This message is sent on behalf of Jeremy Haefner, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

To better serve RIT faculty, staff, students, and administrators, I’m pleased to announce a new university-level policy website designed to provide a central location to access both governance and administrative policies as well as policy-related resources and information. The new site can be found at http://www.rit.edu/policiesmanual or http://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/policiesmanual.

Expanded Access to University-Level Policies.

Policies and procedures are fundamental to the functioning of any organization. Policies that are easy to locate and clearly-written help us 1) accomplish the university’s mission, 2) provide consistent guidelines for faculty, staff, student, and administrative actions, 3) minimize risks to the university, and 4) clarify how the university conducts business. To achieve these objectives, the new website remains the repository for governance policies (formerly found on the Institute Policies and Procedures Manual - IPPM website). IPPM policies are now found on the Governance Policy Library link. The new website also provides access to administrative policies via links to the sites of the responsible offices. These policies are found on the Administrative Policy Library link.

Policy-Related Resources and Information.

Another purpose of the new website is to provide policy-related resources and information not previously available to faculty, staff, students, and administrators. New resources include, for example, editorial guidelines for writing policies, a glossary of policy terminology, the new standard policy format, and policy proposal templates. New information includes, for example, summaries of policies currently undergoing and scheduled for review and the history of RIT policy structures and processes.

We’re excited to launch this new website and hope you’ll find it to be a valuable resource in your policy-related work. We’re also committed to continuous improvement and will do so by adding new information, resources, and features over time. To help focus these efforts, your feedback and suggestions for improvement or enhancements are encouraged. Please send your comments to Kathleen Martin at kmmpsn@rit.edu or Sue Provenzano at stp1031@rit.edu.