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).

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 Educations 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