



**Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
Rhode Island College – Gaige Hall, Room 200
600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908**

AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Minutes of the January 23, 2019 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. Open Forum

5. Report from the Commissioner

- a. Update on policy and programmatic initiatives.
- b. Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council:
 - I. Notification of RIC’s proposal for the creation of a Youth Development Master’s Program. ([Enclosure 5bI.](#))
 - II. Notification of URI’s academic program closures of Chemistry and Chemical Oceanography, Comparative Literature, Latin American Studies, and Physics majors. ([Enclosure 5bII.](#))
 - III. Notification of URI’s creation of a Health Studies Department. ([Enclosure 5bIII.](#))
 - IV. Notification of URI’s proposal to create a new Bachelor of Science degree and major in Biotechnology. ([Enclosure 5bIV.](#))

6. Reports from the Presidents

- a. Rhode Island College - Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education – Presentation on Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Services Compliance Plan.
- b. Community College of Rhode Island - Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education - Presentation on Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Services Compliance Plan.
- c. University of Rhode Island - Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education – Presentation on Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Services Compliance Plan.

7. Discussion Items

- a. Discussion of proposed revision of Residency Policy S-5 Section C-3. ([Enclosure 7a](#))

8. Action Items

- a. Approval of the Rhode Island School for Progressive Education’s application for initial approval to operate as a degree-granting institution in Rhode Island. ([Enclosure 8a](#))
- b. Approval of Amendment (Exhibit E) to the Rhode Island Council on Postsecondary Education Restated Defined Contribution Retirement Plan regarding hardship distributions. ([Enclosure 8b](#))
- c. Approval of the revised lease agreement terms for T-Mobile cell tower on Penfield Hall at RIC. ([Enclosure 8c](#))
- d. Approval of the reclassification of Coordinator of Special Projects to Talent Acquisition Specialist at the Community College of Rhode Island. ([Enclosure 8d](#))
- e. Approval of the modification to the position description for the Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police at the University of Rhode Island. ([Enclosure 8e](#))
- f. Approval of the awarding of an honorary degree at the University of Rhode Island. ([Enclosure 8f](#))
- g. Approval of the awarding of an honorary degree at Rhode Island College. ([Enclosure 8g](#))

9. Executive Session

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

- a. Discussion regarding collective bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L §42-46-5(a)(2) - ratification of collective bargaining agreements with the following:
 - I. Marine Professional Association
 - II. CCRI Professional Staff/NEARI
- b. Discussion related to a proposed lease of real property in Woonsocket, Rhode Island for public purposes - the Higher Education Center of Northern Rhode Island, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(5).

- c. Discussion regarding pending litigation - *R.I. Council on Postsecondary Education et al. v. Hellenic Society Paideia RI Chapter*, RI Supreme Court (SU-2017-0200-A), pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).
- d. Discussion regarding personnel matters at the University of Rhode Island, pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1).

10. Additional Action Items

- a. Approval (conceptual) and authorization regarding a proposed lease of real property in Woonsocket, RI for the Higher Education Center of Northern Rhode Island. ([Enclosure 10a](#))
- b. Ratification of collective bargaining agreement with:
 - I. Marine Professional Association
 - II. CCRI Professional Staff/NEARI

11. Upcoming Meeting

- a. The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for April 24, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the RI Nursing Education Center. 3rd Floor – Room 306.

12. Adjourn