Chair Michael Mello called this meeting to order at 4:35 PM and acknowledged that a quorum was present.

Committee members present:
  Michael Mello, Chair
  Lawrence Purtill

Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner (RIOPC) staff present:
  Deanna Velletri, Specialist
  Dr. Tammy Warner, Assistant Commissioner

Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) participants:
  Gregory LaPointe, Associate VP Impact & Institutional Effectiveness

Rhode Island College (RIC) participant:
  Helen Tate, Provost
  Jeannine Dingus-Eason, Dean Feinstein School of Education & Human Dev

1.  Acceptance of the Agenda

Chair Mello called for a motion that the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee accept the agenda for the meeting of September 7, 2022.

On a motion duly made by Larry Purtill and seconded by Mike Mello, it was:

VOTED:  THAT The Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee accept the agenda for the meeting of September 7, 2022.

VOTE:  2 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS:  Michael Mello and Larry Purtill
2. **Approval of Minutes**

   **a. July 27, 2022 Meeting**

   On a motion duly made by Larry Purtill and seconded by Mike Mello, it was:

   VOTED: THAT The Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee accept the minutes for the meeting of July 27, 2022.

   VOTE: 2 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

   YEAS: Michael Mello and Larry Purtill

   NAYS: 0

   ABSTAINS: 0

3. **Report from the Chair of the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee**

   Chair Mello gave a brief overview of the agenda and welcomed committee members and guests. He introduced Larry Purtill as new member of the committee and briefly described his prior experience in education, on the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education and on the Board of Education. He referenced a recent email from Commissioner Gilkey reaffirming the charge of the committee and the shift in membership under the new chair of the CPE.

   He introduced Assistant Commissioner Tammy Vargas Warner to lead the discussion items presented on the agenda.

4. **Discussion Items**

   **a. Review of committee charge and priorities**

   Tammy Warner reiterated the Council’s commitment to the sub-committee structure and the charge and scope of work assigned to the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee, as referenced in a recent memo from Commissioner Gilkey. Future meeting schedules will be set in a manner to move things through to CPE swiftly and efficiently.
b. Priorities for AY23

Tammy Warner said that input from the institutions regarding high-need priorities and topics will be brought forward for AASSC review prior to Council approval. Revisions to the Council’s policies and regulations will be an ongoing focus prioritized with input from the institutions and the expertise of new member, Larry Purtill. Chair Mello tasked Assistant Commissioner Warner with working with RIC and CCRI representatives to prioritize Council policies for review during the current year.

c. Postsecondary Attainment Report

Tammy Warner gave a glimpse of the Postsecondary Attainment Report that will be unveiled at the Council retreat later in the month. She said the report focuses on where we are now with regards to a number of key indicators related to attainment drawn from local and national data sets. She also mentioned that there will be a second report that will lay out a road map to where we want to be and how we can get there.

Jeannine Dingus-Eason proposed eliminating test-based admissions to the teacher education programs at Rhode Island College as one solution to the teacher shortage. She said the current policy set by RIDE eliminates about 150 potential students out of the pool every year. She said GPA scores are better indicators of success. Chair Mello agreed that spearheading change related to this issue is a worthy cause for the AASSC to undertake. Chair Mello tasked Tammy Warner with working with Provost Tate and Dean Dingus-Eason to develop a recommended action that would remove barriers to entrance and completion for students at RIC’s teacher education programs and bring those recommendations back to the AASSC.

5. Next Meetings

a. Wednesday, October 5

b. Wednesday, November 16

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

On a motion duly made by Larry Purtill by and seconded Michael Mello, it was:

VOTED: THAT The Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee adjourn the meeting of September 7, 2022.

VOTE: 2 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Michael Mello and Larry Purtill
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NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0