Chair Timothy DelGiudice called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. and acknowledged that a quorum was present for this meeting.

**Present:** Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam (arrived at 6:00pm), Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Barbara Mullen and Jeffery Williams.

**Absent:** Rachelle Green, Marianne Monte and Michael Mello.

1. **Acceptance of the Agenda**

Chair DelGiudice asked if there were any objections to the agenda and no objections were raised.

2. **Open Forum**

No one signed up for the open forum.

3. **Discussion Items**

3a) **Discussion of the University of Rhode Island’s proposed FY21 Budget.**

President Dooley provided an overview of where the University is positioned presently, along with the upcoming budget requests. He explained that the University budgeting is done around four goals; becoming more efficient, enhancing fundraising capabilities, enhancing admissions and degree completion initiatives.

President Dooley provided an overview of the reallocation of funds and faculty lines from existing programs. He described areas throughout the University that have had recent hires due to reallocations of funds for new programs. He explained the budget vetting process and funding coming from within the individual divisions at the university. The University has indicated that it has a desire to increase fulltime professor and additional graduate level assistantships positions over the coming years.

President Dooley explained the University’s requests for an increase for Housing and Residential Life, which is the single biggest operation at the University. The anticipation is that URI will be the least expensive research institution in New England.
President Dooley explained that the 2.6% increase in undergraduate tuition resulting in $752 more for in-state students and a $1206 increase for out-of-state students, will be contingent upon the State’s ability to meet URI’s $5.8 million budget request. He explained that if the State’s appropriation is more than $5.8 million, URI would be able to decrease tuition.

The President then shared the recent URI advertisement campaign with the Council. He thanked the Council for their support.

4. Upcoming Meeting

a. The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for September 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., at Rhode Island College-Gaige Hall 200.

5. Adjournment

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

VOTED: THAT The Committee adjourns the meeting of September 4, 2019.

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

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Barbara Mullen and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.