



**Minutes of the Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting  
Wednesday, January 23, 2019  
Community College of Rhode Island,  
Knight Campus - Room 4090  
400 East Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886**

Enclosure 2a  
March 20, 2019

Chair Timothy DelGiudice welcomed everyone and acknowledged that a quorum was present. He thanked CCRI and President Hughes for their hospitality and welcomed the newest non-voting member of the Council, Jay Rumas, a sophomore at URI who will be filling a one-year term to provide a student perspective.

**Present:** Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Jay Rumas, and Jeffrey Williams.

**Absent:** Heather Crosby, Marianne Monte, Joseph MarcAurele.

**1. Acceptance of the Agenda.**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion to amend the order of the agenda to allow President Dooley's report to be heard first.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo and seconded by Jeffrey Williams, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the agenda for the meeting of January 23, 2019, as presented.

**VOTE:** 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

ABSTAINS: 0

**2. Approval of the minutes.**

**2a) Minutes of the December 5, 2018 meeting.**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion to approve the minutes.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was

<b>VOTED:</b>	<b>THAT</b>	The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the minutes of the meeting on December 5, 2018.
	<b>VOTE:</b>	6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	<b>YEAS:</b>	Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.
	<b>NAYS:</b>	0
	<b>ABSTAINS:</b>	0

**3. Reports from the Chairs.**

**3a) Council on Postsecondary Education – Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.**

Chair DelGiudice explained that Governor Raimondo introduced her budget the previous week and continues to show support for higher education in particular. In the budget, she included funds to expand the RI Promise. He also shared that the Council will hear from Commissioner Dann-Messier about the RI-Best grant that OPC recently received.

**3b) Board of Education – Updates and issues affecting local and national PK-20 education.**

Chair Cottam discussed the Newport RI natural gas outage which had affected 2,000 students. Newport public schools were closed for an entire week while CCRI remained open. Chair Cottam stated that the RI Department of Education recently launched their 2019 climate survey, a survey that goes to all students, parents, and teachers regarding the culture and climate of education in RI. She shared that feedback on this survey is being welcomed through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Lastly, Chair Cottam explained that RI has been awarded a \$4 million pre-school development grant.

**4. Report from the Commissioner.**

Commissioner Dann-Messier welcomed Jay Rumas, the new student Council member. She explained that OPC has been awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation for the RI- Best at Work Program. She thanked Governor Raimondo for her support of higher education and explained that the Governor’s budget allows for the expansion of RI Promise to juniors and seniors at RIC and adults at CCRI and that

the Governor has shown a commitment to bring RI Promise to URI. The Commissioner discussed the outcome of the January 7, 2019, summit on supporting the mental health needs of postsecondary students. She stated that more than 150 leaders participated and all 3 public institutions were represented at this summit. OPC also co-hosted an all-day transfer and articulation summit that addressed the barriers for transferring students. The Commissioner asked Council members to note the updated report on the signature authority which was granted to all three institutions and to OPC.

Commissioner Dann-Messier yielded the floor to President Dooley for further clarification on the proposal to make academic program changes to the post-Master's certificate of psychiatric mental health, nurse practitioner (Enclosure 4bi).

President Dooley explained that the post-Master's certificate of psychiatric mental health for nurse practitioners will meet an area of critical need in the state and is an opportunity for URI to expand its programs to better serve RI.

President Dooley yielded the floor to URI Provost DeHayes, who explained that the program will be targeted to nurse practitioners and other specialists who return to gain the specialization in psychiatric mental health. Provost DeHayes explained that no new resources were going to be allocated or requested to support this program.

Commissioner Dann-Messier yielded the floor back to Chair DelGiudice after President Dooley's and Provosts DeHayes' elaboration of the academic program changes to the post-Master's certificate of psychiatric mental health for nurse practitioners.

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

### **5a) Community College of Rhode Island – Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education - current and future noncredit workforce development initiatives.**

President Hughes emphasized CCRI's focus on workforce programs on campus. By the end of 2019, there will be at least 75 partnerships, serving 8,000 students. Current partnerships included AAA Northeast and CVS, among others. She also highlighted the focus on scalable programs designed to respond to the state's developing economy.

President Hughes stated that CCRI is working to grow its apprenticeship programs and will train 150 apprentices over three years in four tracks. As the demand for pharmacy technicians increases, CCRI continues to collaborate with CVS Health to train students to enter this career field. The program is currently in its third cohort, the first of which was launched in September 2018. The program includes 180 hours of training and an externship.

President Hughes highlighted the expansions and investments that are happening at CCRI, including the work with RI-Best to allow for an accelerated path to completion for adult education.

President Hughes highlighted that the Career Services Office moved from Student Services to the Division of Workforce Partnerships in order to allow for more collaboration and to more effectively serve students.

President Hughes highlighted that CCRI has a new Director of Marketing and Communications who entered the position on January 7, 2019.

**5b) Rhode Island College - Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education - current and future noncredit workforce development initiatives.**

Provost Pearlmutter highlighted the workforce development that is taking place at RIC, stating that it currently serves about 4,500 students annually and is focused on contextualized training. The focus is on offering career services that combine traditional workforce training with credit-bearing courses using the RI-Best model. Many of the students in this program are adults, but services are available to other students as well.

RIC will be offering additional continuing education studies, including medical assistant and early childhood (birth – 3 years old) studies. Future proposed programs include paid apprenticeship programs and an employment mentor certification to support and train experienced workers across IT industries.

Provost Pearlmutter also discussed the Central Falls hub and explained that RIC is working with the City to provide additional adult education and credit-bearing courses on that campus.

**5c) University of Rhode Island - Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education - current and future noncredit workforce development initiatives.**

President Dooley explained that his report on workforce development initiatives and opportunities represents the depth and scope of the work that URI has undertaken. He emphasized the work of the Business Engagement Center, the Office of Strategic Initiatives, and the Center for Career and Experiential Education. President Dooley discussed the recent grant awarded from the Office of Naval Research. He also highlighted URI's efforts with Westerly Education Center to generate a \$750,000 award to support workforce training. Lastly, President Dooley emphasized that URI is committed to partnering across all sectors of the Rhode Island economy and with all institutions.

President Dooley updated the Council on three distinct innovation Campuses which will be created from funding obtained from a recent bond. President Dooley outlined the goals set by Governor Raimondo for these campuses. These goals include fostering collaboration among industry partners, other academic institutions, research entities, and URI in all projects; creating new high-value jobs based on innovation to advance RI's lead in certain key areas; and catalyzing increased private sector investment in RI.

President Dooley brought attention to the RI Innovation Hub, which will be based in Providence. He emphasized that this campus will focus on data science. It will bring IBM and Mass Challenge into the state for the first time in a major way as a partner in economic development.

President Dooley discussed the new partnership between URI and Arizona State University which will be dedicated to areas of cyber security and data analytics, emphasizing that it is not intended to be an incubator for new startups in the future. Two campuses will focus on this partnership, one in Providence and one on the URI Kingston campus. Other potential partners have expressed interest in joining this effort.

There will also be an agricultural innovation and entrepreneurship campus which will be located on the URI Kingston campus. This campus will include an agricultural technology center and production facilities for agricultural products. President Dooley explained that the goal is to have the research be able to be immediately transferred to new product development and production. President Dooley and others involved anticipate that approximately 10% of the State's need for vegetables will be produced in this one facility.

President Dooley acknowledged that there is a lot of work ahead for those involved in this project, including working on the agreements with all partners involved at this time.

President Dooley finished by explaining that there is money remaining from the bond, and that the goal is to have a second round of competitions to identify other partners and locations for an innovation campus.

## **6. Discussion items.**

### **6a) Discussion regarding the URI Innovation Campus.**

President Dooley provided details in his report. (See 5c.)

### **6b) Discussion on RI School for Progressive Education application for initial approval as a degree-granting institution.**

Commissioner Dann-Messier explained that Rhode Island School for Progressive Education will be a nonprofit degree-granting institution with programs for Master's in Education for grades K-6, urban education, and English as a second language. It will be the state's first residency-based Master's program in education. The proposal was previously reviewed by external consultants with subject-matter expertise and was recommended for approval. RISPE's business plan was reviewed by OPC's Chief Financial Officer and found to be fiscally solid. The school is currently pursuing accreditation. During the discussion, questions were raised from Council members and will be provided back to RISPE for further clarification to the Council.

## **7. Action Items.**

### **7a) Motion for approval for a new classification of Associate Director of Employee Engagement and Organizational Effectiveness at CCRI.**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Dennis Duffy and seconded by Thomas Izzo, it was

<b>VOTED:</b>	<b>THAT</b>	The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the new classification of Associate Director of Employee Engagement and Organizational Effectiveness at CCRI.
	<b>VOTE:</b>	6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	<b>YEAS:</b>	Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.
	<b>NAYS:</b>	0
	<b>ABSTAINS:</b>	0

### **7b) Approval for a new classification of Manager of Executive Operations at CCRI.**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Dennis Duffy and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was

<b>VOTED:</b>	<b>THAT</b>	The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the new classification of Manager of Executive Operations at CCRI.
	<b>VOTE:</b>	6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	<b>YEAS:</b>	Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.
	<b>NAYS:</b>	0
	<b>ABSTAINS:</b>	0

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

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Rachelle Green and seconded by Jeffrey Williams, it was

<b>VOTED:</b>	<b>THAT</b>	The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the reclassification of Director of Capital Planning and Real Estate Development to Director of Planning and Real Estate Development at the University of Rhode Island.
	<b>VOTE:</b>	6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	<b>YEAS:</b>	Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.
	<b>NAYS:</b>	0
	<b>ABSTAINS:</b>	0

**7d) Approval for the classification of the Associate Director of Campus Design.**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Rachelle Green and seconded by Thomas Izzo, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the classification of the Associate Director of Campus Design.

**VOTE:** 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS:** 0

**7e) Approval of Amendment to the Lease Agreement for the RI Small Business Development Center.**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Rachelle Green and seconded by Thomas Izzo, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the amendment to the lease agreement for the RI Small Business Development Center.

**VOTE:** 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS:** 0

**7f) Approval for a memorandum of agreement between the RI Emergency Management Agency and URI along with the RI Council on Postsecondary Education.**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Rachelle Green and seconded by Thomas Izzo, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the memorandum of agreement between the RI Emergency Management Agency and URI along with the RI Council on Postsecondary Education.

VOTE: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

**7g) Approval of the awarding of honorary degrees for the University of Rhode Island.**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

The vote was deferred until after Executive Session.

**8. Executive Session**

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

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion to enter into Executive Session for the following items:

- a. Discussion related to a proposed lease of real property in Woonsocket, RI for the public purpose, the proposed higher education center of Northern RI, pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(5).
- b. Discussion - update on collective bargaining, all bargaining units, pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(2).
- c. Discussion – update on collective bargaining pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(2) – Ratification of collective bargaining with the following:
  - The American Association of University Professors (URI Full-time Faculty) PTFU wage reopener only
  - Drivers Education Association, part of NEA RI
  - URI Physicians Association, NEA Ri
  - PTAA Local 2877
  - URI PSA NEA RI
- d. Update on pending litigation Smith v. URI, RI Supreme Court number 20154812, pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(2).
- e. Discussion regarding President Sanchez’s contract renewal, pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(1).



Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Jeffrey Williams and seconded by Thomas Izzo, it was

<b>VOTED:</b>	<b>THAT</b>	The Council on Postsecondary Education enters into Executive Session.
	<b>VOTE:</b>	6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	<b>YEAS:</b>	Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.
	<b>NAYS:</b>	0
	<b>ABSTAINS</b>	0

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 8:07pm.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session.

On a motion duly made by Dennis Duffy and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was

<b>VOTED:</b>	<b>THAT</b>	The Council on Postsecondary Education seals the minutes of the Executive Session held on January 23, 2019.
	<b>VOTE:</b>	6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	<b>YEAS:</b>	Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.
	<b>NAYS:</b>	0
	<b>ABSTAINS</b>	0

## **9. Additional Action Items.**

### **9a(i.) Ratification of collective bargaining agreement with URI/AAUP, PTFU - wage re-opener only.**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Dennis Duffy and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves and ratified the URI/AAUP, PTFU wage opener only as presented.

**VOTE:** 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS:** 0

**9a(ii.) Ratification of collective bargaining agreement with Driver’s Education Association/NEARI.**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Rachelle Green and seconded by Thomas Izzo, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves and ratified the collective bargaining agreement with the Drivers Education Association NEA RI as presented.

**VOTE:** 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS:** 0

**9a(iii.) Ratification of collective bargaining agreement with the URI Physician’s Association/NEARI.**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Rachelle Green and seconded by Thomas Izzo, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves and ratified the collective bargaining agreement with the URI Physician’s Association/NEARI, as presented.

VOTE: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

**9a(iv.) Ratification of collective bargaining agreement with the PTAA Local 2877.**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Rachelle Green and seconded by Thomas Izzo, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves and ratified the collective bargaining agreement with the local PTAA 2877 as presented.

VOTE: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

**9a(v.) Ratification of collective bargaining agreement with the URI/PSA/NEARI.**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Jeffrey Williams and seconded by Thomas Izzo, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves and ratified the collective bargaining agreement with the URI/PSA/NEARI, as presented.

VOTE: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

**9b) Authorization of the Chair regarding the negotiation/renewal of President Sanchez's employment contract.**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Rachelle Green and seconded by Thomas Izzo, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves that the Council authorizes Chair DelGiudice to proceed regarding the negotiations of renewal of President Sanchez's employment contract as discussed in executive session.

VOTE: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

**7g) Approval of the awarding of honorary degrees at the University of Rhode Island, as presented.**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

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

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the awarding of honorary degrees at URI

VOTE: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

**10. Upcoming Meeting**

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. Adjournment**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Council on January 23, 2019.

On a motion duly made by Jeffrey Williams and seconded by Thomas Izzo, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education adjourns the meeting of January 23, 2019.

**VOTE:** 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS:** 0

**The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.**