Colleagues,

Our new early alert system allows RIT to provide a robust support network for students who are academically at-risk. Early Alert by Starfish Retention Systems is being rolled out for undergraduate students this fall with an improved interface and the ability to track early alert information. To date, there have been 59 training sessions attended by more than 450 faculty and staff. Some key accomplishments include:

- Nearly 800 faculty completed progress surveys for over 1,800 class sections.

- There were 8,000 alerts sent out for nearly 4,000 students.

It is noteworthy that these statistics are higher than those that we received in our previous Early Alert system and represent excellent support and adoption of the new system.

The implementation team will work this year to fine-tune the system and establish goals for tracking results. In a short six-month period from March-September 2013, a cross-divisional team comprised of staff and faculty from ITS, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs readied the university for our launch on September 16, a phenomenal achievement considering semester conversion and implementation of the new SIS. I share my appreciation to the following individuals who were instrumental in making this transition possible: Jeanne Casares, CIO and Christine Licata, senior associate provost, the Project Implementation Team, the Faculty Advisory Group, and the Advisor Advisory Group (a full list of members are listed below).

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Additionally, the team has created an early alert wiki that includes FAQs, user guides and more. If you have questions about the new system, please contact the early alert team at earlyalert@rit.edu.

All of the above is the result of a tremendous effort by our dedicated faculty and staff. It is a privilege to work with all of you.

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