



Enclosure 3a.
February 24, 2015

Minutes of the Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting
Wednesday, February 24, 2016, 5:30 p.m.
Rhode Island College
Alger Hall, Room 110
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

The Council on Postsecondary Education met on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at Rhode Island College in Alger Hall Room 110 in Providence, RI. At 5:36 p.m. Chair William Foulkes welcomed everyone. He then asked for the roll to be taken, after which he declared a quorum present.

Present: Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Kerry Rafanelli arrived at 5:57 pm, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

Absent: Judy Ouellette, John Rainone

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Chair Foulkes entertained a motion to amend the agenda to eliminate item 8e. On a motion duly made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Dr. Williams, it was

VOTED: **THAT** the Council on Postsecondary Education amend the agenda for the meeting of February 24, 2016, to delete item 8e.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and no members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

Chair Foulkes then asked for a motion to accept the agenda as amended. On a motion duly made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Dr. Williams, it was

VOTED: **THAT** the Council on Postsecondary Education accept the agenda for the meeting of February 24, 2016 as amended.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and no members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

2. OPEN FORUM

No one spoke at Open Forum.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the Council on Postsecondary Education's January 13, 2016 Meeting.

Chair Foulkes asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Purcell suggested a motion to make a correction and amend the minutes to eliminate a sentence on page 13 of 17 attributed to CCRI Vice President David Patten.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Dr. Williams, it was

VOTED: **THAT** the Council on Postsecondary Education amend the minutes for the meeting of January 13, 2016, to delete the identified sentence on page 13.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

On a motion duly made by Sen. Izzo and seconded by Dr. Williams, it was:

VOTED: **THAT** the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the minutes for the meeting of January 13, 2016, as amended.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

4. REPORTS FROM THE CHAIRS AND COMMITTEES

Chair Barbara Cottam

The Chair informed the Council that last week RIDE recognized 17 Rhode Island commended schools based on performance data from the previous school year. They had two schools that were commended for the fourth year in a row in Bristol/Warren the Rockwell School, and in Tiverton the Ft. Barton School. Both of these schools were recognized because of their high achievements, levels on state assessments, their narrow achievement gaps, and also the progress made over time. They are also required to have participation rates on the assessments of 95% or better.

Chair Cottam, in response to a Council member who had asked for comparatives, stated that because the school testing system transitioned this year from NECAP to PARCC they do not have those comparisons. However, they will have them in future years.

The second item the Chair mentioned was an event that she attended at North Providence High School along with the Governor and Commissioner Wagner of Elementary and Secondary Education. They went there to celebrate the school's four year graduation rate. They are at 98% graduation rate and they are leading the way across the state in graduation rates.

Dr. Williams asked why there were no Providence schools on the list and Chair Cottam explained that it is a combination of high achievement, the achievement gap and the participation rate.

Chair Bill Foulkes

Chair Foulkes welcomed everyone and also welcomed President Meghan Hughes, noting that this was her first Council meeting. He also thanked President Carriuolo for hosting the meeting.

Chair Foulkes discussed an article from the NY Times that is in the packets entitled "How To Help More College Students Graduate." The meeting tonight is to talk about how to help more students graduate.

Chair Foulkes then proceeded to give an update on the progress on the Rhode Island College Presidential Search Committee.

The committee members are as follows:

Mr. William Foulkes
Chair, Presidential Search Committee
Chair of the Council on Postsecondary Education

The Honorable Thomas Izzo
Member, of the Council on Postsecondary Education

Mr. John Rainone
Student, Rhode Island College & Member of the Council on Postsecondary Education

Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott
Director, State of Rhode Island
Department of Health

Dr. Vincent Bohlinger
Associate Professor, Rhode Island College English Department & Member of the Rhode Island
College Council

Ms. Anna Cano-Morales
Director of University Outreach and Engagement, Roger Williams University

Mr. William Fazioli
President, Rhode Island College Alumni Association

Dr. Donald Halquist
Dean, Feinstein School of Education and Human Development at Rhode Island College

Dr. Quenby Hughes
Associate Professor, Rhode Island College History Department & President of the Rhode Island
College AFT.

Mr. Dennis Sousa
Rhode Island College Computer Manager & President of the Rhode Island College PSA

The Chair indicated that the committee is beginning the process next week with a kick off meeting on February 29, 2016. There will be a series of open forums on the Rhode Island College campus starting on March 3 and on March 10. They are meeting with students on March 3 and meeting with staff and alumni on March 10. They are hoping to have a set of finalist at the end of April and to have the list to the Council by the May meeting.

Finance and Facilities Committee

Chair Bernstein thanked the committee for going over the audit reports. He thanked Bishop Williams, Mr. Smith and Mr. Duffy for their work on the committee.

The next committee meeting is planned for March 9, 2016. The two items that they will be discussing is a college project and an upgrade of the URI Student Memorial Union. He also invited Council members and Chair Cottam to join them at the meeting.

Personnel Committee

Chair Foulkes gave the report in the absence of Committee Chair Rafanelli. On January 27, 2016 the Committee discussed in Executive Session President Dooley's and Commissioner Purcell's evaluations. They may also be discussed in Executive Session this evening.

5. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Purcell gave an update on the following items:

Commissioner Purcell gave an overview of the Governor's proposed budget for FY2017. He gave background on fiscal support for Higher Education noting that Rhode Island funds Higher Education at 1964 levels.

Rhode Island is in the lowest category for education in the country for state fiscal support for operating expenses of Higher Education per \$1,000 of personal income. The Commissioner stated the Governor's proposed budget includes a 6% increase for Higher Education in state appropriations which are more than the 3% increase for last year.

The Governor's budget also recommends \$22.0M for Rhode Island Capital Asset Protection Plan and it is recommending \$1.3 M in funding for free, universal dual and concurrent enrollment, allowing eligible students to earn college credits.

The Governor's Budget is recommending a total of \$45.5M to include the following:

- \$25.5M to provide funds for Phase II of the College of Engineering project. \$20.0M to build one or more innovation campus(es) through a university/college-business collaboration for research, product, service and business development.
- Commerce Programs-The Governor's Budget is recommending a total of \$2.75M to support hiring faculty with a record of commercializing research in the three public institutions of higher learning.

- Wavemaker Fellowship-The Governor's Budget is recommending a total of \$5.0M to expand loan forgiveness programs. The Wavemaker Fellowship provides a financial incentive for graduates of Rhode Island colleges and universities to stay in the state by defraying student loan payments for up to four years for graduates pursuing careers or starting businesses in technology, engineering, design and other key sectors.

Although targeted for grads of RI institutions, anyone working or going to work in a qualifying field in Rhode Island is eligible.

5b) Commissioner Purcell gave the following notice of new programs or changes submitted by the institutions:

- Certificate of Graduate Study in Elementary Education-Specialized at Rhode Island College. This program is for teacher education specific to persons participating in Teach for America.
- Certificate of Graduate Study in Teaching English as a Second Language at Rhode Island College. The program will prepare teachers to teach English as a Second Language. Some schools districts have indicated they would like all of their teachers to have this certificate.
- Certificate in Gerontology at the Community College of Rhode Island. This program provides training for workers currently working in the gerontology/health care field. The course content is substantive enough to have most credits count toward the Minor in Gerontology at URI.
- Associate in Science in Cybersecurity at the Community College of Rhode Island. This program will prepare students to sit for industry certification tests in cybersecurity and networking and will be primarily taught at the Newport campus. There is strong industry support for the program.

Senator Izzo asked if it is a certificate. Commissioner Purcell answered it is an Associate's Degree. President Hughes and Mr. Michael Kelly explained the program in more detail. It is an associate's degree which can progress to a Bachelor of Science degree.

5c) Website Demonstration

Commissioner Purcell introduced Dr. Robin McGill, Communications Specialist, to give a demonstration of the new website www.RIOPC.edu. The new site is designed as a:

- Replacement for RIBGHE.org and RIHEAA.org
- Website for the office
- Link to other higher education and state resources
- Dashboard of performance related to Strategic Plan
- Consumer Portal
- Portal for SARA

Commissioner Purcell then gave the following updates:

Legislative Update

2016 Rhode Island Legislative Session

- S2169 (Sen Gallo) Senate Resolution Supporting and Encouraging STEM/STEAM Degrees and Programs in Rhode Island Elementary, Secondary, and Institutions of Higher Education – Consideration 2-24-16 Senate Ed. Committee.
- H7221 (Rep McNamara) Establishes the “Complete College RI Act”, for purposes of creating a comprehensive compilation of data showing academic progress among students, develop strategies to increase the number of students graduating from state institutions of higher education.
- S2392/H7428 (President Paiva Weed/ Rep McNamara)- Establishes "The Performance Funding Act of 2016" to provide a mechanism for funding Rhode Island's post-secondary state schools based upon metrics developed at each institution in conjunction with the Commissioner and Council.
- H7009 (Rep Shekarchi) The Get On Your Feet Loan Forgiveness Program – Assists recent college and university graduates in the repayment of their student loans, by providing a grace period for the first 2 years after graduation.

- H7081 (Rep McNamara) The Student Loan Bill of Rights – Creates the student loan ombudsman within the Division of Higher Education Assistance – assists student loan borrowers with issues pertaining to their loans.
- H7049 (Rep McNamara) Permits Students to participate in Career and Technical Internships in certain qualifying situations.
- H7584/H7449 (Rep Roberts) Extends Benefits of the dual enrollment act to cover home-schooled students.
- H7234 (Rep Naughton) General Assembly support for URI in Environmental and Agricultural Research & Education.
- H7464 (Rep Naughton) Joint Resolution Making an Appropriation of \$500,000 for the Graduate School of Oceanography Center for Ocean Exploration.
- H7234 (Rep Naughton) General Assembly support for URI in Environmental and Agricultural Research & Education.
- H7377 (Rep Shelby Maldonado) – CCRI Student Grant Program – Establishes a financial grant for qualifying students who attend CCRI.
- H7464 (Rep Naughton) Joint Resolution Making an Appropriation of \$500,000 for the Graduate School of Oceanography Center for Ocean Exploration.
- S2455 (Sen Gee) Provides that school districts would not be responsible to pay the costs associated with a student’s attendance at a post-secondary institution pursuant to a dual enrollment program.

6. PRESIDENTS’ REPORTS

a) University of Rhode Island – Update from last report and current events.

Provost DeHayes provided the following update from the University:

He referred Council members to the written report in in the Council members’ packets, and gave an overview of the relationship between the university and the URI Foundation, as well as the new academic strategic plan.

A new President for the University of Rhode Island Foundation has been hired. Her name is Elizabeth "Lil" Breul O'Rourke. She has spent most of her career at the Syracuse University in upstate New York. She will be starting at the end of March. She played a key role as part of the leadership team that led a successful \$1 billion comprehensive campaign at the Syracuse University.

Provost DeHayes then continued to give a brief overview of the Foundation. It was established in 1957 as a 501c3. Its mission is to both inspire and steward philanthropic support that benefits the University of Rhode Island. Its vision is to be a leader in the development of external private resources to help support the state's flagship and public university.

He acknowledged the Foundation's interim President, Mr. Jim Hopkins. He has done that role as a volunteer and has done an extraordinary job in that role.

The Foundation's governance has a President of the Foundation and the President reports to the Executive Board of the Foundation. He also acknowledged the Executive Board Chair, Lorne Adrian, who was in the audience. The Executive Board consists of 15-30 individuals and at least half of them are URI alums. The President sits as an ex officio member as well as the Chair of the Council and the Chair of the Alumni Association. There are approximately 100 or more trustees. Their job is to be a liaison to others to be a support to the University.

The URI Foundation has an endowment of \$118 million. The amount of gifts it receives each year varies. They are in a pattern of receiving \$12-\$18 million dollars. The numbers are up and they received \$25 million for FY2015. The donations are from individuals. They have an annual fund where they reach out to alums and corporations.

The URI Foundation is funded through three revenue streams. They receive funding from URI which provides approximately \$3 million per year and that is used to hire development officers who are employees of the Foundation but work with the President, Provost and the Deans. There is a management fee of 5% that is charged to gifts which is the second source of operating dollars. The third is the endowment and 1.3% goes back into foundation. They do receive endowments gifts. Approximately 55%-60% of the gifts come in as expendable gifts. Also, there are some gifts that come in as unrestricted gifts that are at the discretion of the President.

Dr. Williams asked who did the marketing for the annual report for the Foundation. Provost DeHayes stated that he was not sure but would get the information.

Provost DeHayes then gave an overview of the Academic Strategic Plan for 2016-2021. The plan is about “Innovation with Impact” and it’s about shaping the University of Rhode Island and it builds on the previous plan.

There are six goals and they are as follows:

1. Enhancing Student Success
2. Expanding Research, Scholarship and Creative Work
3. Grow a Global Presence
4. Embrace Diversity and Social Justice
5. Streamline Processes to Improve Effectiveness
6. Implement a Bold Advancement Agenda

Dr. Williams asked Provost DeHayes where President Dooley was that evening. Provost DeHayes stated that he was on a fund raising trip on the west coast in California. Dr. Williams noted that President Dooley has been absent on a number of meetings.

b) Rhode Island College - Update from last report and current events.

President Carriuolo reported the following update on items related to Rhode Island College:

She referred Council members to a two-page report is in the packets. Her presentation focused on the Foundation. The Rhode Island College Foundation, established in 1965, is a separate but affiliated enterprise that is devoted to raising funds for Rhode Island College, and for exercising fiduciary responsibility over endowments and other philanthropic investments made to Rhode Island College.

Clark Greene is the interim Vice President for College Advancement and Executive Director of the Foundation. The Bylaws allow for 15-25 members. They currently have 23 voting members which includes President Carriuolo as an ex officio member.

Other college employees who are non-voting ex officio members include the President of the Rhode Island College Alumni Association, the Chair of the Advisory Council for Rhode Island College, the Athletics Director and the Controller of Rhode Island College. The President indicated that they also have a blended staff of Foundation and RIC employees that support the Foundation, and she referred to the organizational chart in their packets.

They do not have a corporate arm. They have \$27 million in endowed funds and they have some unrestricted funds. President Carriuolo worked very hard to raise

unrestricted funds for some renovations that they are going to be doing at Rhode Island College. She raised \$1.7 million that is in the Foundation now.

c) Community College of Rhode Island – Update from last report and current events.

President Hughes reported that today marked day 18 as President and she will give the top 30 day initiatives. She thanked the Council for giving her this opportunity. She started her morning by meeting with Mike Bernstein and she looks forward to meeting with the other Council members.

She makes time every day to learn from the students and talks to them to see what is working. She recognized Mike Kelley for answering Mr. Bernstein's questions about the Cybersecurity program.

She is focused on the open positions and getting them filled to build the team for what the college needs moving forward.

She also saluted the acting Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Rosemary Costigan. President Hughes is looking to fill that position in addition to the Chief Information Officer. They also have an opening for Institutional Advancement and a position in HR for the Director of Equity who will oversee Title IX initiatives.

Top three initiatives in the first 30 days are the following:

1. Filling the open positions as stated above.
2. Advance the college to where they want it to be and to develop a strategic plan. She wants it to be a very open process.
3. Performance Based Funding-Operation Formula-Several metrics have been determined. They will have a master schedule.
4. Multiple measures to help reduce number of students that are placed in developmental courses and use high school transcript and place them into credit bearing classes.

Foundation Overview:

The Foundation was founded 35 years ago. Its purpose is to raise money and support the college and serve as an ambassador for the college. There are four officers and an executive committee, and the President serves as an ex officio member. The total assets are a total of \$3.8 million and an endowment of \$2.2 million. Last year they drew down \$484,000 from that and \$380,000 came from the Champlain Foundation, and the

Foundation gave out \$130,000 in scholarships. Last year the net that was raised in awards was \$200,000.

It is her goal to hire a Vice President for Advancement and to grow the endowment of the Foundation to better serve the students.

Senator Izzo is concerned about the budget. He questioned the budget and the number of positions that were dormant for years. He wants to make sure that they are monitoring the extra costs and where are they coming from. President Hughes answered that the roles that she mentioned in her remarks are all budgeted.

7a. DISCUSSION ITEMS.

Commissioner Purcell gave an overview on the Discussion Items.

7a. Discussion regarding dual enrollment program concurrent enrollment draft course list for 2016-2017.

Preliminary data on Prepare RI Fall 2015 Student Enrollment by institution and program type indicates a total of 3,086 of students that have participated. A total of 92.6% public high schools participated in dual enrollment program.

Plans for 2016-2017 academic year

Revised list of approved concurrent offerings

The public institutions of higher education were asked to submit a proposed list of concurrent enrollment courses. The courses were reviewed at the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner in consultation with the Department of Education. The criteria for review included:

- Transferability of the course among the public institutions of higher education (as applicable) either as an equivalent course or as meeting a general education requirement.
- Applicability of the course to degree or certificate requirements.
- Applicability of the course to a technical degree or industry approved certification.
- Courses are in the college catalog and are regularly offered to students attending the college or university.
- The academic catalog description communicates that the course is a rigorous college-level course.

- The proposed concurrent enrollment courses will be reviewed by the Council on Postsecondary Education and approved by the Board of Education.

Plans for 2016-2017 academic year

Recommended list of dual enrollment courses

OPC and the public institutions of higher education, with consultation from RIDE, are developing a list of recommended dual enrollment courses. The list will assist students and school counselors in choosing courses that meet high school requirements and general education, major or career program requirements at the public institutions of higher education.

Reconsideration of course costs and fees

Discussion has been initiated with the campuses on the course fee structure for concurrent enrollment that will allow this program to continue at the present or greater levels of participation. Given the successful first semester, it is important to consider how to make dual and concurrent enrollment sustainable and fiscally sound.

Council review and discussion

The courses are being introduced at the Council meeting for information and discussion. The Board of Education will be asked to approve the list of concurrent courses at the March 2, 2016 meeting.

Chair Foulkes asked if this had been put in front of the Elementary Council and Commissioner Purcell said yes. Chair Foulkes also asked if there are any major issues that they should focus on or concern on the Commissioner Purcell's part. Commissioner Purcell answered that they want to make sure that the courses are rigorous. CCRI offers a nice program that allows students to take classes for a full year.

Senator Izzo asked how they were going measure effectiveness and rigor of the curriculum. Senator Izzo also questioned concurrent enrollment.

Chair Cottam stated that this is what is going to be discussed at the full Board of Education meeting on March 2. She also stated that they will have a committee to work on it.

7b. Discussion of revisions and amendments to Section One of the Council on Postsecondary Education's Policy Manual.

Section One of the Policy Manual includes the following polices:

- Adoption of Policies and Regulations B - 1.0
- Bylaws of the Council on Postsecondary Education, B - 2.0
- Conflict of Interest and Nepotism B - 3.0
- Requests for Information from Board Members B - 4.0
- Policy on Collaboration in Public Higher Education B - 5.0
- Policy on Naming Opportunities for Recognition of Individuals or Entities B - 6.0
- Policies of Administrative Supervision B - 7.0
- Policies of Corporate Control B - 8.0
- Introducing Legislation Relating to Higher Education -- Regulation B - 9.0

A summary of changes is given in the table below:

| Policy Name | Policy Number | Nature of revision |
|---|---------------|---|
| Adoption of Policies and Regulations | B.1.0 | Updated legal citation to 16-59 of RI General Laws |
| Conflict of Interest and Nepotism | B. 3.0 | Under section on Nepotism, Associate Commissioners added to list of employees stipulated. |
| Requests for Information from Council Members | B. 4.0 | Updated all references from Board of Governors to Postsecondary Council. |
| Policy on Collaboration in Public Higher Education | B 5.0 | Updated all references from Board of Governors to Postsecondary Council. |
| Policy on Naming Opportunities for Recognition of Individuals or Entities | B.6.0 | Aligned criteria for assigning authority for naming opportunities with the increased autonomy given to the institutions of higher education in accordance with Budget Article 20 for FY 15 which was enacted in 2014. |
| Policies of Administrative Supervision | B. 7.0 | The amendments to the policy reflect the changes in the governance structure required by Budget Article 20 for FY 15 which was enacted in 2014, and which is now part of the RI General Laws. |
| Policies of Corporate Control | B. 8.0 | The revisions and amendments to the policy reflect the changes in the governance structure required by Budget Article 20 for FY 15 which was enacted in 2014, and which is now part of the RI General Laws. |
| Introducing Legislation Relating to Higher Education | B.9.0 | Updated all references from Board of Governors to Postsecondary Council. |

Chair Foulkes asked that this summary be sent to the Council members. He also asked if these are the laws passed within last 18 months and Commissioner Purcell said yes. Dr. McGill stated that she will send the link.

7c. Presentation on Mental Health First Aid Initiative

Senator Izzo gave a brief overview of the program with Gateway Mental Health. He was pleased with the enthusiasm of the campus personnel.

Both Councils gave consideration to the program. He thanked the three institutions and CCRI for providing the room for the training. This program is a value to the institutions. It is important that the Mental Health/First Aid initiative serve the needs of the institutions.

Senator Izzo introduced Richard Leclerc, CEO and President, of Gateway Mental Health who gave the presentation. Gateway is a non-profit organization. It is the largest outpatient clinic and they serve approximately 15,000 per year with mental health and substance abuse disorders.

The largest groups are students, ages 18-25 years old. That is the age where one would experience psychosis and schizophrenia and using drugs and alcohol.

They want to: improve the schools and communities safety and provide a policy for standards and methods that are consistent; intervene with someone with a mental health crisis and connect students with the services they may need to ensure their academic success. They want to help boost graduation rates. They also wanted to help reduce absenteeism of students and the incidents of discipline or suspension on campus.

It is an evidence based practice. They have trained over 2,000 individuals in Rhode Island over the last eight years. There is a special curriculum for RI law enforcement. It is an eight hour course that will educate individuals to identify the signs and symptoms of mental health disorders such as anxiety, depression, psychosis, eating disorders, addiction, suicide and harm. It teaches someone how to approach someone with those symptoms and behaviors, and what to do in those situations.

They have had a number of meetings. Commissioner Purcell and John Rainone attended. They focused on campus Police and Chiefs as the first step in Mental Health/First Aid. They held their first trainings on January 6 & 7 at CCRI campus in Warwick. There were 23 attendees. There is a two page report in the packets. There will be more trainings offered in the future.

President Hughes thanked Senator Izzo because she had heard from the campus police and they said how helpful the trainings were for them.

Provost DeHayes said that he has asked the Dean of the University College where the freshman and sophomores sit to work to incorporate this program with the training of academic advisors who work closely with those students.

Chair Foulkes asked if we have the resources for this and Commissioner Purcell stated that the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner has been paying for the trainings for the police officers.

8. ACTION ITEMS.

8a. Recommendation for acceptance of the audited financial statements (A-133 audit reports) for URI, RIC, and CCRI for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Duffy and seconded by Mr. Bernstein, it was:

VOTED: THAT the Council on Postsecondary Education accept the A-133 audit reports for URI, RIC, and CCRI for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

8b. Approval of a Lease Agreement between the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Cambridge Education Group Holdings, Inc.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Bernstein and seconded by Dr. Williams, it was:

VOTED: THAT the Council on Postsecondary Education approve a Lease Agreement between the CPE/URI and the Cambridge Education Group Holdings, Inc. for office space in the Chafee Building on the Kingston Campus upon execution of an Affiliation agreement. Upon approval of the lease and execution of the Affiliation Agreement, the lease will be brought to the State Properties Committee for its review and approval as required.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

8c. Approval of the renovations to the President's House at the University of Rhode Island.

Commissioner Purcell explained that because the costs of the renovations are over \$10,000 it is coming before the Council for approval. The house needs a new HVAC system.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Izzo and seconded by Dr. Williams, it was:

VOTED: THAT the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the improvements and renovations to the President's Home at the University of Rhode Island in accordance with the President's employment contract with the CPE as detailed in the attachments.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

8d. Approval of recommendations from the System Personnel Review Committee (SPRC):

1. New Position: Executive Director-Small Businesses Initiative-CCRI.
2. New Position: Director for the College's Pharmaceutical Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) Facility-URI

On a motion duly made by Mr. Izzo and seconded by Dr. Williams, it was:

VOTED: THAT the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the System Personnel Review Committee's recommendations regarding

1. Executive Director-Small Businesses Initiative at CCRI
2. Director for the College's Pharmaceutical Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) Facility at URI.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

8e. Approval of Non-SARA fee schedule (out of state institutions). This item was removed from the agenda.

8f. Approval of RI-SARA application- URI

On a motion duly made by Dr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Bernstein, it was

VOTED: THAT the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the recommendation of the Postsecondary Commissioner that the University of Rhode Island become a RI-SARA Institution having submitted an application and supporting documentation which meets the requirements and standards set forth by OPC and NC-SARA.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

8g. Approval of the Privatization of Rhode Island College Bookstore.

Chair Foulkes asked for a motion to approve the privatization of the Rhode Island College Bookstore which was made by Dr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Smith. He then opened the floor for discussion.

Mr. Bernstein asked if he read somewhere if Brown University was headed in the same direction. President Carriuolo said that she does not know about Brown University but the privatization of book stores is happening nationally because of the change in nature of the book stores. They are not selling books like they use to and it becomes a financial drain. It has been a drain now for a number of years at Rhode Island College.

President Carriuolo congratulated the Vice President of Student Affairs, Scott Kane, who worked with Clark Greene and others on making this happen. She also thanked the unions for being very cooperative.

Chair Foulkes called for a vote, where it was

VOTED: THAT the Council on Postsecondary Education approve Rhode Island College proceeding with the privatization of their bookstore in accordance with the provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:15 p.m. Chair William Foulkes entertained a motion to enter into executive session for:

- a) Discussion related to RIC personnel matters, pursuant to RIGL§ 42-46-5 (a)(1).
- b) Discussion of tentative agreement between the Council and the Rhode Island College Faculty Association pursuant to RIGL§ 42-46-5(a)(2).
- c) Discussion regarding contract negotiations with PTFU and CCRI part time faculty pursuant to RIGL§42-46-5 (a)(2).
- d) Discussion of Commissioner Purcell's contract renewal evaluation pursuant to RIGL§ 42-46-5 (a)(1).
- e) Discussion of President Dooley's annual evaluation pursuant to RIGL§ 42-46-5 (a)(1).

The Chair indicated that any action that is required regarding the above items will be taken when the Council reconvenes in open session.

The Chair also noted for items 8a, d, and e: The individuals involved have been notified in writing of their right to have these discussions take place in Open Session, and they have indicated no objection to proceeding in Executive Session.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Duffy and seconded by Mr. Smith, it was

VOTED: **THAT** the Council on Postsecondary Education enter into Executive Session for:

- a) Discussion related to RIC personnel matters, pursuant to RIGL§ 42-46-5 (a)(1);
- b) Discussion of tentative agreement between the Council and the Rhode Island College Faculty Association pursuant to RIGL§ 42-46-5(a)(2);
- c) Discussion regarding contract negotiations with PTFU and CCRI part time faculty pursuant to RIGL§42-46-5 (a)(2);
- d) Discussion of Commissioner Purcell's contract renewal evaluation pursuant to RIGL§ 42-46-5 (a)(1); and
- e) Discussion of President Dooley's annual evaluation pursuant to RIGL§ 42-46-5 (a)(1).

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

All non-Council members in the audience were excused with the exception of:

- Dr. Purcell, Commissioner of Postsecondary Education
- Susan LaPanne, Associate Commissioner, Finance & Management
- Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations for the Council
- Ron Cavallaro, General Counsel
- Donald DeHayes, Provost, URI
- Nancy Carriuolo, President, RIC
- Meghan Hughes, President, CCRI
- Lisa Shevlin, Executive Assistant

The Council reconvened in open session at 8:47 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Bernstein and seconded by Mr. Izzo, it was:

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| VOTED: | THAT | the Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on February 24, 2016. |
| | VOTE: | 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows: |
| | YEAS: | Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams. |
| | NAYS: | 0 |
| | ABSTAINS: | 0 |

On a motion duly made by Dr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Smith, it was

VOTED: **THAT** the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the renewal of the Commissioner's contract as discussed in Executive Session, and authorize its Chair to execute any documents as may be required. The Commissioner's salary is subject to approval in accordance with RI General Law 36-4-16-2.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

On a motion duly made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Bernstein, it was:

VOTED: **THAT** the Council on Postsecondary Education ratify the tentative agreement between the Council and the Rhode Island College Faculty (RIC/AFT, Local 1819).

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

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| a) | The next full Board of Education meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 5:30 p.m. at CCR Knight Campus, 400 East Avenue, Warwick, RI, in room 4090. |
| b) | The next meeting of the Committees for the Council on Postsecondary Education will be held on Wednesday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m. with locations to be determined. |
| c) | The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at CCRI Knight Campus, 400 East Avenue, Warwick, RI in room 4090. |

11. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Duffy, it was:

VOTED: **THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education adjourn its meeting.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Kerry Rafanelli, and John J. Smith Jr.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.