



**Council on Postsecondary Education  
Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 5:30 p.m.  
Community College of Rhode Island  
Room 4090  
400 East Avenue  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886**

**AGENDA**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Acceptance of the Agenda</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Open Forum</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Approval of the Minutes</b>	
	Minutes of the October 14, 2015 meeting.	Enclosure 3a.
	Minutes of the November 20, 2015 meeting.	Enclosure 3b.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Reports from the Chairs and Committees</b>	
	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.	
	c) Report from the Finance and Facilities Committee.	
	d) Report from the Personnel Committee.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Report from the Commissioner</b>	
	a) Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.	

	b)	No notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Reports from the Presidents.</b>		
	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.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Action Items:</b>		
	a)	Approval of the Proposed Amendment to Bylaws.	
	1)	Approval of Amendment to Article V.	Enclosure 7a1.
	2)	Approval of a Proposed Seal for the Council on Postsecondary Education.	Enclosure 7a2.
	b)	Approval of two Council Policies related to NC-SARA.	
	1)	Approval of Proposed Amendments to the "Student Complaint Procedure".	Enclosure 7b1.
	2)	Approval of the Amendments to the Council's "Distance Learning Policy".	Enclosure 7b2.
	c)	Approval of NC-SARA and Related Fees for Distance Learning.	Enclosure 7c.
	1)	Approval of RI - SARA Instate Institutional Fees	Enclosure 7c1.
	2)	Directive to deposit and use fees to support program.	Enclosure 7c2.
	d)	Acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements for URI, RIC, and CCRI for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015.	Enclosure 7d.
	e)	Approval of the Awarding of Tenure at the Community College of Rhode Island.	Enclosure 7e.

	f)	Approval of the Awarding of Tenure to the new Dean of the School of Business at the University of Rhode Island.	Enclosure 7f.
	g)	Discussion and approval of the referral to the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education of the <i>Petition In The Nature Of A Complaint To The Council On Postsecondary Education</i> , filed by three students against Rhode Island College, regarding the use of the HESI Examination in its nursing program.	Enclosure 7g.
	h)	Approval of recommendations from the System Personnel Review Committee (SPRC).	
	1)	New Position-Benefits Specialist-Work Incentives Planning and Assistance at Rhode Island College.	Enclosure 7h1.
	2)	Business Administrator (RICDIAMC)	Enclosure 7h2.
	3)	Access to Integrated Employment Specialist	Enclosure 7h3.
	i)	Acceptance of a lease agreement for a parcel of Real Estate located at 95 Middlebridge Road, Narragansett between the Town of Narragansett and the Council on Postsecondary Education/University of Rhode Island.	Enclosure 7i.
	j)	Recommendation for approval of a Request for Exemption from the University of Rhode Island's Conflict of Interest Management Committee (CIMC) regarding Walter Besio, Ph.D. in accordance with the terms of the Rhode Island Public Private Partnership Act.	Enclosure 7j.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Executive Session</b> <i>The Council may seek to enter into Executive Session for the following items -</i>		
	a)	Update of pending litigation: <i>Michele L Ciancola, et al vs. University of Rhode Island, et al</i> , C.A. No. PC 12-4045 in the Providence County Superior Court, pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(2).	
	b)	Update on Collective Bargaining pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5 (a)(2) - Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreements with the following:	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The American Association of University Professors (URI)</li> <li>• The Marine Professionals Association (URI)</li> <li>• URI Physician's Association/NEARI</li> <li>• CCRI Faculty Association/NEARI</li> </ul>	
	c)	Discussion regarding the three finalists and the appointment of the new CCRI President pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(1).	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Additional Action Items.</b>		
	a)	Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Association of University Professors (URI).	
	b)	Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Marine Professionals Association at (URI).	
	c)	Ratification of Collective Bargaining agreement with the URI Physicians' Association/NEARI.	
	d(1)	Appointment of the new president of the Community College of Rhode Island.	
	d(2)	Authorization of the Council Chair to negotiate an employment contract with the new President of CCRI, subject to approval by the Council.	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Upcoming Meetings.</b>		
	a)	The next meeting of the Committees of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., 560 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.	
	b)	The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at CCRI, Warwick, in Room 4090.	
	c)	The next meeting of the Committees of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at 560 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Adjourn.</b>		

