



**Council on Postsecondary Education  
Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 5:30 p.m.  
University of Rhode Island  
Ryan Center  
Kingston, Rhode Island 02881**

**AGENDA**

**1. Acceptance of the Agenda**

**2. Open Forum**

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

- a) Minutes of the April 14, 2016 meeting.

Enclosure 3a

**4. Reports from the Chairs and Committees**

- a) Board of Education – Updates and issues affecting local and national PK-20 education.
- b) Council on Postsecondary Education – Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.

**5. Report from the Commissioner**

- a) Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.
1. Westerly Report
  2. Nursing Education Center

b) Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council.

1. Proposal for the addition of a Minor in Global Water Resources at the University of Rhode Island. Enclosure 5b1

2. Proposal for the College of Health Sciences to certify and grant the Bachelor of Science for majors in Communicative Disorders, Health Studies, Human Development and Family Studies, Kinesiology, Nutrition and Dietetics, and Psychology and the Bachelor of Arts degree for Psychology majors at the University of Rhode Island. Enclosure 5b2

**6. There will be no reports from the Presidents this evening.**

**7. Discussion Items:**

a) Funding Formula Guest Speaker Dennis Jones. Enclosure 7a

**8. Action Items:**

a) Approval of Commissioner's recommendations to the Council regarding the *Petition in the Nature of a Complaint to the Council on Postsecondary Education* filed by three named students against Rhode Island College. Enclosure 8a

b) Approval of Degrees Awarded by the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island. Enclosure 8b

c) Approval and Award of Tenure at CCRI. Enclosure 8c

d) Approval of Tenure at the Rank of Professor with Initial Appointment as Dean in the College of Nursing at the University of Rhode Island. Enclosure 8d

e) Approval authorization for three Easements related to the Environmental Land Use Restriction imposed upon Parcels at the University of Rhode Island associated with the West Kingstown Superfund Site. Enclosure 8e

- f) Approval of application for separate federal identification number for the Division of Higher Education Authority.

Enclosure 8f

**9. Executive Session**

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

- a) Discussion regarding a Rhode Island College personnel matter pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(1).
- b) Update on collective bargaining pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(2):
  - 1. CCRI Part-time Faculty Association
  - 2. Graduate Assistants United
  - 3. Discussion of salary increases for non-union non-classified employees.
- c) Update regarding pending litigation – CCRI, et al. v. CCRI ESPA (CA No. PM 2015-5315), pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).

**10. Additional Action Items.**

- a) Appointment of an Interim President for Rhode Island College.
- b) Approval of salary increases for non-union non-classified employees at the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, the Community College of Rhode Island and the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner effective July 1, 2016.

**11. Upcoming Meetings.**

- a) The next meeting of the Personnel and Finance/Facilities Committees for the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner at 560 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886.
- b) The next full board meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 5:30 p.m., at Rhode Island College, Providence, RI.

- c) The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., Rhode Island College, Student Union Ballroom, 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI.

**12. Adjourn.**