Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting  
Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 5:30 p.m.  
Community College of Rhode Island – Knight Campus, Room 4090  
400 East Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes
   a. Minutes of the December 5, 2018 Meeting  
      (Enclosure 2a)

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

4. Report from the Commissioner
   a. Update on policy and programmatic initiatives
      i. Report on Signature Authority
   b. Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council:
      i. Notification of the proposal to make Academic Program changes to the Post – Master’s Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) at the University of Rhode Island  
         (Enclosure 4bi)

5. Reports from the Presidents
   a. Community College of Rhode Island – Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education - current and future noncredit workforce development initiatives
b. Rhode Island College - Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education - current and future noncredit workforce development initiatives

c. University of Rhode Island - Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education - current and future noncredit workforce development initiatives

6. Discussion Items

a. Discussion regarding the URI Innovation Campus

b. Discussion regarding the Rhode Island School for Progressive Education’s application for initial approval to operate as a degree-granting institution in Rhode Island (Enclosure 6b)

7. Action Items

a. Approval of new classification of Associate Director of Employee Engagement and Organizational Effectiveness at the Community College of Rhode Island (Enclosure 7a)

b. Approval of new classification of Manager of Executive Operations at the Community College of Rhode Island (Enclosure 7b)

c. Approval of reclassification of Director of Capital Planning and Real Estate Development to Director of Planning and Real Estate Development at the University of Rhode Island (Enclosure 7c)

d. Approval of new classification of Associate Director of Campus Design at the University of Rhode Island (Enclosure 7d)

e. Approval of Amendment One to the Lease Agreement for the RI Small Business Development Center located at the University of Rhode Island (Enclosure 7e)

f. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency and the University of Rhode Island/Rhode Island Council on Postsecondary Education (Enclosure 7f)

g. Approval of the awarding of honorary degrees at the University of Rhode Island (Enclosure 7g)

8. Executive Session

The Council may seek to enter into Executive Session for the following items:
a. Discussion related to a proposed lease of real property in Woonsocket, Rhode Island for public purposes—the proposed Higher Education Center of Northern Rhode Island, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(5)

b. Discussion- update on collective bargaining, all bargaining units, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2)

c. Discussion regarding collective bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) – ratification of collective bargaining agreements with the following:

   i. URI/AAUP, PTFU - wage reopener only
   ii. Driver’s Education Association/NEARI
   iii. URI Physicians’ Association/NEARI
   iv. PTAA, Local 2877
   v. URI/PSA/NEARI

d. Update on Pending Litigation, Smith v. URI et al., R.I. Supreme Court (C.A. No. 2015-4812), pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2)

e. Discussion regarding Presidents Sanchez’s contract renewal, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1)

9. Additional Action Items

a. Ratification of collective bargaining agreement with:

   i. URI/AAUP, PTFU - wage re-opener only
   ii. Driver’s Education Association/NEARI
   iii. URI Physicians’ Association/NEARI
   iv. PTAA, Local 2877
   v. URI/PSA/NEARI

b. Authorization of the Chair regarding the negotiation/renewal of President Sanchez’s employment contract

10. Upcoming Meeting

a. The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Rhode Island College, Alger Hall - Room 110, 600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

11. Adjourn