



## **Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 5:30 p.m.**

**Rhode Island College**

**Faculty Center Main Dining Room**

**Donovan Dining Center**

**600 Mount Pleasant Avenue**

**Providence, RI 02908**

### **AGENDA**

**1. Acceptance of the Agenda**

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

- a) Minutes of the February 1, 2017 meeting.

[Enclosure 2a](#)

**3. Reports from the Chairs**

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

**4. Open Forum**

**5. Report from the Commissioner**

- a) Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.
- 1) State Report Card: Young Invincibles
- 2) Nursing Education Center Status Update

3) Westerly Education Center Update

**6. Reports from the Presidents**

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

**7. Discussion Items:**

- a) Overview of the Governor’s proposed expansion of the Rhode Island’s Promise Scholarship program and discussion of OPC policy development support. [Enclosure 7a](#)

**8. Action Items:**

- a) Approval of a proposal from the International Yacht Restoration School to change their proprietary school’s name and mission statement; and subject to these changes, to offer a certificate program in Digital Modeling and Fabrication. [Enclosure 8a](#)
- b) Approval of recommendations from the System Personnel Review Committee (SPRC).
  - 1) Approval of Title Change from Vice President of Student Affairs to Vice President of Student Success at Rhode Island College. [Enclosure 8b1](#)
  - 2) Approval of Upgrade for Director of Security and Safety/Chief of Campus Police at Rhode Island College. [Enclosure 8b2](#)
  - 3) Approval of Reclassification from Director of Facilities, Maintenance & Engineering to Director of Physical Plant at the Community College of Rhode Island. [Enclosure 8b3](#)

- 4) Approval of New Classification for Associate Director of GSO/COE Ocean Exploration Program at the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure 8b4](#)
  
- c) Approval of the annual reauthorization of the RI-SARA institutions:
  - 1. University of Rhode Island [Enclosure 8c1](#)
  - 2. New England Institute of Technology [Enclosure 8c2](#)
  
- d) Approval of the awarding of Honorary Degrees by URI. Under separate cover
  
- e) Approval of RIC FY 18 Retirement Incentive Program. [Enclosure 8e](#)

## 9. Upcoming Meetings.

- a) The next meeting of the Finance/Facilities Committee for the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m. at the University of Rhode Island, Green Hall, 35 Campus Avenue, Kingston, RI 02881. The tour begins at 3:00 p.m.
  
- b) The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be held on Wednesday, April 26, at 5:30 p.m. at the CCRI, Room 4090, Warwick, RI 02886.
  
- c) The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 30, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., at CCRI, Room 4090, Warwick, RI 02886.

## 10. Adjourn.