



Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting
Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 5:30 p.m.
Community College of Rhode Island
400 East Avenue, Room 1040
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes

- a) Minutes of the December 7, 2016 meeting.

[Enclosure 2a](#)

3. Reports from the Chairs

- a) Council on Postsecondary Education – Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education, including potential changes to committee structure.
- 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, including legislative update and budget overview.
- b) Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council:
- 1) Proposal to offer a fully online Associate of Science degree in Business Administration with a General Business Concentration at the Community College of Rhode Island.

[Enclosure 5b1](#)

- 2) Proposal for offering an undergraduate Certificate in Energy Economics and Policy at the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure 5b2](#)
- 3) Proposal to suspend the Bachelor of Science in Sociology at the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure 5b3](#)
- 4) Proposal for offering a major track in Religious Studies within the Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy at the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure 5b4](#)
- 5) Proposal to offer a post-baccalaureate Certificate Program in Embedded Systems at the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure 5b5](#)

6. Reports from the Presidents

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

7. Discussion Items

- a) Presentation of trends in higher education related to student life including the student mental health crisis. [Enclosure 7a](#)

8. Action Items

- a) Discussion and recommendation for approval of a Request for Exemption from the University of Rhode Island’s Conflict of Interest Management Committee (CIMC) regarding James O. Prochaska, Ph.D. in accordance with the terms of the Rhode Island Public Private Partnership Act. [Enclosure 8a](#)
- b) Approval of Proposed Amendments to Distance Learning Policy. [Enclosure 8b](#)
- c) Approval of recommendations from the System Personnel Review Committee (SPRC):

- 1) Vice President, Workforce Development at CCRI. [Enclosure 8c1](#)
- 2) Director, Instructional Technology and Online Learning at CCRI. [Enclosure 8c2](#)
- 3) Director, DataSpark URI. [Enclosure 8c3](#)
- 4) Director, DevOps/DataSpark URI. [Enclosure 8c4](#)
- 5) Director, Data Analysis/DataSpark URI. [Enclosure 8c5](#)
- 6) Change Management Mentor (RIC). [Enclosure 8c6](#)
- d) Approval of appointment of Vice President for Academic Affairs at CCRI. [Enclosure 8d](#)
- e) Approval of appointment of Vice President for Finance and Administration at URI. [Enclosure 8e](#)
- f) Approval of CCRI FY 18 Retirement Incentive Program. [Enclosure 8f](#)

9. Upcoming Meetings

- a) The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., at CCRI, Room 4090, Warwick, RI 02886.
- b) The next meeting of the Personnel and Finance/Facilities Committees for the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner at 560 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02886.
- c) The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at the RIC, Alger Room 110, Providence, RI 02908.

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