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Colleagues,

RIT is committed to providing an inclusive learning environment for all students. This commitment includes ensuring that use of audio and visual media in the classroom is fully accessible by our deaf and hard-of-hearing students. The updated [RIT guidelines for captioning audio-visual media](#) articulate our commitment to this issue and indicate institutional resources to help faculty caption this media. Compliance with the guidelines is essential from a legal perspective and compliments our efforts to provide the highest level of academic quality to our students. Studies have shown that captioning improves learning not just for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, but for students who speak English as a second language as well.

It is our responsibility as educators to ensure that all course material and content is accessible for the diverse student body at RIT; I trust that you will take advantage of the many resources available from [Teaching and Learning Services](#) to update your classroom media and materials where necessary.

Thank you for your continued commitment to student success and academic excellence at RIT.

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Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

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