

E-NEWS: URI/AAUP PART-TIME FACULTY UNITED!

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SPECIAL ISSUE

URI PART-TIME FACULTY WINS ORGANIZING GRANT

NOTE: The following letter from Michael Mauer, Esq. announces the award from the national American Association of University Professors (AAUP) to URI/AAUP part-time faculty in support of their efforts toward establishing a collective bargaining unit for part-time faculty at URI on both the Kingston and Providence campuses. (See also following report by Dr. Dorothy F. Donnelly, Chair, URI/AAUP Committee on Protections for URI Part-Time Faculty, on the Collective Bargaining Congress (CBC) meeting held in Washington, DC, December 1-2, 2006.)

December 5, 2006

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Dear Frank and Dorothy,

I am pleased to notify you that the AAUP Collective Bargaining Congress Grants Committee has approved in full your grant request in the amount of \$7,200. This sum will cover expenses already incurred and those anticipated through June 30, 2007 toward the effort to organize part-time faculty at your institution. The newsletter that you furnished is visible proof of the significant support already harnessed in this organizing project. The URI part-time faculty have come forward with an impressive Organizing Committee consisting of faculty on both the Providence and Kingston campuses, and already a significant number of the URI part-time faculty have signed the authorization cards that will lead to a democratically conducted election.

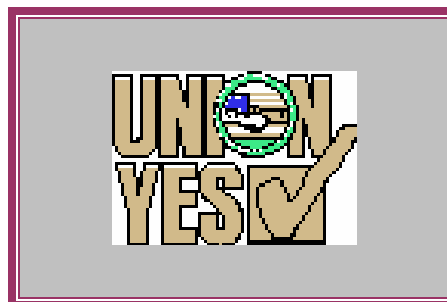
When this organizing effort was reported on at the December 2 Semi-Annual Meeting of the Collective Bargaining Congress in Washington, DC, it was clear that the delegates from AAUP collective bargaining chapters across the country were enthusiastic in their support of the effort of their URI colleagues to unionize. It was made clear that you can count on whatever assistance colleagues near and far are in a position to render. You can also, of course, rely on the resources and expertise residing in the AAUP national leadership and staff. We look forward to working with you to explore how best your colleagues can be of service.

Sincerely,



Michael Mauer, Esq.
Director of Organizing and Services

cc: Ariel Anderson, Chair, Collective Bargaining Congress



AAUP/CBC MEETING IN WASHINGTON

A REPORT

by

**DOROTHY F. DONNELLY, PHD
CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON PROTECTIONS
FOR URI PART-TIME FACULTY**

I recently attended the national AAUP Collective Bargaining Congress (CBC) meeting in Washington, DC, December 1-2. It is with great pleasure that I send you a brief report on the overwhelmingly positive actions taken by CBC with regard to our efforts towards unionization for part-time faculty at URI. Perhaps the most visible support from the national office comes with the approval of our grant application in the full amount requested of \$7,200. This grant will fund activities that we need to continue to undertake so that our work will provide, at long last, URI's part-time faculty with what they deserve and have a right to expect -- a professional wage, health care plan, job security and seniority rights for course assignments, and recognition and representation for their valuable contributions towards the achievement of the University's educational and professional goals.

The participants at the CBC meeting were enthusiastic and clearly impressed with our accomplishments to date-- e.g., a dedicated Web Site with up-to-date information and questions/answers for part-time faculty to consult as needed, E-NEWS: URI/AAUP Part-Time Faculty United! newsletter, 130 authorization forms signed to date, data base of URI part-time faculty (Kingston and Providence) that is up-dated regularly, a planned phone bank, and other unionization activities. As Michael Mauer, Esq., Director of AAUP's Organizing and Services department puts it: "When /URI's/ organizing effort was reported on at the December 2 meeting . . . it was clear that the delegates from AAUP collective bargaining chapters across the country were enthusiastic in their support of the effort of their URI colleagues to unionize."

In addition to the awarding of this very substantial grant to fund unionization activities, the national office has indicated that they will also provide essential support in various other ways as well, such as, sending informational mailings from the main AAUP office to URI's pool of part-time colleagues and to provide assistance in our planned telephone bank that will be conducted at the beginning of next semester (late January). Additionally, a staff person affiliated with the national office will be assigned to work with the URI part-time organizing committee in its outreach efforts to contact URI part-timers with a view towards answering any questions they may have concerning our organization drive.

UNIONIZATION AND YOU: INVEST IN YOURSELF! We are at an exciting and challenging stage in our efforts towards establishing a collective bargaining unit for part-time faculty at URI. Your support is absolutely essential. If you have not done so already, please submit your authorization form today! You may download a copy of the form from the URI Part-Time Faculty WebSite. Use the link: www.ele.uri.edu/aaup/parttimers.htm and follow the instructions on the form. You may also obtain an authorization form from Nancy A, Murphy at 874-2532; email: namurphy@uri.edu.

With all best wishes.

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QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about the process of moving forward to unionization for part-time faculty at URI please visit the URI/AAUP Part-Time Faculty WEBSITE at: www.ele.uri.edu/aaup/parttimers.htm or contact:

- **Dorothy F. Donnelly**, Chair, Committee on Protections for URI Part-Time Faculty Tel: 874-4782; email: donnelly@uri.edu
- **Frank R. Annunziato**, Executive Director, URI/AAUP, Tel: 874-2534; email: fraaaup@etal.uri.edu
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Invest in Yourself!!!

Have you signed your authorization form yet? If not, you may download a copy of the form from the URI Part-Time faculty website. Use the link: www.ele.uri.edu/aaup/parttimers.htm and follow the instructions on the form. Forms should be returned ASAP to the address given on the form.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Letters to the editor are invited. Send us your concerns, opinions, and ideas. Letters to the editor should be sent c/o Nancy A. Murphy at namurphy@uri.edu or mailed to AAUP, 302 Roosevelt Hall, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881 or you may fax them to 874-5147.

