



Enclosure 6a
September 8, 2017

**Minutes of the Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting
Wednesday, July 26, 2017, 5:30 p.m.
University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography
215 S. Ferry Road, Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882**

The Council on Postsecondary Education met on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at the University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography, 215 S. Ferry Road, Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882. At 5:30 p.m. Chair William Foulkes welcomed everyone. He then asked for the roll to be taken, after which he declared a quorum present.

Present: Barbara Cottam (arrived 5:44 p.m.), Heather Crosby, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Thomas Izzo, Rachelle Green, and Jeffrey Williams.

Absent: Vivian Caruolo and Maria Chavez Blanco.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Thomas Izzo and seconded by Timothy DelGiudice to approve the agenda.

Chair Foulkes called for a motion to amend the agenda to withdraw item 7b.

On a motion duly made by Heather Crosby and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was

VOTED: **THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education amends the agenda for the meeting of July 26, 2017, as proposed.

VOTE: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Heather Crosby, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Thomas Izzo, Rachelle Green, and Jeffrey Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

Chair Foulkes then called for a motion to approve the amended agenda.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo and seconded by Timothy DelGiudice, it was

VOTED: **THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the agenda for the meeting of July 26, 2017, as amended.

VOTE: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Heather Crosby, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Thomas Izzo, Rachelle Green, and Jeffrey Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2a) Minutes of the Council on Postsecondary Education's June 21, 2017 Meeting.

Chair Foulkes called for a motion to approve the minutes.

On a motion duly made by Timothy DelGiudice and seconded by Heather Crosby, it was

VOTED: **THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the minutes of the meeting of June 21, 2017.

VOTE: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Heather Crosby, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Thomas Izzo,

Rachelle Green, and Jeffrey Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

3. REPORTS FROM THE CHAIRS AND COMMITTEES

3a) Chair Bill Foulkes

Chair Foulkes welcomed everyone and shared news of the resignation of Maria Chavez Blanco and that another appointment will be made by the Community College of Rhode Island.

3c) Report from the Finance and Facilities Committee

Chair Crosby shared that there was no update on the current budget and current funding is in place. She also reported that the Finance and Facilities Committee will not have a meeting on August 23, 2017, and the next meeting will be held of September 13, 2017.

3d) Report from the Personnel Committee

Chair Green reported that the Search Committee was preparing their recommendations for the Commissioner for Postsecondary Education.

3b) Chair Barbara Cottam

Chair Cottam apologized for arriving late and wanted to share about the professional development opportunities that RIDE's partnership with CVS and the Rhode Island Foundation (Center for Leadership in Education Equity). She was thrilled to see the partnership with the business community and their commitment to investing in schools.

4. OPEN FORUM

The following people addressed the Council during the Open Forum:

- Patricia Maguire spoke in favor of the PTFU.
- Edward Inman, III spoke in favor of the PTFU.
- Michael Breton spoke in favor of the PTFU.
- Pamela Elizabeth spoke in favor of the PTFU.
- Jacob Richmon spoke in favor of the PTFU.

- Ralph Carlini spoke in favor of the PTFU.

5. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

5a) Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education:

Acting Commissioner, Dr. Brenda Dann-Messier, thanked URI for hosting the Council meeting and welcomed Tom Ryan to the meeting. She commented on the readings Council members received and hoped they were helpful. She also spoke about the upcoming HE Summit on October 13, 2017 and the work with Lumina/ HCM around the Higher Education Funding Formula.

The written report, which was included in the Council packets appears in its entirety below:

There are many exciting initiatives underway in the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner and throughout the system, and I wanted to give you an overview looking ahead to this fall.

ATTAINMENT PLAN

As you know, we are working toward the Governor's ambitious goal of 70% postsecondary attainment by 2025, and we continue to hone our key priorities for the system. The Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, in coordination with the Governor's Workforce Board, has engaged a team of consultants from the Education Strategy Group (ESG) to help us develop a targeted plan to reach the attainment goal. Throughout August, the team will engage with institutional leaders and members of the broader higher education community to understand the opportunities to increase enrollment and completion throughout the system and the state. We are also working with the Lumina Foundation Strategy Labs consultants to engage an equity consultant in the attainment planning process and set an equity goal for the system.

Looking to the fall, we are planning a **higher education summit on October 13th** to showcase key elements of the attainment plan before the final draft is released. Jamie Merisotis, President and CEO of the Lumina Foundation, will join Governor Raimondo and panels of national experts to offer their insights on reaching Rhode Island's ambitious goal. I hope that you will save the date for that summit, and more details will be forthcoming next month.

INNOVATION AND EFFECTIVENESS CONSULTANT

The bidding process for the innovation and effectiveness consultant for the system has recently closed, and the Office has completed its technical review. We hope to secure a vendor by mid-August, and we will pass along more information as it becomes available.

FUNDING FOR PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

As you know, public higher education has been tasked with implementing a funding formula that includes performance-based components for additional funds over the 2016 allocation. Last fall, the Council approved institution-specific performance metrics, and now we turning attention to the base funding formula. In order to move the conversation forward for this year's budget cycle, we are working with a team of consultants through the Lumina Foundation who have expertise in higher education funding models, and over the next few months, institutional leadership will develop a formula to present to the Council.

RI NURSING EDUCATION CENTER

We are entering the final stages of preparation for the RI Nursing Education Center to open for the fall semester. On Wednesday, July 12th, the RIC Administrative Suite and Faculty moved into their RINEC spaces. On Friday, July 14th, the URI Administrative Suite and Faculty moved into their RINEC spaces. Executive Director Erin Wilbur has been on-site at South Street Landing since late June to oversee the move-ins, deliveries of furniture, and installation of AV, IT, and simulation equipment. The Management Committee continues to meet on a weekly basis to ensure that the labs, simulation spaces, and classrooms are ready for the academic term, which begins first for RIC School of Nursing on Monday, August 28th, followed by URI College of Nursing on Tuesday, September 5th.

Search Committees have been hard at work interviewing candidates for the posted administrative, simulation, and IT positions at the RINEC. We hope to have team members on board by mid-to-late August prior to the start of the academic year. During this planning/ implementation phase, we want to extend our sincerest appreciation to URI and RIC for sharing their expert administrative and technical staff for the installation of the highly specialized, state-of-the-art equipment. Planning has also begun for the grand opening of the Center, which is expected to draw considerable attention from the community, as well as local and national press. Once the date has been confirmed, we will send more information around.

RIOPC PERSONNEL

The Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner is pleased to welcome Kimberly Bright as Chief of Staff. Kim started on July 17 and is quickly getting up to speed on

key projects with the RI Nursing Education Center, Westerly Education Center, strategic planning, Lumina and ESG work, and SARA authorizations. She comes to the Office with extensive experience in education leadership and policy, communications and outreach, grant-writing, and operations management. Prior to joining the RIOPC team, Kim served as Chief of Staff to the RI Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education and Policy Director at RIDE. She has previously served as a political organizer, strategist, and congressional staffer. Kim is a Rhode Island native and graduate of Classical High School. She holds a B.A. in psychology from the University of Rhode Island (4.0 GPA) and a Master's in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, where she was recognized as a Leadership Development Fellow and a Dublin Leadership Service Fellow.

The hiring process for Director of Strategic Initiatives is well underway with a strong pool of candidates, and we hope to introduce the new director at the next Council meeting. We are saying goodbye to Dr. Phyllis Harnick this week and beginning the difficult task of finding someone to fill her shoes. We plan to expand the scope of the planning role, and I will update you as the position description becomes finalized.

I also want to recognize the work of Dr. Michael Walker-Jones, who this week announced his upcoming retirement on September 8, 2017. As Assistant Commissioner of External Relations, Michael has led the Office's legislative efforts, developed policies and processes for SARA authorization, and provided leadership on key initiatives including the RI Nursing Education Center and Graduate! RI, and addressing diversity in education preparation programs. In the few months I have worked with Michael, I have been inspired by his passionate advocacy on behalf of our students and the public educational system. We wish him the very best in his retirement after a long and impactful career in education.

6. PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

a) University of Rhode Island - Update from last report and current events

President David Dooley yielded his time to Tom Ryan, URI Foundation Chairman, to present on URI Foundation's upcoming capital campaign. Mr. Ryan shared that the Foundation's and Alumni operating budgets totaled \$10.3M. He gave a comprehensive historic overview of the Foundation's development efforts through the years and the factors that led them to their campaign working goal of \$250 million. In celebrating URI's 125th anniversary, the goal of the capital campaign is to double the endowment, annual fund, alumni participation, number of endowed scholarships, number of

planned gifts and bequests, and also dramatically increase the number of undergraduate donors.

President Dooley's report can be read in its entirety below:

FY 2018 Budget concerns

We want to make you aware of two major and immediate implications to URI as a result of the budget impasse and the direction to spend at FY 2017 levels or at pending FY2018 levels, whichever is less.

White Horn Brook Apartments: Kushner authorization is included in the FY '18 budget authorizing URI for RIHEBC bond financing to build this 500 bed, 203,000 square foot apartment complex at the Kingston Campus to provide more on campus housing for upperclassmen in fall 2019. The deadline for the submission of the resolution of the Council on Postsecondary Education to RIHEBC is August 10th for the August 17th RIHEBC meeting. This resolution requires Kushner authorization. If this authorization is not granted by October 1st at the latest then URI will be forced to delay the project an entire year adding approximately \$1MM in escalation costs to the project and a loss of jobs for the economy. Given the trend in the bond market, there is a good probability that this delay will also result in higher interest rates for the \$88.8M in bonds to be issued. An interest rate increase of only a half of a percentage point affects the long term payments on these bonds by \$10MM over the duration of the loan.

Based on our past way of computing construction jobs, based on an average of \$75/labor hour with 50% of construction costs being labor, the White Horn Brook project will peak at 202 workers with a sustained average of 119 workers. This is on-site personnel and does not include jobs that are created/supported by the supply chain off site.

Fine Arts Center Architectural and Engineering Project: FY '18 RICAP budget includes \$1,000,000 to begin the A&E of the Fine Arts Center to finalize plans and costs for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of this complex that is in jeopardy of failing. Any delays in this work results in potential cost escalation of the project and increased probability of having to perform emergency repairs to this structure.

Jane Goodall to headline fall 2017 Honors Colloquium

Renowned animal behavior expert, conservationist and United Nations Messenger of Peace Jane Goodall will speak at the University of Rhode Island as

part of its [2017 fall Honors Colloquium](#). The lecture is also part of her tour associated with the [Jane Goodall Institute](#)'s 40th anniversary celebration. The fall lecture series, "Origins: Life, the Universe and Everything," will examine some of the following questions: "Where did we come from? How did the universe begin? How did intelligent, rational beings arise? And, from such humble beginnings, how did we develop a mind that can ask these big questions?" Goodall will speak Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at Edwards Hall, 64 Upper College Road, Kingston Campus. The Honors Colloquium, now in its 54th year, is the University's premier public lecture series. All talks are free and open to the public.

URI to host 10th Annual SURF Conference

College and university students from across Rhode Island will present their summer research work July 28 when they gather for the [10th Annual Rhode Island Summer Undergraduate Research Fellows \(SURF\) Conference](#) – the state's largest exhibition of undergraduate research. Co-sponsored by Rhode Island IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence ([RI-INBRE](#)) and Rhode Island NSF Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research ([RI NSF EPSCoR](#)) – federally funded programs based at URI – the conference will feature about 150 scientific posters in the biomedical and life sciences and draw more than 400 faculty, students and administrators from across the Ocean State.

The conference will be held at the [University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy and the Center for Biological Life Sciences](#). The event will begin at 8 a.m. with a continental breakfast, registration and poster set-up; followed by opening remarks at 9 a.m. and the poster session at 9:30 a.m. Lunch for those who register will begin at 12:30 p.m. Student projects include biomedical research, such as the synthesis of new drugs for Alzheimer's disease and the development of nanoparticles for the treatment of lung cancer. Others focus on environmental science, such as investigations into the impacts of climate change on the marine life and ecosystems of Narragansett Bay.

New Dean of Arts and Science starts

The University of Rhode Island has appointed Dr. Jeannette E. Riley of Providence, to be the dean of its largest academic college, the College of Arts and Sciences. Riley is currently dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. She arrived on campus in early July.

Riley has been with the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, College of Arts and Sciences since 2002. She became dean of that college in 2014 after serving as interim dean for two years. She started her UMass Dartmouth career as an assistant professor of English and Women's Studies and since that time she has led or chaired a number of programs, among them the Department of English, the Women's Studies Program, and the Liberal Arts Program, as well as led UMass Dartmouth initiatives in faculty development and online learning. Earlier in her academic career, she was a faculty member with Kent State University and served as a teaching assistant at the University of New Mexico.

b) Community College of Rhode Island - Update from last report and current events

President Hughes opened with an overview of fundraising efforts at the Community College and noted that the current endowment is just over \$3.5 million, which is on the low side among peers. She indicated that the Community College has had a number of successful fundraising efforts, and they are looking to bring on dedicated staff to with the aspiration of bringing the endowment to \$15 million.

President Hughes's written report appears in its entirety below:

Rhode Island Promise Update

- Our college remains optimistic that the Rhode Island state budget will be approved by the General Assembly and the graduating high school class of 2017 in our state will have the opportunity take advantage of free tuition at CCRI through the RI Promise scholarship.

CCRI has taken significant measures to ensure that we are ready to ramp up outreach to our recent high school graduates and that our teams in financial aid, advising, enrollment services, IT, and the bursar's office are prepared for RI Promise students. While we have been waiting for budget approval, we have urged all interested students to complete several key tasks that will prepare them for fall: apply to the college, complete the FAFSA, and obtain their high school transcripts. To date, we have had more than 135 potential RI Promise students complete those three tasks. We believe with approval of the program and additional outreach and marketing, this number will significantly increase.

NEASC Accreditation Update

- On July 11, CCRI received notice from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) that our college's two-year follow up report was accepted by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. We are pleased to report that the Commission has commended CCRI for our significant progress in the area of assessing student learning outcomes and using that data to make programmatic changes to better serve our students. They also praised the college for utilizing assessment results to make improvements to programs throughout our divisions

The Commission favorably noted that, in programs where there is still work to be done in terms of student learning outcomes, faculty from around our college have adopted an initiative to use "signature assignments" as an indicator of student success.

Per Commission policy, our college has been asked to provide an interim, fifth-year report for Spring 2019 that will include further updates on our progress. We appreciate the guidance we received in this report and look forward to taking additional positive actions to improve the ways we assess student success in and out of the classroom.

Recruitment for Faculty Positions

- Following the launch of a retirement incentive program at CCRI this past Spring, a total of 24 faculty members have retired from our college. The college is now aggressively working to recruit new faculty members for these high-demand positions. We anticipate immediately filling 14 of the 24 openings that were created through the incentive program and 17 more positions that became available due to retirements unrelated to the incentive program and resignations.

Led by Rosemary Costigan, Vice President for Academic Affairs, we are actively pursuing candidates that diversify our faculty. Elizabeth Canning, our recently-arrived Director of Institutional Equity and Title IX Coordinator, is significantly engaged in this process as we work to advance our focus on equity college-wide.

Enrollment and Persistence

Reverse Transfer Update

- Our college's Reverse Transfer program is continuing to show promising results. Since launching the program earlier this year, CCRI has awarded 46 associate degrees to eligible students who have cumulatively earned at least 60 college-level credits combined from CCRI, RIC, and URI. To put this early success in a national context, El Paso Community College in Texas, a school twice the size of CCRI, was recently awarded a National Excelencia in Education Award for their Reverse Transfer program. El Paso Community College awarded only 28 associate degrees in their first year.

We are proud to be doing this important work and are pleased by these early results. We look forward to continued collaboration with RIC and URI to build upon this early success.

Guided Pathways Update

- This fall, our college will be engaging with faculty and staff to develop a Guided Pathways model that will create easier-to-follow program requirements for our students and better position them for employment and transfer success after graduation. Our General Studies Task Force has already completed work in developing an early plan for Guided Pathways that will be presented to our college community when they return in September. Our first iteration proposes five meta majors: Allied Health, Arts and Humanities, Business, STEM, and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

We will be hosting open forums and conversations with our community, and will continue our work with Dr. Rob Johnstone from the National Center for Inquiry and Improvement (NCII), during the upcoming Academic year.

Launch of Blackboard Connect Messaging

- We are happy to announce that our college has invested in a new messaging platform, Blackboard Connect, which allows us to better communicate with current and prospective students. The system went live this week and allows us to text, email, and deliver phone calls to students regarding important information on enrollment, financial aid, advising, and other time-sensitive student services. We are excited to have this communication tool that has shown to be effective in helping colleges to retain students, and we will use it to inform students about important information that directly impacts their ability to persist and graduate.

Development of an Online College Catalog

- CCRI has taken the first steps towards the creation of an online college catalog. Like many community colleges across the country, our college has relied on a print version of our annual catalog, which is distributed to students, advisors, and other front-line staff every year. By moving our catalog system online, we provide every student, prospective student, and all members of our faculty and staff the opportunity to review our academic programming in a dynamic, digital space. We look forward to having our new online catalog for the 2018-19 academic year.

College Safety

Emergency Preparedness

- On July 11, we hosted Joseph Allen from Margolis Healy, a firm that specializes in campus safety, security, and regulatory compliance for higher education and K-12. Mr. Allen delivered a presentation to college leadership on emergency preparedness and ran key senior staff through a tabletop exercise, where we were presented with an emergency scenario and tasked with mapping out our proposed response.

This exercise resulted in productive conversations among senior staff about how our college would execute our emergency preparedness plan in real-time. David Patten, Vice President for Business Affairs, is leading the effort to ensure our college is well prepared and is overseeing the work this fall with guidance from CCRI's preparedness team.

c) Rhode Island College - Update from last report and current events

President Frank Sánchez focused on new data infrastructures which will support the college's efforts to engage alumni and identify prospective donors. He indicated that national searches were underway for key leadership positions in advancement. He noted that the endowment is currently at \$40 million, and he expects to grow that significantly.

President Frank Sánchez's written report can be read in its entirety below:

Rhode Island College Launches 2017-2020 Strategic Plan

After a nine-month discovery and planning process that included open forums, divisional meetings and small group discussions with the campus community, as well as several rounds of feedback and revisions, Rhode Island College has a three-year action that clearly communicates a path forward for the college.

The plan, *Affirming our Strength, Building our Future*, is organized around five strategic pillars that represent the college's priority strategic investments and provide the framework for the college's goals, objectives and work plans:

- Learning Innovation – A college ethos that elevates the teaching and learning enterprise in effective, innovative and extraordinary ways with leading instructional practices
- Student Success – A student collegiate experience that helps students identify their strengths, talents and passions and encourages, supports and challenges them to achieve their goals and receive a college degree
- Inclusive Excellence – A college campus that intentionally designs welcoming and inviting learning experiences for all students, regardless of background, income, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, religion or politics, for the benefit of the entire college community
- Community Partnerships – Purposeful collaborations with local, state and national partners, both public and private, to provide the highest quality college degree and address critical issues for the broader community
- Institutional Effectiveness – An administration and college community committed to being exceptional stewards of public funding while incorporating evidence-based, high impact practices

Green Ribbon Recognition

Rhode Island College was recognized as a 2017 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Postsecondary Sustainability Awardee for its environmental, health and wellness efforts. The college is one of 45 schools in the nation and one of only nine postsecondary schools to earn this prestigious designation. Assistant U.S. Secretary of Education for Management Holly Ham, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Director of Education Louisa Koch, Director of the Campaign for Environmental Literacy James L. Elder, Jr. and Director of the Center for Green Schools at the US Green Building Council Anisa Heming honored the 2017 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools, District

Sustainability Awardees, and Postsecondary Sustainability Awardees on Wednesday, July 19, at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C.

Expanded Alumni Outreach

More than 16,000 RIC graduates live, and many more work, outside of Rhode Island. Hosting Alumni Association events, as well as establishing regional alumni chapters, are effective ways to deliver programs to alumni living out of state and keep them engaged, connected to the college, and to each other.

Over the past two fiscal years, we have launched two regional chapters: the NYC RIC Alumni Chapter and the Boston RIC Alumni Chapter. With the support and volunteer efforts of chapter leaders in these respective regions, the Association has hosted three events in NYC and four events in Boston, collectively drawing more than 400 attendees. Additionally, President Sánchez and the Advancement Division have hosted smaller 'parlor' events and visits with key stakeholders and alumni in the NYC area.

This past year, RIC hosted a series of events in Florida, engaging more than 100 RIC graduates and friends of the college in the Naples, Sarasota and Ft. Lauderdale areas. The president also met one-on-one with key individuals during that trip. It is anticipated that a formal chapter in Florida will be established and announced in January 2018 during an event in the Naples area. This fall, targeted outreach and engagement with key stakeholders and alumni in California is planned. In the coming months and years, we will continue to look toward building and strengthening relationships with graduates and supporters of the college who live and work in other key major metropolitan regions.

7. DISCUSSION ITEM

7a) Discussion of the development of an Agricultural Innovation District at the University of Rhode Island

Chair Foulkes invited Ryan Carrillo, Director, Capital Planning and Real Estate Development at URI to provide background. The University of Rhode Island has an opportunity to create an Agricultural Innovation District (AID) at the URI's Kingston campus.

Mr. Carrillo stated that Rhode Island is a participating state in the "50 by 60 Challenge," in which the goal for the New England states is to produce 50% of their food within their own borders by 2060. He noted that such a goal requires dedicated effort to agricultural innovation.

Mr. Carrillo noted that URI can bring resources to this exciting project through the efforts of its students, faculty and staff, as well as its land resources. He highlighted the goal for the Agricultural Innovation District (AID) to provide a testing ground for new technologies related to food production, processing, storage and distribution. He noted that a facility like the AID will support community and enterprise collaborations with University faculty, staff and students across a broad range of academic specialties from Business to Engineering to the Agricultural Sciences.

Chair Foulkes requested that engineers analyze the infrastructure and report back to the Council in the Fall.

Thomas Izzo asked if it would be an auxiliary or private/public partnership. Mr. Carrillo said it would be a private/public partnership.

Dennis Duffy wanted to know the budget cycle.

Chair Foulkes clarified to the Council that this project is in the planning stages and recommended that Mr. Carrillo come back to make a presentation on the timeline of the project. He thinks it is a good and would be a very productive use of land.

President Dooley commented that it would year-round greenhouse and a way to engage other local business to partner with URI to support the State's "50 by 60 Challenge."

Jeffery Williams noted the potential positive impact the AID would have on local farms and small producing greenhouses.

President Dooley, concurred with Jeffery Williams and reiterated the opportunity for large and small year-round growers to collaborate.

8. ACTION ITEMS

8a) Approval to add an additional 3,136 square feet of space to the existing lease with Schneider Electric during the development of the new College of Engineering Building at the University of Rhode Island.

Chair Foulkes invited Abigail Rider, Vice President for Administration and Finance at URI to answer any questions the Council may have. She stated that reserve parking would also be provided to the amendment to this lease.

Chair Foulkes called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Heather Crosby and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves to add an additional 3,136 square feet of space to the existing lease with Schneider Electric during the development of the new College of Engineering Building at the University of Rhode Island.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Barbara Cottam, Heather Crosby, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Thomas Izzo, Rachelle Green, and Jeffrey Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

8b) Approval of the Resolutions for the 2017 Rhode Island Health and Education Building Corporation (RIHEBC) bond funded URI White Horn Brook Apartment Project Series 2017A and Series 2017B.

Chair Foulkes called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Rachelle Green and seconded by Timothy DelGiudice, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the Resolutions for the 2017 Rhode Island Health and Education Building Corporation (RIHEBC) bond funded URI White Horn Brook Apartment Project Series 2017A and Series 2017B.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

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Thomas Izzo, Rachelle Green, and Jeffrey Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council may seek to enter into executive session for the following items:

- a) Update on collective bargaining with the Part-Time Faculty Union at URI (PTFU) in accordance with R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2);
- b) Discussion regarding potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2);
- c) Discussion related to the potential acquisition or lease of real estate for public purposes, or disposition of publicly held property, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(5).

Chair Foulkes called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Timothy DelGiudice and seconded by Dennis Duffy it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education enters into executive session for reason presented, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2), R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) and R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(5).

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Barbara Cottam, Heather Crosby, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Thomas Izzo, Rachelle Green, and Jeffrey Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

The Council reconvened in open session at 7:55 p.m.

Chair Foulkes called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Timothy DelGiudice and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education seals the minutes of the executive session held on July 26, 2017.
	VOTE:	8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Barbara Cottam, Heather Crosby, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Thomas Izzo, Rachelle Green, and Jeffrey Williams.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS	0

10. Upcoming Meetings

- a. The next **Board of Education** meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 2, 2017, at 5:30PM** at the Community College of Rhode Island, Room 4090, 400 East Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886.
- b. The **Council on Postsecondary Education** retreat will be held on **Friday, September 8, 2017 from 7:30AM to 4PM** at the University of Rhode Island, W. Alton Jones Campus (Sycamore), 400 Victory Highway, West Greenwich, Rhode Island, 02817.
- c. The next meeting of the **Personnel and Finance/Facilities Committees** for the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, 560 Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 100, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886.

- d. The next **Council on Postsecondary Education** meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 5:30PM** at Rhode Island College, Faculty Center, Main Dining Room, Donovan Dining Center, 600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Foulkes called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion duly made by Heather Crosby and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education adjourns the meeting of July 26, 2017.
	VOTE:	8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Barbara Cottam, Heather Crosby, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Thomas Izzo, Rachelle Green, and Jeffrey Williams.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS	0

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.