

**UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
TECHNOLOGY AND COMPUTER REPLACEMENT POLICY**

The College of Business Administration recognizes that technology is an integral part of our mission of teaching, research and outreach. It is the College's intention to provide appropriate and current technology to the faculty.

- The College has implemented a three-year replacement cycle for desktop computers. New machines will be as close to state of the art in terms of RAM, processor speed and processor type. Budget considerations must be a factor in purchases.
- Faculty members will not be required to replace their computers if they do not wish to. However, declining a computer may place that faculty member's name at the bottom of the listing for replacement.
- Faculty members are classified in two groups. Group One receives new computers at replacement time. Group Two receives computers that were replaced from Group One.
- The classification of users is based on self-identification, classes taught, software used in research and teaching, and workload profile. This classification will not be static.
- Faculty members will be provided one computer. The standard is a desktop computer. Faculty members may request a laptop computer as their replacement. However, due to the higher cost of laptops, requesting faculty members must share in the cost by paying the differential as a donation to the College. The laptop remains the property of the University of Rhode Island and should it be replaced by another laptop, faculty members must again share in the replacement cost.