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***TO URI PART-TIME FACULTY
ALL BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!!
FROM YOUR E:NEWS NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE***

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***Let's Make 2007 the Year that We Establish
Our Collective Bargaining Unit***

NOTES

Grant Received: URI Part-Time faculty received a \$7,200 Award from the National office of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) in support of our efforts toward achieving unionization for part-time faculty at URI. (*See details in special issue of E-NEWS, December 2006*)

Gearing Up For the New Year: We are gearing up to undertake additional projects in an effort to reach URI part-timers who have not yet signed their authorization forms. New projects will include conducting a telephone marathon and also inviting guest speakers from the national office to conduct an open forum on the special kinds of issues faced by part-time faculty across the country (including at URI). Further information about these projects will be forwarded within the next few weeks.

Authorization Forms: Have ***YOU*** signed your authorization form yet? If not, you may download a copy of the form from the URI Part-Time Faculty Web Site. Use the link: www.ele.uri.edu/aaup/parttimers.htm and follow the instructions on the form. Your form should be returned ASAP to the address provided. You may also obtain an authorization form from Nancy A. Murphy at 874-2532 or email at: namurphy@uri.edu.

Support From the National Office: In addition to granting us the very substantial award (see above) to fund our unionization activities, the national office has indicated that they will also provide essential support in various other ways as well, including sending informational mailings from the main AAUP office to URI's pool of part-time colleagues and providing assistance in our planned up-coming telephone bank. Additionally, a staff person affiliated with the national office will be assigned to work with the URI part-time faculty to assist us in our outreach efforts toward unionization.

URI Part-Time Faculty Web Site: The address for the URI part-time faculty Website is: www.ele.uri.edu/aaup/parttimers.htm. Please access this site to find the following kinds of information: copy of the authorization form; copies of part-time faculty collective bargaining contracts successfully negotiated and implemented at other institutions of higher education; a Q & A sheet intended to answer questions or concerns you may have about the unionization process or about the matter of negotiating a formal contract. All back issues of *E-NEWS: URI/AAUP PART-TIME FACULTY UNITED!* are also included among the available links.

REMEMBER!

***2007 IS THE YEAR THAT WE ESTABLISH
OUR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT
FOR PART-TIME FACULTY AT URI
SEND IN YOUR AUTHORIZATION FORM NOW***

