

- Good Afternoon
- **Eileen Feeney Bushnell**, Associate Professor in CIAS and Co-Chair with **Hossein Shahmohamad**, Professor of Mathematics in COS of
 - o **The Ad Hoc Organizing Committee** convened to plan a Day-Long Summit, ***Academic Governance: Purposes, Challenges***
 - o Jointly and collaboratively sponsored and supported by Senate and Office of the Provost
- Coming to you today to briefly **outline work of committee** thus far and to ask your help in solidifying agenda for this Summit
- Committee meeting weekly to discuss **issues of governance** on departmental, college and university levels
- Researched **history of RIT faculty governance** and reviewed current documentation of **role of faculty in governance in reports such as Future Faculty, and COACHE** as well as **recommendations** contained in the **Middle States Report regarding governance**
- We also held **3 focus groups** in which faculty discussed issues of governance
- **Salient points** taken from these groups include:
 - o **Participation:** What are the definitions for roles in all governance positions? Who should participate and how should they be trained?
 - o **Communication:** How do we insure that participants are prepared for discussions and how do we disseminate information to the campus before and after these interactions?
 - o **Consistency and Transparency:** How do we reduce the redundancy of information between participants, committees and across colleges involving issues of governance?
- Because these were **small groups relative to the population of faculty** on our campus, our next step is to take these concerns to a larger audience.
- We will be sending out a **survey** – relatively compact – that touches on these concerns
- **Purpose** of survey will be **to provide further focus on issues of governance across campus and thus help us to identify the agenda, speakers and time for this summit**

- We need your help in **encouraging your constituents to participate** so that **our efforts clearly respond to the concerns of a majority of our faculty across RIT**
- Questions?