



Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting

**Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
Rhode Island College
Student Union Ballroom
Providence, RI**

AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Open Forum

3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the April 1, 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. Reports from the Committees

- a) Personnel Committee – Update from last report.
- b) Facilities Committee – Update from last report.

6. Commissioner's Report

- a) Notices of new programs and or changes that were submitted by the University of Rhode Island:
 - Minor in Arabic language and culture

Enclosure 6a.

- Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)/Dual Language Immersion
- Change in degree name from Bachelor of Science, Horticulture and Turfgrass Management to Bachelor of Science in Plant Sciences

b) Rhode Island Legislative Bills related to Higher Education:

RIHEAA/OPC Merger

FY 2016 Appropriation

Complete College Rhode Island

Performance and formula funding

Distance Learning (NC-SARA)

Career and Technical Education

- c) College to Career Landscape in Rhode Island.
Guest speaker Timothy Harrigan, Policy & Information Specialist, ProvPlan.

7. 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.

8. Discussion Items

College Unbound Program Application for approval to operate and grant degrees.

Enclosure 8.

9. Action Items

Facilities:

- a) Approval of Quit-Claim Deed and Merger Regarding Rhode Island College's Acquisition of Property from the City of Providence. Enclosure 9a.

Finance:

- b) Approval of the External Auditor for the upcoming three-year contract for the Independent Certified Public Accountants. Enclosure 9b.

Academic and Student Affairs:

- c) Approval of Degrees Awarded by the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island. Enclosure 9c.

- d) Approval of Veterans Related policies.

- 1) Policy on Academic Credit for Military Service and Training. Enclosure 9d1.

- 2) Policy on Priority Registration for Combat Veterans. Enclosure 9d2.

- 3) Revision of Residency Policy. Enclosure 9d3.

- e) Approval and Award of Tenure at CCRI and URI

- 1) University of Rhode Island Enclosure 9e1.

- 2) Community College of Rhode Island Enclosure 9e2.

- f) Approval of the Mission, Role, and Scope of the Public colleges and University. Enclosure 9f.

- g) Approval of the Rhode Island College's Strategic Plan, Vision 2020. Enclosure 9g.

- h) Approval of the Rhode Island College Center for Design, Innovation, and Advanced Manufacturing. Enclosure 9h.

Other Business

- i) Approval of the recommendation of the system's Personnel Review committee on Behalf of URI for one non-classified change in position request.

Enclosure 9i.

10. Executive Session

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

Discussion and authorization concerning the GAU (Graduate Assistants Union) negotiations pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2).

Discussion and authorization concerning the PTFU (Part-time Faculty Association/AAUP) negotiations pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2).

Update, discussion, and authorization on the negotiations with the higher education union coalition pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2).

11. Upcoming Meetings.

- a) The next Work Session of the Council on Postsecondary Education is May 20, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at RIDE.
- b) The next Meeting of the Board of Education is June 9, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at CCRI, Warwick.
- c) The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the University of Rhode Island.

12. Adjourn.