



**Council on Postsecondary Education  
Meeting**

**Thursday, April 14, 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**
  - a) Minutes of the February 24, 2016 meeting. Enclosure 3a
  - b) Minutes of the Special Meeting March 2, 2016. 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:

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| 1) | Proposal for Creation of an Institute for Education in Healthcare at Rhode Island College.  | Enclosure 5b1 |
| 2) | RIC Proposal for a Certificate of Graduate Study in Historical Studies.   | Enclosure 5b2 |
| 3) | RIC Proposal for a B.A. in Liberal Studies.   | Enclosure 5b3 |
| 4) | Proposal for changing the name and revising the curriculum of the Labor Studies minor to the Work, Labor and Social Justice minor at the University of Rhode Island.  | Enclosure 5b4 |
| 5) | Proposal from URI to move the Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design Department from the College of Human Science and Services to the College of Business Administration and to allow the College of Business Administration to certify and grant Bachelor of Science degrees in Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design and in Textile Marketing. | Enclosure 5b5 |
| 6) | Proposal from Rhode Island College to change the name of the RI STEM Center to the RI STEAM Center.   | Enclosure 5b6 |
| 7) | Proposal to change the name of the Department of Nursing to the Undergraduate Department of Nursing and to add a Graduate Department of Nursing at Rhode Island College.  | Enclosure 5b7 |

**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. Discussion Items:**

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| a) | Discussion of the Memorandum of Agreement for dual and concurrent enrollment for 2016-2017 and update on grades for fall 2015. | Enclosure 7a |
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**8. Action Items:**

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| a) | Approval of the awarding of Honorary Degrees by URI and RIC. | Under separate cover |
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- b) Approval of Institutional Application for RI-SARA
  - 1) New England Institute of Technology Enclosure 8b1
  - 2) Johnson & Wales University Enclosure 8b2
  - 3) Salve Regina University Enclosure 8b3
- c) Approval of Non-SARA nonprofit institution fee schedule (out of state institutions). Enclosure 8c
- d) Approval of revisions and amendments to Section One of the Council on Postsecondary Education's Policy Manual. Enclosure 8d
- e) Approval of the Appointment of the Vice President of Student Affairs at the University of Rhode Island. Enclosure 8e
- f) Approval of a Lease Agreement between the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Office of Veterans Affairs. Enclosure 8f
- g) Authorization to submit an application to the Rhode Island Health and Education Building Corporation (RIHEBC) for bond issuances to refund previous bond series issuances for significant savings and to finance one approved new project at the University of Rhode Island. Enclosure 8g
- h) Approval of a land transfer of property from the Council on Postsecondary Education/Rhode Island College to the Town of North Providence. Enclosure 8h

**9. Executive Session**

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

- a) Update and discussion on negotiations with CCRI Faculty Association (NEA/CCRIFA) and tentative agreement, pursuant to RIGL§42-46-5(a)(2).
- b) Update and discussion on negotiations with CCRI Part-time Faculty Association, pursuant to RIGL§42-46-5(a)(2).
- c) Update and discussion on negotiations with Graduate Assistants United, pursuant to RIGL§42-46-5(a)(2).

**10. Additional Action Items.**

- a) Ratification of CCRI Faculty Association (NEA/CCRIFA) tentative agreement.

**11. Upcoming Meetings.**

- a) The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., at URI, at the Ryan Center, 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston, RI , 02881.
- b) The next full board meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 5:30 p.m., at CCRI, Room 4090, Warwick, Rhode Island.

**12. Adjourn.**