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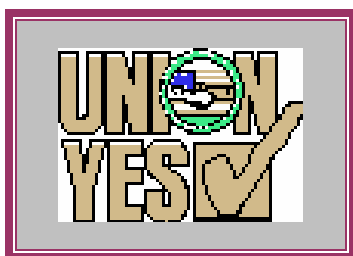
BILL SUPPORTING PART-TIME FACULTY AT RI INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO BE INTRODUCED IN STATE LEGISLATURE

Legislation in support of part-time/adjunct faculty is in the process of being submitted to the RI State Legislature. Entitled *Adjunct Faculty Pension and Medical Benefits*, the bill would make adjunct faculty employed by any institution of the Board [of Governors for Higher Education] eligible to participate in a retirement program and in a hospital care and surgical-medical plan.

Some details:

- **Definition:** "Adjunct faculty,' means an employee of any state college providing instruction to students who is employed on a semester basis and who is not otherwise considered a regular full-time or part-time faculty member." (36.12-1)
- **Retirement Program:** After being employed for three (3) semesters adjunct faculty are eligible to participate in the retirement program. The benefits provided to adjunct faculty shall be evaluated on the same basis as those currently in place for other employees of the State colleges. (16-17.1-7)
- **Health Care:** Adjunct faculty employed by the State colleges who carry at least fifty-percent (50%) of the teaching load of tenure-track faculty shall receive, in addition to wages, salaries, and any other remuneration or benefits, hospital care and surgical-medical services, rights, and benefits" (36.12.2)

The progress of this bill will be monitored and updates will be provided on a timely basis. A copy of the full bill, *Adjunct Faculty Pension and Medical Benefits*, is available from the URI/AAUP office. Contact Nancy A. Murphy, Administrative Associate, 874-2532; namurphy@uri.edu.



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