



Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 5:30 p.m.

Rhode Island College

Faculty Center Main Dining Room

Donovan Dining Center

600 Mount Pleasant Avenue

Providence, RI 02908

(4:00 p.m. tour of Gaige Hall)

AGENDA

- 1. Acceptance of the Agenda**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes**
 - a) Minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting. [Enclosure 2a](#)
 - b) Minutes of the March 27, 2017 special meeting. [Enclosure 2b](#)
- 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.
 - c) Report from the Finance and Facilities Committee.
 - d) Report from the Personnel Committee.
- 4. Open Forum**
- 5. Report from the Commissioner**
 - a) Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.

- 1) RI Nursing Education Center Status Update.
 - 2) Legislative Update.
 - 3) Westerly Education Center Update.
- b) Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council.
- 1) Proposal for the Creation of a Bioinformatics Track in the Cell and Molecular Biology program at the University of Rhode Island.

[Enclosure 5b1](#)

6. Reports from the Presidents

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

7. Discussion Items:

- a) Discussion of proposed revisions to Articulation and Transfer Policy. [Enclosure 7a](#)
- b) Update on New Skills For Youth/Prepare RI grant. [Enclosure 7b](#)
- c) Discussion of proposed amendment to Distance Learning Policy. [Enclosure 7c](#)

8. Action Items:

- a) Approval of Faculty Tenure at the Community College of Rhode Island. [Enclosure 8a](#)
- b) Approval of Faculty Tenure at Rhode Island College. [Enclosure 8b](#)

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| c) | Approval of the awarding of an Honorary Degree at Rhode Island College. | Under
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| d) | Approval of the awarding of degrees by the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island. | Enclosure 8d |
| e) | Approval of a Naming Opportunity at the University of Rhode Island. | Under
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| f) | Approval of a Naming Opportunity at Rhode Island College. | Under
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| g) | Authorization to submit an application to the Rhode Island Health and Education Building Corporation (RIHEBC) for a bond issuance to finance the White Horn Brook Student Residence Complex. | Enclosure 8g |
| h) | Approval of RI-SARA reauthorization for Salve Regina University. | Enclosure 8h |
| i) | Approval of initial RI – SARA application for Brown University. | Enclosure 8i |
| j) | Approval of an Agricultural Land Lease between the Council on Postsecondary Education/URI and Kingston Turf Farms, Inc. | Under
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| k) | Recommendation for the Board of Education’s Approval of the Resolution Delegating Authority over User Agency Contracts to the Managerial Group at the University of Rhode Island. | Enclosure 8k |

9. Executive Session.

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

- a) Update and discussion on collective bargaining regarding the URI Part-Time Faculty Union (PTFU), pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2); and
- b) Discussion regarding the lease of real property for public purposes or disposition of publically held property, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(5).

10. Additional Action Items.

- a) Authorization of the Director of Labor Relations regarding collective bargaining with the URI Part-Time Faculty Union (PTFU).

11. Upcoming Meetings.

- a) The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., at CCRI, Room 4090, Warwick, RI 02886.
- b) The next meeting of the Finance/Facilities Committee for the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the RIC, Faculty Center Main Dining Room, Donovan Dining Center, 600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI 02908. The tour begins at 3:00 p.m.
- c) The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Westerly Education Center, 23 Friendship Street, Westerly, and RI 02891.

12. Adjourn.