



## **Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2016, 5:30 p.m.  
Rhode Island College  
Faculty Center Main Dining Room  
Donovan Dining Center  
600 Mount Pleasant Avenue  
Providence, Rhode Island, RI 02908**

### **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.
- 4. Open Forum.**
- 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.
- b) Proposed Amendments to Distance Learning Policy.

[Enclosure 7a](#)

[Enclosure 7b](#)

**8. Action Items:**

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

[Enclosure 8a1](#)

[Enclosure 8a2](#)

[Enclosure 8a3](#)

[Enclosure 8b](#)

[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.**