AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Agenda.

2. Approval of the Minutes.
   a) Minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting. Enclosure 2a

3. Reports from the Chairs.
   a) Council on Postsecondary Education – Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.
   b) Board of Education – Updates and issues affecting local and national PK-20 education.


5. Report from the Commissioner.
   a) Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.
   b) Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council:
      1) Transfer of the Schmidt Labor Research Center to the College of Business for Administrative Purposes at the University of Rhode Island. Enclosure 5b1
2) Proposal for the Creation of an MA in Justice Studies at Rhode Island College. Enclosure 5b2

6. Reports from the Presidents.
   a) Rhode Island College – update from last report and current events at the College.
   b) Community College of Rhode Island – update from last report and current events at the Community College.
   c) University of Rhode Island – update from last report and current events at the University.

7. Discussion Items:
   a) Presentation of Annual Report of Postsecondary Education Strategic Plan. Enclosure 7a
   b) Proposed Amendments to Distance Learning Policy. Enclosure 7b

8. Action Items:
   a) Approval of recommendations from the System Personnel Review Committee (SPRC):
      1) Director, Office of Strategic Initiatives (URI). Enclosure 8a1
      2) Assistant Director, Office of Strategic Initiatives (URI). Enclosure 8a2
      3) Director, Institute for Education in Healthcare (RIC). Enclosure 8a3
   b) Approval of Non-SARA application for Simmons College-Boston, Massachusetts. Enclosure 8b
   c) Recommendation for Acceptance of the Public Corporation Debt Management Act Resolution required for the University’s Energy Conservation Project – Phase III. Enclosure 8c
d) Recommendation for Acceptance of the Public Corporation Debt Management Act Resolution required for the University’s White Horn Brook Apartments Project.  
Enclosure 8d

e) Recommendation for Acceptance of the Public Corporation Debt Management Act Resolution required for the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center Project – Off-Site Parking Lease Authorization.  
Enclosure 8e

f) Approval of a Lease Agreement between the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Rhode Island Department of Administration.  
Enclosure 8f

g) Approval of Faculty Tenure at the Community College of Rhode Island.  
Enclosure 8g

9. **Executive Session.**

   The Council may seek to enter into Executive Session for the following items:

   a) Discussion regarding President Dooley’s contract renewal, pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(1).

   b) Discussion regarding a personnel matter at the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(1).

   c) Update and discussion of negotiations with the PTFU (Part-time Faculty Union) pursuant to RIGL§42-46-5(a)(2).

10. **Additional Action Items.**

   a) Authorization of the Chair regarding the negotiation/renewal of President Dooley’s employment contract.

   b) Authorization of the Chair regarding the personnel matter at the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner.

11. **Upcoming Meetings.**

   a) The next meeting of the Personnel and Finance/Facilities Committees for the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner at 560 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02886.
b) The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the CCRI, Room 4090, Warwick, RI 02886.

c) The next full board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., at CCRI, Room 4090, Warwick, RI 02886.

12. Adjourn.