

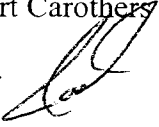
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Commissioner
Jack R. Warner

TO: President Robert Carothers
FROM: Jack R. Warner 
SUBJECT: Approval of the University of Rhode Island's Revised Mission Statement

This correspondence will confirm the action taken by the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education on the above referenced item at their meeting on January 23, 2006.

VOTED: THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education (RIBGHE) accept the University of Rhode Island's mission statement;

FURTHERMORE, that the RIBGHE charge URI with using the mission statement as a basis for reviewing and revising, as necessary, their vision statement and for developing a statement of prioritized goals to be used in reviewing and revising, as necessary, existing planning documents and attendant action plans. The institution's list of prioritized goals should include goals that support the institution's vision for its future as well as goals that support the RIBGHE's systemwide goals for higher education. These documents will become a guide in assessment of the institution by the NEASC, the RIBGHE, and the institution itself. The mission statement and related planning documents will also be used as a guide in the allocation and re-allocation of resources;

FURTHERMORE, that the university mission statement, vision statement and prioritized be used by the institution's various units (e.g., schools and departments) to develop their own mission statements, vision, and objectives for use in planning, including resource allocation and re-allocation. Each unit's mission, vision and objectives should be a reflection of the institution's broader mission, vision and goals. Such planning documents developed by a unit should clearly demonstrate how that particular unit is contributing to the institution's mission and attainment of future goals; and

FURTHERMORE, that the institution is charged with institutionalizing a clear procedure for regularly reviewing and revising the mission and vision statements and prioritized goals as well as the planning documents upon which they are based.

- c. Beverly Swan
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