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Bringing together the Office of Community, Equity and Diversity and the Harrington School of Communications to promote topics from the URI community and reach approx. one million potential people in Rhode Island and beyond

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Description of Program

### **Community Voices**

We are seeking to create a collaborative program between the Office of Community, Equity and Diversity, Instructional Media and Technology Services and the Harrington School of Communications called Community Voices. This project would begin by establishing a committee with Dana Neugent and Joseph Santiago as Co-Chairs with the intent to bridge the Office of Community, Equity and Diversity, Instructional Media and Technology Services as well as the Harrington School of Communications to serve and administer this joint program. The program procedures will be drafted and instituted with the formation of the Community Voices committee. This committee will serve as a hub for different departments, associations, and individuals representing a wide spectrum of populations within the URI community and will serve to manage the program in a collegial manner.

The main goal of the **Community Voices** is to foster communication and the peaceful exchange of ideas and information between people across cultures and identities. We seek to encourage dialogue in order to break down the barriers across populations while promoting digital media literacy. **Community Voices** will utilize writing, the production of multimedia content, and educational digital media products (E-books, TV shorts, podcasts, DVDs, and streaming videos) that showcase diversity, inclusion and community of the URI community. The target audience for the program will be the URI community, prospective community members and the global community interested in issues of diversity.

By utilizing the Community, Equity and Diversity Digital Collections <http://digitalcommons.uri.edu/cedc/> which has the ability to share digital media instantly across multiple platforms (tablets, smartphones, lap tops, other wired devices) and capturing many

original programs, speakers, and talent (faculty, staff, guest speakers) present on the URI campus, these goals will be met.

Joseph Santiago, Coordinator for LGBTQ Programs and Services, and Dana Neugent, Media Supervisor, ITMS and Adjunct Assistant Professor, Harrington School of Communications, Film/Media, have access to the equipment and skills required to utilize the Chaffee HD Studio and the Verizon/Cox Rhode Island Statewide Interconnect, to go beyond internet sharing and reach approximately one million potential television viewers in Rhode Island. The committee will take on topics from the URI community with potential to be utilized in the classroom to entertain, educate, and raise awareness while providing promotion of diversity issues that link people back to the many services and programs available at URI. In establishing this program and committee, we seek to encourage a participatory culture through which everyone can share their works, thoughts, and expressions of self in order to interact on a more global scale.

This Community Voices committee will begin by acquiring permission for the 200 plus programs recorded over the past ten years to be re-mastered and ready to be broadcasted and distributed. The committee will also establish procedures to capture new programming and recruit new members. This program has the potential to engage current and future students to become more involved with the URI community and further connect through shared visions and experiences once they get here.

**Tentative Budget:**

**Equipment:**

- ASUS Transformer Prime TF201-C1-CG 10.1-Inch 64GB Tablet - \$600
- Poetic(TM) ASUS Transformer Prime TF201 Leather Keyboard Portfolio Stand Case Cover for TF201 Black - \$60
- Asus Eee Pad Transformer Prime Stylus - \$13
- Canon XH-A1S 3CCD HDV High Definition Professional Camcorder with 20x HD Video Zoom Lens III - \$3000

**Student Support:**

- 3 Students for 10 hours a week for 15 weeks \$4500

**Total - \$8173**