



**Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting
REVISED**

**Thursday, July 16, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
Community College of Rhode Island
Room 4090
400 East Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886**

AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Open Forum

3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting.

Enclosure 3.

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. Report from the Commissioner

- a) Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council.
 - 1) Notice from the University of Rhode Island: Offering the Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems in the College of the Environment and Life Sciences.
 - 2) Notice from the University of Rhode Island: formation of the Academic Health Collaborative

Enclosure 5a1.

Enclosure 5a2.

with three colleges: Health Sciences, Nursing, and Pharmacy; Creation of a College of Health Sciences including the transferring in of the following departments/program: Communicative Disorders, Human Development and Family Studies, Kinesiology, Nutrition and Food Science, Physical Therapy, Psychology, and Health Studies program; Creation of an Institute for Integrated Health and Innovation; Creation of an Office of Shared Services; and closure of the College of Human Science and Services.

- 3) University of Rhode Island Proposal for the Creation of an Undergraduate Minor in American Studies along with a new Course and AME Program Code Enclosure 5a3.
- 4) Notice from the University of Rhode Island: Creation of the General Track for the B.S. in Cell and Molecular Biology and creation of the CMB Course Code Enclosure 5a4.
- 5) Notice from the University of Rhode Island: Changes to BS in Mathematics Applied Mathematics Option and Minor in Mathematics Enclosure 5a5.
- 6) Notice from the University of Rhode Island: Creation of the Interdisciplinary Minor in Restoration Science and Management. Enclosure 5a6.

- b) Rhode Island Legislative Bills related to Higher Education.

6. 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.

7. Discussion Items:

- a) 2015-2016 meeting schedule Enclosure 7a.
- b) Overview of the newly created Division of Higher Education Assistance within the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner.

8. Action Items:

- a) Approval of recommendations from the System Personnel Review Committee (SPRC) Enclosure 8a.

9. Executive Session

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

- a) Discussion regarding the Annual Report on Litigation (all cases pending in Rhode Island Supreme, Superior, and District Court, the United States District Court Southern District of Indiana¹, the RI Commission for Human Rights), and potential litigation, pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5 (a)(2).
- b) Discussion and authorization concerning the PTFU (Part-time Faculty Association/AAUP) negotiations pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2).

¹ Rhode Island Council 94 v. Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education, et al., (C.A. No. 11-6147); Cugini vs. University of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. 08-0722); Ciancola, et al. vs. University of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. 12-4045); Sequin v. University of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. 13-0556); Sackos v. National Collegiate Athletic Association, et al., (C.A. No. 1:14-CV-1710 WTL-MJD); Felkner v. Rhode Island College, et al., (C.A. No. 07-6702); Day v. Rhode Island College, et al., (C.A. No. 14-0583); Losada v. Rhode Island College, et al., (C.A. No. 13-5897); Canavan v. Rhode Island College, et al. (C.A. No. 13-6556); Neill v. Rhode Island Board of Governors, et al., (C.A. No. 13-1069); Rhode Island College v. Lussier, et al., (C.A. No. 14-5255); Parrillo v. Community College of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. 14-2461); Givan v. RI Board of Education, et al., (C.A. No. 15-0038); Shahwali v. RI Board of Education, (C.A. No. 13-6403); and Betances v. Community College of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. 13-6061).

- c) Update, discussion, and authorization on the negotiations with the higher education union coalition pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2).
- d) Update on Collective Bargaining pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5 (a)(2) - Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreements with the following:
 - PSA at RIC
 - CCRIPSA

10. Additional New Business.

Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Professional Staff Association (PSA) at RIC.

Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Community College of Rhode Island Professional Services Association (CCRIPSA).

11. Upcoming Meetings.

- a) The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is on Thursday, August 13, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at RIC.
- b) The next meeting of the Committees of the Council on Postsecondary Education is on Thursday, August 20, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at RIDE.
- c) The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., location TBD.

12. Adjourn.