To better serve the RIT community, I'm pleased to announce several enhancements to the University Policies website (https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/policiesmanual/).

As the official repository for governance policies and centralized portal to university-level administrative policies, improving ease of use was the highest priority for updating the site. With this in mind, the new site features a fresh layout and simplified navigation.

Other enhancements to the site include:

- **New Recent Updates Section.** This new feature on the home page provides an easy-to-locate list of recently-updated governance policies with annotations on edits and/or revisions for each.
- **Addition of a new Student Policy Library (SPL).** The structure of the SPL is similar to the Administrative Policy Library; i.e. it is a centralized portal, and provides links to numerous university policies that apply to students.
- **Improved Searchability.** This improved functionality makes it easier to find and cross-reference individual Governance Policy Library policies and other information contained on the site using key words or phrases.
- **Integrated Shared Governance Calendar.** This feature provides, in one location, monthly schedules of executive committee and full group meetings for Academic Senate, Staff Council, Student Government, and Institute Council.
- **Protocol for Governance Group Meetings.** These pages provide practical tips on how to get on a meeting agenda for each shared governance group; e.g., who to contact, what information to provide, deadlines for submitting materials, etc.

We're excited to introduce the “new and improved website” and hope it will be a valuable resource in your policy-related work.

We're also committed to continuous improvement and welcome your feedback and suggestions. Please send your comments to Kathleen Martin at kmmps@rit.edu or Sue Provenzano at stp1031@rit.edu.