



**Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Westerly Education Center**  
**23 Friendship Street**  
**Westerly, Rhode Island 02891**  
*Tour of facility at 4:30 p.m.*

**AGENDA**

- 1. Acceptance of the Agenda**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes**
  - a) Minutes of the April 26, 2017 meeting [Enclosure 2a](#)
  - b) Minutes of the May 31, 2017 special meeting [Enclosure 2b](#)
- 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
  - c) Report from the Finance and Facilities Committee
  - d) Report from the Personnel Committee
- 4. Open Forum**
- 5. Report from the Commissioner (*designee*)**
  - a) Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education, including an update on the RI Nursing Education Center

- b) Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council:
- 1) Proposal from the University of Rhode Island to offer a BA, BS, and minor in Data Science [Enclosure 5b1](#)
  - 2) Proposal from the University of Rhode Island to offer a minor in Business of Digital Media [Enclosure 5b2](#)
  - 3) Proposal from the University of Rhode Island to offer a minor in Innovation, Management, and Entrepreneurship [Enclosure 5b3](#)
  - 4) Proposal from the University of Rhode Island to add a Creative Writing option to the English major [Enclosure 5b4](#)
  - 5) Proposal from the University of Rhode Island to offer a graduate certificate program in Dyslexia Knowledge and Practice [Enclosure 5b5](#)
  - 6) Proposal from Rhode Island College to offer a certificate of graduate study program in Health Care Quality and Patient Safety [Enclosure 5b6](#)

## 6. Reports from the Presidents

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

## 7. Discussion Item:

Update and discussion on Westerly Education Center and workforce development initiatives

## 8. Action Items:

- a) Approval of revisions to Policy for Articulation and Transfer between Public Institutions of Higher Education in Rhode Island [Enclosure 8a](#)
- b) Approval of proposed amendment to Distance Learning Policy [Enclosure 8b](#)
- c) Approval of appointment of Vice President of Workforce Development at the Community College of Rhode Island [Enclosure 8c](#)
- d) Approval of granting of tenure for faculty members at the University of Rhode Island [Enclosure 8d](#)
- e) Approval of recommendations from the System Personnel Review Committee (SPRC):
  - 1) Reclassification: Associate Director, International Engineering Program (IEP) at the University of Rhode Island [Enclosure 8e1](#)
  - 2) Reclassification: Associate Director, HRL/Residence Education at the University of Rhode Island [Enclosure 8e2](#)
  - 3) Reclassification: Associate Director, HRL/ Business Operations at the University of Rhode Island [Enclosure 8e3](#)
  - 4) New Classification: Associate Director – ACE at the Community College of Rhode Island [Enclosure 8e4](#)
- f) Approval of purchase of a 10,000-square-foot warehouse facility by the Council on Postsecondary Education/ University of Rhode Island [Enclosure 8f](#)
- g) Approval of a Uniform Real Estate License Agreement between Council on Postsecondary Education/ University of Rhode Island and the new Sigma Pi Alumni Housing Corporation, Inc. [Enclosure 8g](#)

## 9. Executive Session

*The Council may seek to enter into Executive Session for the following item:*

Update and discussion on collective bargaining, including URI Part-Time Faculty Union (PTFU), pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2)

## 10. Additional Action Items

- a) Authorization of the Director of Labor Relations regarding collective bargaining with the URI Part-Time Faculty Union (PTFU)
- b) Approval of updated pay plan for non-union, non-classified employees at the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, the Community College of Rhode Island, and the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, effective June 25, 2017

## 11. Upcoming Meetings

- a) The next meeting of the **Personnel and Finance/Facilities Committees** for the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Community College of Rhode Island, Rooms TBA, 400 East Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886.  
*The tour of the campus will begin at 3:00 p.m.*
- b) The next meeting of the **Council on Postsecondary Education** will be held on **Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.** at the University of Rhode Island, School of Oceanography, 215 South Ferry Road, Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882.
- c) The next **Board of Education** meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Community College of Rhode Island, Room 4090, 400 East Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886.

## 12. Adjournment