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
c) Approval of the awarding of an Honorary Degree at Rhode Island College.

Under Separate Cover

Enclosure 8d

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.

f) Approval of a Naming Opportunity at Rhode Island College.

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 Separate Cover

Enclosure 8k

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.