



**Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting
REVISED**

**Wednesday, June 17, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
RIDE Board Room - 5th Floor
The Shepard Building
80 Washington Street
Providence, RI 02903**

AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Open Forum

3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the May 20, 2015 meeting.

Enclosure 3.

4. Reports from the Chairs

- 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.

5. Commissioner's Report

- a) Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council.
 - 1) University of Rhode Island Notice of Change for an Applied Physics Track for the Ph.D. in Physics Enclosure 5a1.
 - 2) University of Rhode Island Proposal from the College of the Environment and Life Sciences for a Graduate Certificate in Hydrology Enclosure 5a2.

- 3) URI Notice of Change: Deletion of Organizational Analysis Option in the Bachelor of Science in Sociology Enclosure 5a3.
 - 4) URI Notice of Change: Transfer of Department of Landscape Architecture and the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree from the College of the Environment and Life Sciences to the College of Arts and Sciences Enclosure 5a4.
 - 5) University of Rhode Island Proposal from the College of Arts and Sciences for a Professional Science Master's Degree in Cyber Security Enclosure 5a5.
 - 6) University of Rhode Island Proposal from the College of Nursing to Create an Online RN to BSN degree Enclosure 5a6.
- b) Rhode Island Legislative Bills related to Higher Education:

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:

Reformatting the Council meeting schedule and the committee structures supporting Council mission and role.

Strategic Plan for the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner.

Update on the process for the Presidential Search.

8. Action Items:

- a) Approval of the Increase of Fees Associated with the Application and Annual Renewal of Approval to Operate for Proprietary Schools. Enclosure 8a.
- b) Approval of the Tenure Request for Faculty at Rhode Island College. Enclosure 8b.
- c) Approval of the Revisions to the Council's Discrimination Complaint Procedures. Enclosure 8c.

9. Executive Session

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

- a) Discussion and authorization concerning the GAU (Graduate Assistants Union) negotiations pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2).
- b) Discussion and authorization concerning the PTFU (Part-time Faculty Association/ AAUP) negotiations pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2).
- c) Update, discussion, and authorization on the negotiations with the higher education union coalition pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2).

10. Upcoming Meetings.

- a) The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education on Wednesday, July 1, will be rescheduled.
- b) The next Work Session of the Council on Postsecondary Education is on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at RIDE.
- c) The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at RIC.

11. Adjourn.