Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting
Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 5:30 p.m.
Westerly Education Center
23 Friendship Street
Westerly, Rhode Island 02891
Tour of facility at 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes
   a) Minutes of the April 26, 2017 meeting
   b) Minutes of the May 31, 2017 special meeting

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 (designee)
   a) Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education, including an update on the RI Nursing Education Center
b) Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council:

1) Proposal from the University of Rhode Island to offer a BA, BS, and minor in Data Science  
   
2) Proposal from the University of Rhode Island to offer a minor in Business of Digital Media  
   
3) Proposal from the University of Rhode Island to offer a minor in Innovation, Management, and Entrepreneurship  
   
4) Proposal from the University of Rhode Island to add a Creative Writing option to the English major  
   
5) Proposal from the University of Rhode Island to offer a graduate certificate program in Dyslexia Knowledge and Practice  
   
6) Proposal from Rhode Island College to offer a certificate of graduate study program in Health Care Quality and Patient Safety

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 Item:

Update and discussion on Westerly Education Center and workforce development initiatives
8. **Action Items:**

a) Approval of revisions to Policy for Articulation and Transfer between Public Institutions of Higher Education in Rhode Island  
   Enclosure 8a

b) Approval of proposed amendment to Distance Learning Policy  
   Enclosure 8b

c) Approval of appointment of Vice President of Workforce Development at the Community College of Rhode Island  
   Enclosure 8c

d) Approval of granting of tenure for faculty members at the University of Rhode Island  
   Enclosure 8d

e) Approval of recommendations from the System Personnel Review Committee (SPRC):
   
   1) Reclassification: Associate Director, International Engineering Program (IEP) at the University of Rhode Island  
      Enclosure 8e1

   2) Reclassification: Associate Director, HRL/Residence Education at the University of Rhode Island  
      Enclosure 8e2

   3) Reclassification: Associate Director, HRL/ Business Operations at the University of Rhode Island  
      Enclosure 8e3

   4) New Classification: Associate Director – ACE at the Community College of Rhode Island  
      Enclosure 8e4

f) Approval of purchase of a 10,000-square-foot warehouse facility by the Council on Postsecondary Education/University of Rhode Island  
   Enclosure 8f

g) Approval of a Uniform Real Estate License Agreement between Council on Postsecondary Education/University of Rhode Island and the new Sigma Pi Alumni Housing Corporation, Inc.  
   Enclosure 8g

9. **Executive Session**

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

   Update and discussion on collective bargaining – URI Part-Time Faculty Union (PTFU), pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2)
10. Additional Action Items

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

b) Approval of updated pay plan for non-union, non-classified employees at the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, the Community College of Rhode Island, and the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, effective June 25, 2017

11. Upcoming Meetings

a) The next meeting of the Personnel and Finance/Facilities Committees for the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community College of Rhode Island, Rooms TBA, 400 East Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886. The tour of the campus will begin at 3:00 p.m.

b) The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the University of Rhode Island, School of Oceanography, 215 South Ferry Road, Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882.

c) The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community College of Rhode Island, Room 4090, 400 East Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886 (please note date change).

12. Adjournment