



**Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 25, 2016, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Rhode Island College**  
**Student Union Ballroom**  
**600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue**  
**Providence, RI**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Acceptance of the Agenda**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes**
  - a) Minutes of the April 27, 2016 meeting. Enclosure 2a
  - b) Minutes of the Special Meeting May 2, 2016 Enclosure 2b
  - c) Minutes of the Special Meeting May 11, 2016. Enclosure 2c
- 3. Reports from the Chairs and Committees**
  - 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) Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.
  - b) Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council:

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| 1) | Proposal for the addition of a minor in Environmental Engineering at the University of Rhode Island.  | Enclosure 5b1 |
| 2) | Formation of the Feinstein College of Education and Professional Studies (CEPS) at URI; granting CEPS the authority to certify and grant the following degrees: Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies; Bachelor of Arts with Majors in Elementary and Secondary Education; and Bachelor of Science with majors in Elementary and Secondary Education. | Enclosure 5b2 |
| 3) | Proposal for the Creation of a Master of Science in Operations Management at Rhode Island College.  | Enclosure 5b3 |
| 4) | Proposal for the Creation of a Master of Science in Health Care Administration at Rhode Island College.   | Enclosure 5b4 |
| c) | Westerly Higher Learning and Industry Center.   | Enclosure 5c  |

**6. Reports from the Presidents.**

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| a) | University of Rhode Island – Report of the URI Presidents on diversity, pursuant to RIGL§16-32-2.1.            |
| b) | Rhode Island College – Report of the RIC President on diversity, pursuant to RIGL§16-33-2.1.                   |
| c) | Community College of Rhode Island – Report of the CCRI President on diversity, pursuant to RIGL§ §16-33.1-2.1. |

**7. Discussion Item:**

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| a) | Budget timeline and process. |
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**8. Action Items:**

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| a) | Approval and Award of Tenure at Rhode Island College.  | Enclosure 8a |
| b) | Approval and Award of Tenure at the University of Rhode Island.  | Enclosure 8b |
| c) | Approval of a new position for the Associate Director, University Events position at the University of Rhode Island. | Enclosure 8c |

- d) Approval of a new position for the Executive Director, NERA at the University of Rhode Island. Enclosure 8d
- e) Approval for the staff positions for the Westerly Higher Education and Industry Center. Enclosure 8e
  - 1) Executive Director at the Westerly Higher Education & Industry Center.
  - 2) Marketing Director at the Westerly Higher Education & Industry Center.
  - 3) Operations Coordinator at the Westerly Higher Education & Industry Center.

**9. Executive Session**

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

- a) Personnel matter at URI, pursuant to RIGL§42-46-5(a)(1).
- b) Update and discussion of the Tentative Agreement with the Graduate Assistants United, pursuant to RIGL§42-46-5(a)(2).
- c) Update and discussion of negotiations with the PTFU (Part-time Faculty Union) pursuant to RIGL§42-46-5(a)(2).
- d) Update and discussion on the Tentative Agreement with the CCRI Part-time Faculty Association, pursuant to RIGL§42-46-5(a)(2).

**10. Additional Action Items**

- a) Ratification of Tentative Agreement with CCRI Part-time Faculty Association.
- b) Ratification of the Tentative Agreement with the Graduate Assistants United
- c) Approval of the application of Council Policy regarding the appointment of the College of Nursing Routhier Chair at the University of Rhode Island.

## **11. Upcoming Meetings.**

- a) The next meeting of the Personnel and Finance/Facilities Committees for the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner at 560 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886.
- b) The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., at the University of Rhode Island, at the Graduate School of Oceanography (GSO), 215 S Ferry Rd, Narragansett, RI 02882.
- c) The next meeting of the Personnel and Finance/Facilities Committees for the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, at 5:30 p.m. at the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner at 560 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886.

## **12. Adjourn.**