INFO

• After an intensive search conducted by a cross-college subcommittee including Deans’ Delegates for Advising/Assistant Deans (aka Conversion Advising Committee) from five colleges, the Institute Advising Office in the Office of the Provost is pleased to announce the selection of nine new academic advisors for semester conversion.

Please welcome the academic advisors who are new to RIT, and congratulate those colleagues who are transferring roles within the university.

Sherill Anderson, assigned in KGCOE
Gary Cole, assigned in CHST
Kris DePalma, assigned in CIAS
Nathan Hendrickson, assigned in CAST
Jenny LaFlam, assigned in KGCOE
Kristen Roach, assigned in COLA
Machelle Russo, assigned in CAST
Laurence “Rauncie” Ryan, assigned in COLA
Michele Washburn, assigned in CIAS

These new academic advisors will begin their assignments on September 12, 2011. A plan for on boarding and training is being coordinated through the Institute Advising Office in partnership with the colleges.

• During their opening day remarks at the President’s Address to the Community on September 30, 2011 Molly Johnson, 2011-12 RIT Staff Council Chair and Paul Tymann, 2011-12 Academic Senate Chair both spoke of review work this year related to policy changes necessitated by Calendar Conversion.

During this academic year and next, Kathleen Martin, Director, University Policy Review and Development together with Susan Provenzano, Assistant Vice President to the Provost will liaison with responsible offices and RIT’s shared governance groups on improving policy development during the review and approval process, for all kinds of RIT policies effected by our quarter to semester transition.
Policies that will come under review include: D 1.0 Curriculum Development, D 2.0 Admission, C 19 University Closings, D 9.0 Academic Advising, D 5.0 Grades, E 1.0 Employee Classifications, E 17.0 & E 18.0 Faculty LOA, D 12.0 Graduation Requirements and E 35.0 Retirement Transition to name just a few of many.

For more information:

- Staff Council: [http://www.rit.edu/fa/staffcouncil/](http://www.rit.edu/fa/staffcouncil/)
- Academic Senate: [http://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/academicsenate/](http://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/academicsenate/)
- Institute Council info: [https://ritdml.rit.edu/handle/1850/5442](https://ritdml.rit.edu/handle/1850/5442)
- Student Government: [http://www.rit.edu/sg/](http://www.rit.edu/sg/)

- NYSED has approved 54 academic programs. The list of converted programs approved by NYSED is posted on the Calendar Conversion website: [https://www.rit.edu/conversion/facstaff_redesign.php](https://www.rit.edu/conversion/facstaff_redesign.php)

- Academic Senate has approved 173 academic programs. The list of converted programs approved by Academic Senate is posted on the Calendar Conversion website: [https://www.rit.edu/conversion/media/documents/ApprovedProgramsbySenate.pdf](https://www.rit.edu/conversion/media/documents/ApprovedProgramsbySenate.pdf)

**CONVERSION RELATED MEETINGS**

- The Calendar Conversion Steering Committee met 8/24/11.
- The Calendar Conversion Process Committee met 8/25/11.

Comments or questions can be directed to the Academic Calendar Conversion Office [Q2S2013@rit.edu](mailto:Q2S2013@rit.edu)

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