



**Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
560 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02886**

**PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR RAIMONDO'S EXECUTIVE ORDER
20-05, THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD REMOTELY.**

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AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes

- A. Minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting and retreat. ([Enclosure 2A](#))
- B. Minutes of the February 5, 2020 special meeting. ([Enclosure 2B](#))

3. Reports from the Chairs

- A. Council on Postsecondary Education – Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education- COVID-19 preparation and impact at the Office and the Institutions
- B. Board of Education – Updates and issues affecting local and national PK-20 education- COVID-19 preparation and impact K-12.

4. Report from the Commissioner

- A. Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council:

- I. From Community College of Rhode Island ([Enclosure 4.B.I.](#))
 - a. Notice of Change: Network Support Technician Certificate
 - b. Notice of Change: Computer Support Technician Certificate
 - c. Notice of Change: Computer Support Specialist Concentration Associate of Science degree
 - d. Notice of Change: Entrepreneurship Certificate Revision
 - e. Notice of Change: Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Certificate
- II. From Rhode Island College ([Enclosure 4.B.II](#))
 - a. Establishment of Queer Studies Minor
 - b. Establishment of Data Sciences Minor
 - c. Establishment of Adult Gerontology Acute Care Clinical Nurse Specialist Certificate of Graduate Study (C.G.S.)
 - d. Establishment of Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate of Graduate Study (C.G.S.)
 - e. Reorganization of existing Computer Sciences program and Computer Information Systems program into a new Computer Science and Information Systems (CSIS) Department.

5. Action Items

- A. Approval of recommendation from the System Personnel Review Committee (SPRC).
 - I. Establishment of new classification, Assistant Chief Information Officer, at Rhode Island College. ([Enclosure 5A](#))
- B. Approval of Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Program at the Community College of Rhode Island. ([Enclosure 5B](#))
- C. Authorization to submit an application to the Rhode Island Health and Education Building Corporation (RIHEBC) for bond issuances to refund previous bond series issuances for savings and to reflect the change in the governance for the state's public colleges and university. ([Enclosure 5C](#))
- D. Approval of Proposed Amendments to FY2021 Residence Room Rates and Dining Plans at Rhode Island College. ([Enclosure 5D](#))

6. Executive Session

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

- A. Discussion regarding potential litigation pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a) (2).
- B. Discussion regarding the investment of public funds pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5 (a) (7).
- C. Discussion regarding collective bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a) (2) - with the following: RIC/AFT Adjunct Faculty Union, Local 1563, AFT.

7. Additional Action Items

- A. Approval of allocation options for TIAA-CREF Revenue Credit Account for 2016-2018, and 2019 and going forward.
- B. Approval of the Restatement of the Council's Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (the 403(b) Plan). (SENT UNDER SEPARATE COVER)
- C. Approval of the tentative agreement dated February 13, 2020 between RIC/AFT Adjunct Faculty Union, Local 1563 AFT and Rhode Island College and the Council on Postsecondary Education.

8. Upcoming Meeting

- A. The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for **April 22, 2020 (NOTE DATE CHANGE)** at 5:30 p.m. at Rhode Island College Gaige Hall, Room 200, 600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence.

B. Adjourn