



Enclosure 2a  
April 12, 2018

**Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee of the  
Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting**

**Thursday, March 1, 2018, 5:30 p.m.**

**Rhode Island College**

**Gaige Hall/Room 200**

**600 Mount Pleasant Avenue**

**Providence, RI 02908**

The Finance/Facilities Committee of the Council on Postsecondary Education met on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at Rhode Island College at 600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence.

At 5:30 p.m., Committee Chair Heather Crosby welcomed the Committee members and called the meeting to order.

**Present:** Heather Crosby, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy (arrived at 5:37 p.m.), and Dr. Jeffery Williams

**Absent:**

**1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

Chair Crosby entertained a motion to accept the agenda with one change to item 5b, which is being struck from the agenda. A motion was duly made by Dr. Williams and seconded by Mr. DelGiudice.

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| <b>VOTED:</b> | <b>THAT</b>  | The Finance/Facilities Committee of the Council on Postsecondary Education accept the agenda for the meeting of March 1, 2018, as described. |
|               | <b>VOTE:</b> | 3 members voted in the affirmative as follows:   |
|               | <b>YEAS:</b> | Heather Crosby, Timothy DelGiudice, and Dr. Jeffery Williams   |

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

### **Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee of the Council on Postsecondary Education's January 18, 2018 meeting**

Chair Crosby asked if there were any edits related to the minutes.

On a motion duly made by Mr. DelGiudice and seconded by Dr. Williams, it was

**VOTED:**            **THAT**            The Finance/Facilities Committee of the Council on Postsecondary Education accept the minutes of the Finance/Facilities Committee meeting of January 18, 2018, as presented.

**VOTE:**            2 members voted in the affirmative, and 1 member abstained as follows:

**YEAS:**            Heather Crosby and Timothy DelGiudice

**NAYS:**            0

**ABSTAIN:**        Dr. Jeffery Williams

## 3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Crosby noted that this evening's meeting includes an important topic with the presentation of Rhode Island College's upcoming capital plan, the process for the performance funding plan, and the anticipated budget process revisions for the upcoming FY2020 budget cycle.

## 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 4a)            **Presentation from RIC related to the upcoming capital plan**

President Sánchez thanked Chair Crosby and the Council for support of the future of the institution and design of the Rhode Island College campus 15, 20, 25 years out. In addition to faculty, students, and staff, neighbors from the surrounding communities of North Providence and Providence have been in conversations around the master plan, and the institution plans to present at city planning board meetings in April.

President Sánchez gave an overview of updates to the Campus Master Plan. Working with the architectural firm of Saratoga and Associates, RIC continues to focus on several short-term goals, including ongoing renovations to the Welcome Center, Craig-Lee Hall, Horace Mann Hall, and the Student Union. Future projects include renovations to the Clarke Science Hall and Whipple Hall, as well as a new Student Success Center. President Sánchez also reviewed RIC's successful efforts to improve energy efficiency and reduce utility costs.

**4b) Update on the performance funding plan for the upcoming fiscal year  
Chair Crosby-statement/committee conversation**

Chair Crosby opened the discussion and recommended that reporting requirements for the institutions include annual targets, such as number of students enrolled, number of students graduating, and median income levels of recent graduates. She noted that there needs to be an annual metric measuring diversity as well. She then invited the Commissioner to give an update on progress.

Commissioner Dann-Messier reported that the Performance Funding Working Group has met twice with representatives from each institution's administration and faculty to make recommendations for implementing the performance funding legislation passed in 2016. She recognized the institutions for their continued partnership in these conversations around reporting requirements, evaluation process, and distribution of funds. A third meeting is scheduled for next week (March 6<sup>th</sup>), and the plan is to bring forward a draft set of guidelines for discussion at the next Finance Committee meeting, which is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>. The group has made great progress in designing a credible process that shows the state and public that accountability is important, but at the same time is not overly burdensome to the institutions.

**4c) Review of the anticipated budget process revisions for the FY20 budget cycle**

Dr. LaPanne introduced the proposal to revise the budget calendar in order to accelerate the submission of the system budget to conform with the Office of Management and Budget guidelines. The proposed budget schedule adjusts the timeline so that the Capital Budget would be submitted by July 19, 2018 and the

Operating Budget would be submitted by September 27, 2018, ahead of the October 1 deadline.

There was significant discussion by the group. It was decided that the discussion should continue at a future meeting of the Finance Committee around how to improve the budget process.

## 5. ACTION ITEM

### 5a. Review and recommendation for the approval of a Uniform Real Estate License Estoppel Certificate, Nondisturbance and Subordination Agreement between the Council on Postsecondary Education/University of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Alpha Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity Alumni Associations, Inc.

Lou Saccoccio, URI General Counsel, presented an overview.

On a motion duly made by Mr. DelGiudice and seconded by Mr. Duffy, it was

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| <b>VOTED:</b> | <b>THAT</b> | The Finance/Facilities Committee of the Council on Postsecondary Education recommend the approval of a Uniform Real Estate License Estoppel Certificate, Nondisturbance and Subordination Agreement between the Council on Postsecondary Education/University of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Alpha Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity Alumni Associations, Inc. |
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VOTE: 4 members voted in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS: **Heather Crosby, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, and Dr. Jeffery Williams**

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0.

## 6. Adjournment

On a motion duly made by Mr. DelGiudice and seconded by Mr. Duffy, it was:

**VOTED:**                   **THAT** The Finance/Facilities Committee of the Council  
on Postsecondary Education adjourn the meeting  
of March 1, 2018.

**VOTE:** 4 members voted in the affirmative and 0  
members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Heather Crosby, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis  
Duffy and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.