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.  

Enclosure 5a1.  

2) Notice from the University of Rhode Island:  
Formation of the Academic Health Collaborative  

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

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

5) Notice from the University of Rhode Island: Changes to BS in Mathematics Applied Mathematics Option and Minor in Mathematics

6) Notice from the University of Rhode Island: Creation of the Interdisciplinary Minor in Restoration Science and Management.

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

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).

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 Indiana\(^1\), 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).

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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
   - CCRIPSма

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 (CCRIPSма).

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.