



**Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting**

**Wednesday, January, 13, 2016, 5:30 p.m.
Community College of Rhode Island
400 East Avenue, Room 4090
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886**

AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Open Forum

3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the December 2, 2015 meeting.

Enclosure 3a.

Minutes of the December 16, 2015, Special meeting.

Enclosure 3b.

4. Reports from the Chairs and Committees

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.

Report from the Commissioner

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a) Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.

- b) Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council:
 - 1) Changes of degree titles at the University of Rhode Island. Enclosure 5b1.
 - 2) Change of Requirements for Graduate School of Oceanography of the Master of Oceanography Degree at the University of Rhode Island. Enclosure 5b2.
 - 3) Adjustments in the Curriculum of the five-year program leading to a B.S. in Physics and an M.S. in Medical Physics at the University of Rhode Island. Enclosure 5b3.
 - 4) Revision of the of the Early Childhood Education Certificate at the Community College of Rhode Island. Enclosure 5b4.

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. Action Items:

- a) Approval of Tenure at the Rank of Professor with Initial Appointment as Founding Director of the George and Anne Ryan Institute for Neuroscience at the University of Rhode Island and Thomas M. Ryan Professor of Neuroscience at URI for Paula Grammas. Enclosure 7a.
- b) Approval of recommendations from the System Personnel Review Committee (SPRC):
 - 1) Director of Affirmative Action, EEO, Diversity and Inclusion and Title IX Coordinator at RIC. Enclosure 7b1.
 - 2) Director Finance & Administration at URI. Enclosure 7b2.
 - 3) Director, Capital Planning and Real Estate Development. Enclosure 7b3.
- c) Appointment of Vice President for Student Affairs/Chief Outcomes Officer at CCRI. Under separate cover.

- d) Approval of lease agreement with Southern Rhode Island Conservation District.

Enclosure 7d.

8. Executive Session

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

- a) Discussion regarding potential litigation, pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5 (a)(2).
- b) Discussion related to RIC personnel matter, pursuant to RIGL§ 42-46-5 (a)(1)

9. Additional Action Items.

Authorization of the Chair regarding RIC personnel matter.

10. Upcoming Meetings.

- a) The next meeting of the Personnel and Fiscal Committees for the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner at 560 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886.
- b) The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., RIC, Alger Hall, Room 110, Providence, Rhode Island.
- c) The next full board meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 5:30 p.m., at CCRI, Room 4090, Warwick, Rhode Island.

11. Adjourn.