



Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting

**Wednesday, April 1, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
University of Rhode Island
The Ryan Center, Alumni Lounge**

AGENDA

- 1. Acceptance of the Agenda**
- 2. Open Forum**
- 3. Approval of the Minutes**
 - a) Minutes of the February 4, 2015 meeting. Enclosure 3a
 - b) Minutes of the February 18, 2015 work session. Enclosure 3b
- 4. Reports from the Chairs**
 - 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. Reports from the Committees**
 - a) Personnel Committee – Update from last report.
 - b) Facilities Committee – Update from last report.
- 6. Commissioner’s Report**
 - a) Notices of new programs and or changes that were submitted by the University of Rhode Island. Enclosure 6a

New Programs:

1. Master of Science in Dietetics
2. Minor in Engineering Entrepreneurship
3. Master of Science in Finance
4. Graduate Certificate in Community Planning

Program Change:

1. Replacement of the Master's Core with the Doctoral Core Courses in the post-baccalaureate entry to the Doctor of Nursing Practice program.

b) Rhode Island Legislative Bills related to Higher Education

1. RIHEAA/OPC Merger
2. FY 2016 Appropriation
 - Dual Enrollment
 - RIHEAA/OPC funding and staffing
 - Last-dollar scholarship
3. Complete College Rhode Island (bill)
4. Performance and formula funding

7. Reports from the Presidents

- a) University of Rhode Island – update from last report and current events at the University.
- b) Rhode Island College – update from last report and current events at the College.
- c) Community College of Rhode Island – update from last report and current events at the Community College.

8. Discussion Items

- a) Notice and review of recommended amendments to the Council on Postsecondary Education Policies to reflect statutory changes related Veterans Affairs:

- 1) Policy on Academic Credit for Military Service and Training.

Enclosure 8a1.

- 2) Policy on Priority Registration for Combat Veterans. Enclosure 8a2.
- 3) Revision of Residency Policy. Enclosure 8a3.
- b) Affirmation of the Mission, Role, and Scope of the Public Colleges and University. Enclosure 8b.
- c) Review of the Rhode Island College's Strategic Plan, Vision 2020. Enclosure 8c.

9. Action Items

Facilities:

- a) Approval of a lease agreement among the Rhode Island Council on Postsecondary Education the Community College of Rhode Island, and the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety for the use by the Municipal Police Training Academy of certain space and facilities at the Community College of Rhode Island's Lincoln (Flanagan) Campus. Enclosure 9a.
- b) Approval of a memorandum of understanding associated with the lease agreement between the Council on Postsecondary Education and Commonwealth Ventures south Street Landing Master Tenant, LLC in support of the development and lease of space for the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center. Enclosure 9b.
- c) Approval of National Grid Master Meter replacement Project - Phase I on the Kingston Campus. Enclosure 9c.
- d) Authorization for the University of Rhode Island to enter into a hosting agreement with Earth Networks, Inc. for a real-time weather monitoring station. Enclosure 9d.
- e) Approval of the Public Corporation Debt Management Act Authorization for a Revenue Bond financing the URI Fraternity Circle Improvements Project - Phase I Enclosure 9e.

Other Business:

- f) Approval to Rescind the Honorary Doctoral Degree awarded to former Speaker of the House, Gordon Fox. Enclosure 9f.
- g) Approval of the awarding of honorary degrees by URI and RIC. Under separate cover
- h) Approval of recommended amendments to the System's Sexual Harassment Policies. Enclosure 9h.

10. Executive Session

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

Update on Collective Bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2) - Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement for RIC Adjunct Faculty.

Discussion and authorization concerning the PTFU (Part-time Faculty Association/AAUP) negotiations pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2).

Update, discussion, and authorization on the negotiations with the higher education union coalition pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2).

Discussion of Contract Renewal for Thorr D. Bjorn, Director of Athletics, University of Rhode Island, pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1).

11. Additional New Business.

- a) Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement for RIC Adjunct Faculty Under separate cover.
- b) Approval of Contract for Thorr D. Bjorn, Director of Athletics at the University of Rhode Island. Under separate cover.

12. Upcoming Meetings.

- a) The next Work Session of the Council on Postsecondary Education is April 15, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at RIDE.

- b) The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at RIC.

13. Adjourn.