducted by the Executive Committee and followed up by a full-day general meeting at which members further detailed and prioritized the requested contract improvements, including: access to health care benefits; PTF tuition waiver options; two-year time-frame appointments for PTF; salary increases for base salary, as well as increases for level advancement amounts, more in line with amounts paid PTF at other higher education public research institutions.

The members of the Negotiation Committee are: Edward Inman, Marilyn Donahue, Charles Chaves, Timothy Tierney, Dorothy Donnelly (Chief Negotiator), and Patricia Maguire (Executive Assistant, staff support). Other PTF members have volunteered to provide assistance on specific items of negotiation, as needed. We ask for your continued support during these challenging negotiations—we will keep you informed as the negotiations move forward.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!