



Enclosure 2a  
December 6, 2017

**Minutes of the Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting  
Wednesday, November 8, 2017 5:30 p.m.  
Rhode Island College - Faculty Center Main Dining Room  
Donovan Dining Center  
600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI 02908**

The Council on Postsecondary Education met on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at Rhode Island College at the Faculty Center Main Dining Room, Providence, Rhode Island. At 5:35 p.m. Chair William Foulkes welcomed everyone. He then asked for the roll to be taken, after which he declared a quorum present.

**Present:** Vivian Caruolo, Barbara Cottam (arrived at 5:46PM), Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Mariela Lucaj and Jeffery Williams.

**Absent:** Heather Crosby

**1. Acceptance of the Agenda**

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

On a motion duly made by Jeffery Williams and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

**VOTED:**           **THAT**           The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the agenda for the meeting of November 8, 2017.

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

**YEAS:**           Vivian Caruolo, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams

**NAYS:**           0

ABSTAINS 0

## 2. Approval of the Minutes

### a) Minutes of the October 25, 2017 Meeting

Chair Foulkes called for a motion to approve the minutes.

On a motion duly made by Vivian Caruolo and seconded by Jeffery Williams, it was

<b>VOTED:</b>	<b>THAT</b>	The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the minutes of the special meeting on October 25, 2017.
	<b>VOTE:</b>	7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	<b>YEAS:</b>	Vivian Caruolo, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams
	<b>NAYS:</b>	0
	<b>ABSTAINS</b>	0

## 3. Reports from the Chairs and Committees

### 3a) Chair Bill Foulkes

Chair Foulkes welcomed everyone and thanked Rhode Island College for hosting the Council Meeting. He thanked the Council members for giving of their time and effort over the past two months to bring us to this point in approving the FY 2019 budget request, with special thanks to the Council members on the Finance and Facilities Committee.

Chair Foulkes noted that this FY19 budget request should be seen as the first phase of a comprehensive funding plan for postsecondary education, which in future years will include a longer-term approach to tuition/fee rates that is more rational and predictable. This first phase focuses on performance-based funding with \$9 million of new funding subject to institutional performance. He acknowledged that RI was fortunate that the Governor and legislature understand the significance of investing in higher education, so long as increases in postsecondary funding are tied to clear

outcomes in priority areas. He thanked the institutions for their continued partnership through this implementation process, and looked forward to considering revisions to institutional metrics at an upcoming council meeting.

### **3b) Chair Barbara Cottam**

Upon arriving at 5:46 p.m., Chair Cottam thanked Chair Foulkes and highlighted the following:

1. Commissioner Wagner's contract was renewed for another three years;
2. On November 2, 2017, Rhode Island Reads welcomed state leaders and community partners to Rhode Island College to discuss strategies to improve third-grade reading success; and
3. The Sixth Annual Rhode Island Education Summit will be held at the DOA Cafeteria on November 9, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. and hope all will attend.

### **3c) Finance and Facilities Committee**

There is no report.

### **3d) Personnel Committee**

The following report was presented by the Committee Chair Rachelle Green:

The Personnel Committee met on November 1, 2017 to discuss the following items:

1. Discussion of System-wide FTE needs;
2. Discussion of the system-wide job classification approval process; and
3. Discussion of the role of the Personnel Review Committee and Council in approving new classification requests.

Following our discussion, the Committee requested that its staff provide it with the monthly FTE reports that are produced by the institutions, and that it receive periodic reports from the PRC regarding the items addressed by that Committee that do not require Council approval. A discussion regarding these PRC reports and information will be a standing item on future Personnel Committee meeting agendas.

At the conclusion of the open session, the Committee entered into executive session, pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(1), to discuss the presidents' management letters as part of our ongoing annual evaluation process. The Committee's interviews of the presidents will follow.

#### **4. Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Dann-Messier began by thanking Council Member Caruolo for hosting her and Amy Grzybowski at the National Guard and applauded their efforts to support postsecondary education for military personnel and the veterans.

She also thanked the OPC Staff for their efforts in preparing the Finance Committee and the Council for this evening's budget discussion. She looked forward to giving an overview of the system budget request later in the evening.

Commissioner Dann-Messier indicated that the Office is close to finalizing the contract for the innovation and effectiveness consultant, who will identify opportunities to strengthen the higher education system.

Lastly, she noted that the Office is holding final interviews for several new personnel positions that she hopes to announce at the next meeting.

The Commissioner's full report is available at [https://www.riopc.edu/static/photos/2017/11/30/Commissioners\\_Report\\_-\\_11-8-17.pdf](https://www.riopc.edu/static/photos/2017/11/30/Commissioners_Report_-_11-8-17.pdf).

#### **5. Reports from the Presidents**

##### **5a) Rhode Island College - Graduate programs, enrollment and success rates**

President Frank Sánchez welcomed everyone to Rhode Island College and highlighted the College's efforts in graduate education. The institution currently educates over 1000 graduate students, with the largest number of them enrolled in the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development. Efforts are underway to integrate graduate programs into a more comprehensive graduate school that would better serve students and the institution.

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

[https://www.riopc.edu/static/photos/2017/11/30/President\\_Sánchez\\_Report\\_-\\_RIC\\_-\\_11-8-17.pdf](https://www.riopc.edu/static/photos/2017/11/30/President_Sánchez_Report_-_RIC_-_11-8-17.pdf)

##### **5b) Community College of Rhode Island - RI Promise enrollment and demographic data**

Chief of Staff Alix Ogden presented on behalf of CCRI President Meghan Hughes, who was attending a conference. Ms. Ogden gave an overview of the enrollment and demographic information available on the RI Promise students, who began at CCRI in the fall. She was pleased to present figures that showed a 43% enrollment boost among

RI resident high school graduates and GED holders compared with the previous fall enrollment. She also noted that there were significant increases in enrollments among Pell recipients and minority students. She attributed the gains to awareness of college opportunities and to strong partnerships with school districts, especially Pawtucket, which nearly tripled its enrollment from the previous year.

President Meghan Hughes' report can be read in its entirety here:

[https://www.riopc.edu/static/photos/2017/11/30/PResident\\_Hughes\\_Report\\_-\\_CCRI\\_-\\_11-8-17\\_2n043ea.pdf](https://www.riopc.edu/static/photos/2017/11/30/PResident_Hughes_Report_-_CCRI_-_11-8-17_2n043ea.pdf)

### **5c) University of Rhode Island - Graduate programs, enrollment and success rates**

President Dooley gave an overview of URI's graduate programs, which include 81 master's and doctoral programs, 10 professional degree programs, and 14 post-baccalaureate certificate programs. He noted that there are currently just over 3000 students enrolled, including 734 students in the University's successful six-year, undergraduate/graduate PharmD program. He highlighted several new graduate programs that were designed to meet state demands for highly skilled workers.

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

[https://www.riopc.edu/static/photos/2017/11/30/President\\_Dooley\\_Report\\_-\\_URI\\_-\\_11-8-17.pdf](https://www.riopc.edu/static/photos/2017/11/30/President_Dooley_Report_-_URI_-_11-8-17.pdf)

## **6. Action Items**

### **6a) Approval of the Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Requests, Tuition and Fee Rates and the Tables of Organization for FY2019 and 2020 and the Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Allocations for FY2018 and Recommendation to the Board of Education**

Chair Foulkes called on Commissioner Dann-Messier, who thanked everyone for their diligence and efforts for the recommendation.

The Commissioner indicated that the budget recommended by the Finance and Facilities Committee includes a number of important initiatives that support the goal of reaching 70% attainment and promoting an excellent and effective system of postsecondary education.

Specifically, she noted that the FY19 request represents the first phase of comprehensive, five-year funding plan with performance-based funding. This comprehensive plan is designed to make budgets more predictable and transparent,

which benefits our students, our institutions, and the state. The budget includes \$9 million of additional funding that relates to institutional performance in the state's priority areas of increasing completions, increasing high-demand/ high-wage graduates, and advancing institutional missions. The Council approved metrics last year, and if funding is approved, the Office will begin to put together guidelines for distribution and also revising metrics.

Commissioner Dann-Messier quickly highlighted other important initiatives in the budget:

- First full year operating budget for joint RI Nursing Education Center
- RI Promise funds – increase in spring and upcoming academic year through CCRI's strong recruitment and retention efforts.
- Dual and Concurrent enrollment funds – thanks institutions for engaging in cost analysis that helps us better understand the needs to make the program sustainable.
- Key Priority funds for the system – equity incentive, accelerating attainment, attainment research, and student contingency funds.

She then called on Associate Commissioner of Finance and Management Dr. Susan LaPanne to present to the Council.

Dr. LaPanne gave the System Budget Review which included: the budget process, overview of the restricted and unrestricted budgets, supplemental requests and the budgets for RIOPC, URI, RIC and CCRI.

Chair Foulkes thanked Dr. LaPanne and asked each of the institutions to comment and opened the meeting for other comments. He also summarized the budget process. There was a consensus among the institutions and the Council that the new comprehensive budget planning process needs to have framework for accountability and effectiveness. President Dooley noted that the budget under consideration would leave the University with a revenue shortfall, and he hoped that the comprehensive funding plan would adequately account for institutional funding needs and balance state appropriation revenue with tuition fee increases.

Chair Foulkes called for a motion to approve the system budget request. The following motion was made by Jeffery Williams and seconded by Dennis Duffy:

THAT the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Public Postsecondary Education System's budget request for the FY 2019 as

presented, sending it to the full Board of Education for final approval; and further

THAT the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Public Postsecondary Education System's tuition, mandatory fees, and auxiliary enterprise fees for the FY 2019 as presented, sending them to the full Board of Education for final approval, but reserving the right to readjust tuition and fees as needed upon notification of the Governor's recommendation and, later, upon the action of the legislature; and further

THAT the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Public Postsecondary Education System's Tables of Organization for FY 2019 as presented, sending them to the full Board of Education for final approval; and further

THAT the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Public Postsecondary Education System's budget allocation for the FY 2018 as presented, sending it to the full Board of Education for final approval.

Timothy DelGiudice proposed an amendment to the second part of the motion that would keep all tuition and mandatory fee rates for in-state undergraduates at the FY2018 level. He noted that URI's request had included an increase in mandatory fees.

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

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education amend the second part of the motion to read as follows:  
THAT the Council on Postsecondary Education approves the Public Postsecondary Education System's tuition, mandatory fees, and auxiliary enterprise fees for the FY2019 **to keep all tuition and mandatory fees for in-state undergraduates at the FY2018 level**, sending them to the full Board of Education for final approvals, but reserving the right to readjust tuition and fees as needed upon notification of the Governor's recommendation and, later, upon the action of the legislature; and further....

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

YEAS: Vivian Caruolo, Barbara Cottam, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

Chair Foulkes noted that the amendment was approved and called for a vote on the motion made by Jeffery Williams and seconded by Dennis Duffy. It was

**VOTED: THAT** the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Public Postsecondary Education System's budget request for the FY 2019 as presented, sending it to the full Board of Education for final approval; and further

**THAT** the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Public Postsecondary Education System's tuition, mandatory fees, and auxiliary enterprise fees for the FY 2019 **as amended to keep all tuition and mandatory fees for in-state undergraduates at the FY2018 level**, sending them to the full Board of Education for final approval, but reserving the right to readjust tuition and fees as needed upon notification of the Governor's recommendation and, later, upon the action of the legislature; and further

**THAT** the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Public Postsecondary Education System's Tables of Organization for FY 2019 as presented, sending them to the full Board of Education for final approval; and further

**THAT** the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Public Postsecondary Education System's budget allocation for the FY 2018 as presented,

sending it to the full Board of Education for final approval.

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

YEAS: Vivian Caruolo, Barbara Cottam, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

**6b) Approval of new classification request from Rhode Island College, Assistant VP for Student Services**

Chair Foulkes called on President Sánchez to provide background. President Sánchez shared with the Council that this position will provide academic support for all students and further enhance the academic momentum happening at RIC.

Thomas Izzo was curious about the title and encouraged an alignment in position titles for new positions.

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 approve the new classification request from Rhode Island College, Assistant VP for Student Services.

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

YEAS: Vivian Caruolo, Barbara Cottam, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

**6c) Approval of new classification request from Rhode Island College, Advisor, McNair Program**

Chair Foulkes called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Vivian Caruolo and seconded by Timothy DelGiudice, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the new classification request from Rhode Island College, Advisor, McNair Program.

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

**YEAS:** Vivian Caruolo, Barbara Cottam, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS** 0

**6d) Approval of new classification request from Rhode Island College, Assistant Director, McNair Program**

Chair Foulkes called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Rachel Green and seconded by Vivian Caruolo, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the new classification request from Rhode Island College, Assistant Director, McNair Program.

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

YEAS: Vivian Caruolo, Barbara Cottam, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

## 7. Upcoming Meetings

- a. The next **Board of Education** meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.** at the Community College of Rhode Island, Room 4090, 400 East Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886
- b. The next **Council on Postsecondary Education** meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Community College of Rhode Island, Room 4090, 400 East Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

## 8. Adjournment

Chair Foulkes called for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Council on November 8, 2017.

On a motion duly made by Jeffery Williams and seconded by Vivian Caruolo, it was

**VOTED:**            **THAT**            The Council on Postsecondary Education adjourns the meeting of November 8, 2017.

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

**YEAS:**            Vivian Caruolo, Barbara Cottam, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams

**NAYS:**            0

**ABSTAINS**    0

**The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.**