



Enclosure 3a
January 7, 2015

**Minutes of the Council on
Postsecondary Education
MEETING**

**Wednesday, November 19, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Rhode Island College
Student Union Ballroom
Providence, RI
AGENDA**

The Council on Postsecondary Education met on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom at Rhode Island College. At 5:34 p.m. Chair Bernstein welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Roll was called and all members were present. Chair Bernstein then had President Carriuolo introduce new Council member John Rainone, the student representative to the Council who is a student at Rhode Island College.

Present: Chair Michael Bernstein, Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Judy Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John Rainone, John J. Smith Jr., Jeffery Williams

Absent: None

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Chair Bernstein then asked for an acceptance of the agenda and Commissioner Purcell asked for a motion to remove item 6e from the agenda. Eva-Marie Mancuso made the motion and Thomas Izzo seconded it. The vote to amend the agenda was unanimous. Chair Bernstein then asked for a motion to accept the amended agenda. On a motion made by John Smith and seconded by Judy Ouellette, it was

VOTED: That The Council on Postsecondary Education accepts the revised agenda for the meeting of November 19, 2014

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Dr. Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Senator Thomas Izzo, Eva Marie Mancuso, Judy Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

2. OPEN FORUM

Shawn Parker, President of the CCRI Faculty Association, spoke during the Open forum and expressed concern with particular aspects of the OPC Strategic Plan, particularly the Complete College Rhode Island Plan.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Bernstein then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2014 Work Session.

a) Minutes of the October 1, 2014 Work Session

On a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo and seconded by Kerry Rafanelli, it was

VOTED: **THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education
approve the minutes of the October 1, 2014 Work
Session.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0
members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Dr. Antonio Barajas, Dennis
Duffy, Senator Thomas Izzo, Eva Marie Mancuso,
Judy Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr.,
and Dr. Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

Chair Bernstein then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2014 Meeting.

b) Minutes of the October 8, 2014 Council Meeting

On a motion duly made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Dr. Barajas, it was

VOTED: **THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education
approve the minutes of the October 8, 2014
Meeting.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0
members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Dr. Antonio Barajas, Dennis
Duffy, Senator Thomas Izzo, Eva Marie Mancuso,
Judy Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr.,
and Dr. Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

c) Minutes of the November 5, 2014 Work Session

Then Chair Mancuso asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2014 Work Session.

On a motion duly made by Ms. Ouellette and seconded by Mr. Rafanelli, it was

VOTED: **THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the minutes of the November 5, 2014 Work Session.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Dr. Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Senator Thomas Izzo, Eva Marie Mancuso, Judy Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

3. CHAIRS' REPORT

Chair Bernstein gave his Chair Report. In it, he expressed his appreciation for the hard work put in by the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner and the campuses in putting together the budget for the coming years.

Board of Education Chair Mancuso then gave her report explaining the budget process and detailing that the next step will be a vote at the full Board of Education Meeting on December 1, 2014.

4. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Purcell gave his report informing the Council of two new programs at URI, a Masters in Library and Information Science and the Environmental Planning and Design Track in the M.E.S.M. degree program.

a) M.L.I.S. Library and Information Science, URI

b) Environmental Planning and Design Track in the M.E.S.M. degree

c) Renewal of Conditional Approval of Mater Ecclesiae until December 30, 2016

The Commissioner also informed the Council of the renewal of conditional approval of Mater Ecclesiae until December 30, 2016.

5. PRESIDENTS' REPORT

President Carriuolo of Rhode Island College gave her report and stated that Commissioner Purcell had met with the Rhode Island College Council. He did a presentation on Complete College Rhode Island that she said was very helpful. President Carriuolo then pointed out that both Hillary Clinton and President Obama had visited RIC in the last few weeks. She also mentioned that Rhode Island College was purchasing 8 acres of land near the residence halls.

President Dooley of the University of Rhode Island then spoke about how URI was implementing plans to build the new Engineering building now that the voters had approved Bond 4. He also announced a URI record 24 million dollar grant that was just awarded to the Coastal Resource Center for a project on sustainable fisheries in Ghana.

President DiPasquale of the Community College of Rhode Island reported on the 50th Anniversary of CCRI and announced a series of performances in celebration of those 50 years. He also pointed out that the previous week they had celebrated CCRI Day at the State House.

6. ACTION ITEMS

Chair Bernstein then moved on to the action items. He asked for a motion to approve item 6a.

a) Approval of the awarding of tenure at the University of Rhode Island.

On a motion by Jeffery Williams and seconded by Antonio Barajas, it was

VOTED: **THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the awarding of tenures at URI.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Dr. Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Senator Thomas Izzo, Eva Marie Mancuso, Judy Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

b) Discussion and recommendation for acceptance of the audited financial statements for URI, RIC, and CCRI for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

In a motion made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Kerry Rafanelli, it was

VOTED: **THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education accept the audited financial statements of the three institutions for the fiscal year ended 6/30/2014.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Dr. Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Senator Thomas Izzo, Eva Marie Mancuso, Judy Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

Chair Bernstein then asked for a motion to approve item 6c.

- c) Recommendation for approval of a Request for Exemption from the University of Rhode Island's Conflict of Interest Management Committee (CIMC) regarding Yana Reshetnyak, PhD., and Oleg Andreev, PhD. in accordance with the terms of the Rhode Island Public Private Partnership Act.**

On a motion duly made by Antonio Barajas and seconded by Judy Ouellette, it was

VOTED: **THAT** the Council on Postsecondary Education approves this exemption regarding Yana Reshetnyak, Ph.D., and Oleg Andreev, Ph.D., in accordance with the terms of the Rhode Island Public Private Partnership Act. Upon approval by the Council, this request will be forwarded to the Rhode Island Ethics Commission for examination and approval per R.I. G.L. 16-59-26(h).

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Dr. Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Senator Thomas Izzo, Eva Marie Mancuso, Judy Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

- d) Recommendation for approval of a Request for Exemption from the University of Rhode Island's Conflict of Interest Management Committee (CIMC) regarding Mohammad Faghri, PhD. in accordance with the terms of the Rhode Island Public Private Partnership Act.**

Chair Bernstein asked for a motion on item 6d.

On a motion duly made by Judy Ouellette and seconded by John Smith, it was

VOTED: **THAT** the Council on Postsecondary Education approves this exemption regarding Mohammed Faghri, Ph.D., in accordance with the terms of the Rhode Island Public Private Partnership Act. Upon approval by the Council, this request will be forwarded to the Rhode Island Ethics Commission for examination and approval per R.I. G.L. 16-59-26(h).

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Dr. Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Senator Thomas Izzo, Eva Marie Mancuso, Judy Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

- e) Review and Approval of a Real Estate License Agreement between the Council on Postsecondary Education and Atlantic Produce, Inc.**

Removed from this agenda with a request for action at a future date.

- f) Adoption of Revised Resolution Regarding URI's Facility Clearance and Temporary Exclusion to Classified Information.**

On a motion duly made by John Smith and Seconded by Jeffery Williams, it was

VOTED: **THAT** the Council on Postsecondary Education approves the resolution for the delegation of authority over user agency contracts and the resolution for temporary exclusion for access to classified information for Michael Bernstein.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Dr. Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Senator Thomas Izzo, Eva Marie Mancuso, Judy Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

g) Approval of the OPC Strategic Plan and Complete College Rhode Island.

Commissioner Purcell then discussed the OPC Strategic Plan and Complete College Rhode Island. The Complete College Rhode Island plan would accelerate the time students spent attaining their degrees and give them guided pathways to success. Chair Bernstein then asked for a motion on item 6g.

In a motion duly made by Judy Ouellette and seconded by John Smith, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the OPC Strategic Plan and Complete College RI.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Dr. Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Senator Thomas Izzo, Eva Marie Mancuso, Judy Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

h) Approval of the Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Requests, Tuition and Fee Rates, and Table of Organization for FY 2016 and 2017, and the Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Allocations for FY 2015.

Commissioner Purcell then went onto the budget discussion. He stated that the colleges are currently funded at below 1963 levels. In the requested budget, URI asks for a 9% in the state appropriation for 2015-2016. They also ask for an increase in both in state and out of state tuition of 2.8%.

RIC asks for an increase in the state appropriation of 8%. RIC asks for an increase for in state tuition of 7.8% and 8.5% for out of state tuition.

CCRI asks for an increase in their state appropriation of 5.7%. CCRI has requested for an increase of in state tuition of 8% and out of state of 8.6%.

In a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo and seconded by Judy Ouellette it was:

VOTED: **THAT** the Council on Postsecondary Education approves the Public Higher Education System's budget request for the 2016 fiscal year as presented sending it to the full Board of Education for final approval, and **further**

the Council on Postsecondary Education approves the Public Higher Education System's tuition, mandatory fees, and auxiliary enterprise fees for the 2016 fiscal year as presented sending it to the full Board of Education for final approval, but reserving the right to readjust tuition and fees as needed upon notification of the Governor's recommendation and, later, upon the action of the legislature and **further**

the Council on Postsecondary Education approves the Public Higher Education System's Tables of Organization for the 2016 fiscal year as presented sending it to the full Board of Education for final approval, and **further**

the Council on Postsecondary Education approves the Public Higher Education System's budget allocation for the FY 2015 fiscal year as presented sending it to the full Board of Education for final approval.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Dr. Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Senator Thomas Izzo, Eva Marie Mancuso, Judy Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

6i) Dual enrollment policy.

Commissioner Purcell discussed the dual enrollment policy revisions which are

currently underway with both the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner and the Department of Education as it will be considered at the full Board meeting in December.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:57 p.m. Chair Bernstein entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session for:

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

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

On a motion duly made by Chair Mancuso and seconded by John Smith, it was

VOTED: **THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education convenes in executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a) (2) for the reasons set forth above.

A roll call vote was taken on this motion as follows:

Antonio Barajas:	Yes
Dennis Duffy:	Yes
Thomas Izzo:	Yes
Eva-Marie Mancuso:	Yes
Judy Ouellette:	Yes
Kerry Rafanelli:	Yes
John Smith Jr.:	Yes
Dr. Jeffery Williams:	Yes
Michael Bernstein:	Yes

Council member Judy Ouellette recused herself for the updates on collective bargaining.

All non-Council members in the audience were excused with the exception of:

- James Purcell, Commissioner of Postsecondary Education,
- Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations for the Council;
- Ron Cavallaro, General Counsel;
- Susan LaPanne, Associate Commissioner, Finance & Management
- David Dooley, President, URI;
- Nancy Carriuolo, President, Rhode Island College; and
- Ray DiPasquale, President, CCRI.

The Council reconvened in open session at 7:31 pm.

On a motion made by John Smith and seconded by Antonio Barajas, it was

VOTED: **THAT** the Council on Postsecondary Education seals the minutes of the executive session held on November 19, 2014

Vote 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Eva-Marie Mancuso, John Smith Jr., Dr. Jeffery Williams, and Kerry Rafanelli

NAYS: 0

8. NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Board of Education is Monday, December 1, 2014, 5:30 p.m. at CCRI in Warwick, Room 4090.

The next work session of the Council on Postsecondary Education is Wednesday, December 17, 2014, 5:30 p.m. at RIDE.

The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is Wednesday, January 7, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at the URI Bay Campus.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made by Antonio Barajas and seconded by Judy Ouellette, it was:

VOTED: **THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education adjourns its meeting.

Vote 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Judy Ouellette, John Smith Jr., Dr. Jeffery Williams, Kerry Rafanelli

NAYS: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.