



Enclosure 2a
May 25, 2016

**Minutes of the Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting
Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 5:30 p.m.
University of Rhode Island
Ryan Center
Kingston, Rhode Island 02881**

The Council on Postsecondary Education met on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at URI at the Ryan Center, Kingston, Rhode Island. 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, John Rainone, Kerry Rafanelli and John J. Smith Jr.

Absent: Judy Ouellette, Dr. Jeffrey Williams

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Chair Foulkes entertained a motion to accept the agenda. On a motion duly made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rafanelli, it was

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education accept the agenda for the meeting of April 27, 2016.
	VOTE:	7 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, and John J. Smith Jr.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS	0

2. OPEN FORUM

Chair Foulkes reported that four speakers had signed up to speak at Open Forum. The following students from the Graduate Assistants United spoke on behalf of increasing the stipends: Jim Blair, Nick Constant, Ashfend Fernando and Oleg Kazakor.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3a) Minutes of the Council on Postsecondary Education's April 14, 2016 Meeting.

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

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the minutes for the meeting of April 14, 2016.
	VOTE:	7 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

4. REPORTS FROM THE CHAIRS AND COMMITTEES

4a) Chair Barbara Cottam

Chair Cottam reported that at last evening's meeting of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education, they had a very in-depth discussion on the proposed revisions to the Secondary School Regulations. The proposed revisions will remove passing PARCC as a high school graduation requirement with the class of 2021, but students will still need to take the test as there are federal requirements, which require states to measure annual school and student performance.

Under the proposed new regulations, students will still have to complete 20 required credits but they will have the flexibility to substitute two required courses (not in the same subject) with classes related to the arts, the sciences or perhaps a career and

technical subject. Students, however, will have to take four years of English. Council members strongly object to the flexibility that would allow students to substitute electives for up to two-required content-area courses, including mathematics.

The draft revisions also propose two endorsements in addition to a high school diploma:

1. A commissioner's seal, in which a student demonstrates a certain excellence in English and mathematics.
2. A district endorsement, in which a student demonstrates his or her expertise in a specific set of skills, say, the arts or science.

The draft proposed revisions reflect input from:

1. Twenty two role-alike group input sessions with over 250 participants from December -February.
2. Four regional community meetings with over 200 participants that were held in March.
3. Recommendations were reviewed by the Council (March 31st and April 5th) based on 2,500+ public input points.

Next, through a program that builds on and expands Governor Raimondo's Prepare RI initiative for dual enrollment in high-school and postsecondary courses, public-school students in Rhode Island middle schools and high schools this fall will be able to enroll in a wider selection of dual-enrollment courses.

This program, the Advanced Coursework Network, will present a range of courses offered by postsecondary institutions, nonprofit educational programs, and public schools from across the state, at no cost to the students or their families, subject to available state and district funds.

The Advanced Coursework Network is now open for student registration. Students can select from 1220 credit-bearing courses, with an additional 85 courses anticipated in the spring of 2017. The courses, offered by 14 provider organizations, include advanced science and mathematics courses as well as Advanced Placement courses, courses in world languages, career-focused courses, and other Prepare RI courses that offer both high-school and postsecondary credit (i.e., dual or concurrent enrollment).

One of the cornerstones in the work of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education toward supporting students and schools is our commitment to providing all students with access to advanced coursework that will prepare them for success. Building on initiatives already in place that offer virtual learning and early college enrollment to Rhode Island students, the Advanced Coursework Network will provide even more students with access to courses previously unavailable to them.

Students will be able to select courses that best meet their personal learning needs, their intellectual passions, their curiosity, and their interests which is an excellent way for students to become truly engaged in and committed to their education.

Senator Izzo asked if the new high school regulations are in consultation with local education agencies or developed at RIDE. Chair Cottam stated that there were four regional hearings. Senator Izzo asked if there were any conversations with higher education and Chair Cottam said yes.

4b) Chair Bill Foulkes

Chair Foulkes thanked everyone at URI for hosting the Council meeting. The Council will be meeting again next week to interview the four finalists for the President of Rhode Island College.

Chair Foulkes also reported that the Council will be approving the granting of 5400 degrees in the month of May and that Commissioner Purcell will be giving an update on Westerly and the Nursing Center projects, as well as providing a presentation on the funding formula for higher education and ongoing issues.

5. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

5a) Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education

1. Westerly Report-

Commissioner Purcell showed pictures of the Westerly Higher Education and Industry Center and reviewed the private funds and other capital expenses for this project.

The building will be a mixed-use facility with instruction for college credit and industry training. The anchor tenant is Electric Boat. President Jeffrey S. Geiger, from Electric Boat has announced plans to add 4,000 jobs at its Rhode Island and Connecticut shipyards over the next 15 years, but has expressed that finding skilled workers has long been a key challenge for the company and state. Electric Boat will be working with CCRI to provide workforce training in electricity, carpentry, pipefitting and sheet metal.

CCRI has been working on getting the curriculum approved and how to do the training. They will start instruction in that building on November 2016. The building will be open for other uses in January 2017.

Commissioner Purcell stated that the building will be under warranty. The land was leased to the Council for \$1.00. He also reviewed the funds for this project. Higher Learning Center staff will promote the site and match educational providers with companies or individuals needing education or training. Education service providers (CCRI, RIC, URI, DLT and others) will serve the postsecondary education and training needs of businesses and industry in the region.

Senator Izzo is concerned about the future expenditures. Chair Foulkes acknowledged his concerns and stated that he feels that there is a high demand in the area and that this project has great potential.

CCRI President Meghan Hughes stated that it is an incredible opportunity to demonstrate what can be done on a bigger scale with this employer partnership and really offering quality training for high demand, high wage jobs. Electric Boat is looking to move this quickly and aggressively.

2. Rhode Island Nursing Education Center

Commissioner Purcell gave an update of the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center (RINEC) which included the following information:

- RINEC is currently under construction and Rhode Island College, University of Rhode Island, Department of Administration and Brown University coordinate activities on a weekly basis.
- The state continues to finalize the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) agreement with the developers that honors the state approved financial terms and clearly defines completion and move in dates.
- The State's lease is crafted to accommodate construction delays, scheduling, and other factors that may arise with minimal risk to the state and the educational institutions.
- A Ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for 2017.

Vern Wyman, Assistant Vice President Business Services, at URI, also gave an update on the project. The building overlooks the river and the East Side of Providence. It will have simulator facilities, as well as digital video and recording next to each bedside. It

will have a realistic ICU for infants. On the third level will be the classrooms and seminar rooms. Gilbane Construction has been working on RINEC since late fall.

Chair Foulkes stated that he was impressed that multiple institutions have come together on such a large construction project with no complications that he has heard of.

Senator Izzo asked if there would be student housing in the building. Vice President Wyman stated that the developer is planning on having market rate housing available. This feature was encouraged by Brown because their medical school is across the street and they see a need for student housing. It will not be affiliated with the institutions but it will be privately run.

Mr. Bernstein also inquired about transportation. Vice President Wyman stated that surveys were done with the students of the partnering institutions and that they are working with the Rhode Island Public Transportation Authority. RINEC will be a bus stop on RIPTA's regular route. Two hundred offsite parking spaces are being planned. There will also be shuttle services from the various partnering institutions to RINEC.

The Commissioner congratulated the University of Rhode Island for being the first state higher education institution to be approved by NC-SARA. They are officially approved on the national page for NC-SARA.

5b) Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council

5b1) Proposal for the addition of a Minor in Global Water Resources at the University of Rhode Island.

The University of Rhode Island (URI) is proposing to offer a minor in Global Water Resources (GWR) led by faculty in the College of Environment and Life Sciences (CELS). Students choosing this minor will take a minimum of 18 credit hours from a list of approved courses from multiple departments to gain necessary interdisciplinary skills that are directly relevant to understanding global water issues.

RIOPC staff reviewed the information contained in this proposal and found that the academic changes presented are within the mission, role and scope of the University of Rhode Island and do not require Council approval.

5b2) Proposal for the College of Health Sciences to certify and grant the Bachelor of Science for majors in Communicative Disorders, Health Studies, Human Development and Family Studies, Kinesiology, Nutrition and Dietetics, and Psychology and the Bachelor of Arts degree for Psychology majors at URI.

The creation of URI's new College of Health Sciences was approved by the Board of Education on July 7, 2015. At this same meeting, the Board approved the closure of the College of Human Science and Services, and transferred its departments – Communicative Disorders, Human Development and Family Studies, Kinesiology, Physical Therapy, and Health Studies -- to the College of Health Sciences. The Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences, previously part of the College of the Environment and Life Sciences, and the Department of Psychology, previously part of the College of Arts and Sciences, were also transferred to the new College of Health Sciences.

URI is now seeking approval for the College of Health Sciences to certify and grant the Bachelor of Science degree for majors in Communicative Disorders, Health Studies, Human Development and Family Studies, Kinesiology, Nutrition and Dietetics, and Psychology and the Bachelor of Arts degree for Psychology majors.

RIOPC staff reviewed the information contained in this proposal and found that the academic changes presented are within the mission, role and scope of the University of Rhode Island and do not require Council approval.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Chair Foulkes stated that there will be no reports from the Presidents this evening.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS.

7a) Funding Formula Guest Speaker Dennis Jones.

Commissioner Purcell gave an overview of the funding formula which is a distribution methodology for state appropriations and the performance funding formula which assists in the distribution of all new funds.

Legislation in 2014 assigned the responsibility for creating a performance funding formula to the Board of Education and the Council on Postsecondary Education:

RIGL§ 16-97-1.2 Powers and duties of the Board of Education. – The Board of Education shall have the following powers and duties:

... (c) To develop and submit to the General Assembly for approval a performance funding formula for public higher education that furthers the purposes of the board and ensures that all students may achieve educational excellence.

Since January 2015, the Commissioner convened meetings with campus representatives to identify the distribution of state appropriations via the assessment of course weights to offerings at each institution. The course weights attempt to measure the resource intensity of the course offerings at each level from undergraduate through to doctoral level. The performance metrics relate the way in which each institution will measure its progress toward the goals of the Postsecondary Education Strategic plan as well as to the institutional role, scope and mission.

Dennis Jones, President of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) was contracted to assist in developing the funding formula and performance funding metrics and provide input on funding and performance funding. President Jones stated that there are multiple pieces of support that come to institutions from the state. The base funding is part of the budget.

Chair Foulkes asked if the institutions are happy with the progress and if such funding methodologies are successful. President Jones stated that it helped Higher Education in Tennessee. There was a 7% appropriation increase this year.

President Hughes stated that generally she supports how to predict the funding formula and that it is the details that matter. There are conversations that need to be had that will be beneficial for the administration.

President Carriuolo agreed with President Hughes. She stated that it is workable with a lot of details. She got feedback from the Small Steering Committee that wants to review the data. There are large groups of people involved and conversations taking place.

President Dooley testified in favor of the legislation to the Rhode Island Senate. It is relatively early in the process, he stated, and indicated that there is a lot of work that remains to be done.

Mr. Smith inquired about the timeline. There was concern about whether the formula could be developed and implemented in time to be used for developing the budget for next year. In addition, Chair Cottam inquired about the October presentation to the legislature.

Mr. Duffy asked for copy of the presentation. The presentation was distributed at the end of the council meeting.

Senator Izzo and Mr. Bernstein stated that they both believe that if the system can work through the process, higher education will benefit from the work being done.

8. ACTION ITEMS.

8a) Approval of Commissioner's recommendations to the Council regarding the *Petition in the Nature of a Complaint to the Council on Postsecondary Education* filed by three named students against Rhode Island College.

The Commissioner indicated that at its December 2, 2015 meeting, the Council referred this petition to him to review the issues presented in the petition, including the issue of the Council's jurisdiction over this matter. The Council also requested that the Commissioner provide a recommendation for action at a future meeting.

In response to this referral, a meeting with the Petitioners' and RIC's legal counsel was held at the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner on February 17, 2016. The sole issue discussed at that meeting was whether the Council has jurisdiction over the issues raised in the petition regarding the use of the HESI exit exam in the RIC nursing program. Each side was asked to address the Council's (and its predecessors') jurisdiction prior and subsequent to the amendments to Chapter 59 of Title 16 that were enacted through Article 20 of the budget submission for FY 2015. A summary of each parties position that was presented at this meeting is set forth in the memorandum was included in your package for this item.

The Commissioner stated that based upon his review of the information presented at this meeting, he has forwarded a recommendation to the Council that:

1. The Council on Postsecondary Education find that the *Petition in the Nature of Complaint to the Council on Postsecondary Education* filed by three named students against Rhode Island College raises issues that are outside the Council's jurisdiction;
and
2. The Council call on the President of Rhode Island College to once again look into the questions/issues that are raised in this petition regarding of the use of the HESI examination in the College's Nursing Program, and to provide the Council with the results of this inquiry.

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

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education find that the *Petition in the Nature of Complaint to the Council on Postsecondary Education* filed by three named student against Rhode Island College raises issues that are outside the Council's jurisdiction; and

THAT The Council call on the President of Rhode Island College to once again look into the questions/issues raised in this petition regarding the use of the HESI examination in the College's nursing Program and to provide the council with the results of the inquiry.

VOTE: 7 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

8b) Approval of Degrees Awarded by the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island.

The University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College and the Community College of Rhode Island request the approval of the Council on Postsecondary Education for the conference of degrees, diplomas, and certificates to those students who have completed their academic requirements. These students have been determined by faculty at the public higher education institutions to meet their respective degree, diploma, or certificate requirements.

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

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education hereby approve the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees, diplomas, and certificates to the candidates who will have completed their requirements at the conclusion of the Spring 2016 semester at the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island.

VOTE: 7 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

8c) Approval and Award of Tenure at CCRI.

President Meghan Hughes is requesting approval for the granting of tenure to the faculty members who have met the requirements for tenure at the Community College of Rhode Island which will be effective January 1, 2016 and July 1, 2016. Background information on these individuals was provided to Council members at the April 27, 2016, meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education.

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

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the awarding of tenure to:

Effective January 1, 2016

Lori Martone-Roberts-Associate Professor

Effective July 1, 2016

H. Allethnaire Cullen, RN, MS - Assistant Professor
Melinda Duquette - Assistant Professor
Mark Hartshorn - Assistant Professor
Beth O'Leary Anish - Assistant Professor
Regina Traficante - Assistant Professor
Gerald Williams - Assistant Professor

VOTE: 7 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

8d) Approval of Tenure at the Rank of Professor with Initial Appointment as Dean in the College of Nursing at the University of Rhode Island.

President David Dooley has requested approval of tenured status at the rank of Professor in the College of Nursing for Dr. Barbara Wolfe with her appointment as Dean of the College of Nursing at the University of Rhode Island effective June 1, 2016.

Background information on this individual and tenure analysis was provided to Council members for consideration at the Council meeting on April 27, 2016.

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

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the awarding of tenure at the rank of Professor upon initial appointment for Dr. Barbara Wolf in the College of Nursing effective June 1, 2016.

VOTE: 7 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

8e) Approval authorization for three Easements related to the Environmental Land Use Restriction imposed upon Parcels at the University of Rhode Island associated with the West Kingstown Superfund Site.

As a result of the efforts by URI, Vice President Wyman stated that the remediation of this Superfund Site was successfully completed over the course of several years. Council members received a letter from President Dooley in their meeting packet providing a detailed history of the land parcels that comprise that site and that are currently the subject of three easements.

At this time, there is the final administrative step required to provide each of these subdivisions of the subject parcel with the appropriate title restrictions. The purpose of

these subdivisions and their associated easements is to put usable land back into service while maintaining the more restrictive usage to appropriate acreage within the parcel. The University has done surveying, testing for contaminants in both soil and ground water flows, and received approvals from all appropriate authorities, as well as conducted public hearings to address all public safety concerns. With Council approval, the negotiated title restriction language may be formally accepted and recorded for the surveyed, subdivided parcels under its ownership.

Council members received copies of each of the three easements that have been approved by state and federal authorities as well as a map identifying these land areas. These documents will be forwarded to the State Properties Committee upon signing.

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

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approve three easements addressing environmental land use restrictions for parcels located at the University and associated with the West Kingston Superfund Site.

VOTE: 7 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

8f) Approval of application for separate federal identification number for the Division of Higher Education Authority (DHEA).

Commissioner Purcell presented this item to the Council. Article 7 of the FY2016 Budget Appropriation Act combined the Office of the Post-secondary Commissioner with the former Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority (RIHEAA). This article also reassigned the 529 College Savings Plan (the *CollegeBoundfund*) to the Office of the General Treasurer.

The *CollegeBoundfund* provides revenues for the support of fund administration and for the state's grant program. Previously, the *CollegeBoundfund* wired the money

directly into the DHEA checking accounts. With the reassignment to the Office of the General Treasurer, the fund's monies are now wired into the General Treasurer's Office accounts to be transferred to DHEA for the payment of the State Grant Program. The Department of Administration has indicated that it is unable to transfer funds from the Treasurer's account into a bank account that is held outside but that is under the State's federal entity identification number (FEIN). Therefore, the Council has been advised to obtain a separate FEIN for the Division of Higher Education Authority.

Once DHEA obtains its FEIN, the State will be able to list the Division as a "supplier" and transfer funds directly into these accounts.

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

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education apply for and obtain a separate Federal Entity Identification Number (FEIN) for the Division of Higher Education Authority and that all of its bank accounts and any investment accounts obtain that FEIN so that the State may begin to transfer funds as required.

VOTE: 7 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

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:35 p.m. Chair William Foulkes entertained a motion to enter into executive session for:

9a) Discussion regarding a Rhode Island College personnel matter pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(1).

9b) Update on collective bargaining pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(2):

1. CCRI Part-time Faculty Association
2. Graduate Assistants United
3. Discussion of salary increases for non-union non-classified employees.

9c) Update regarding pending litigation - CCRI, et al. v. CCRI ESPA (CA No. PM 2015-5315), pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).

The Chair noted that the individual involved in Item 9(a) has been notified of his/her right to have the discussion take place in Open Session, and that no objection to discussing the matter in Executive Session has been received.

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

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education enters into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) and (2) for the reasons stated above.
	VOTE:	7 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

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 Council
- David Dooley, President, URI
- Meghan Hughes, President, CCRI
- Nancy Carriuolo, President, RIC
- Lisa Shevlin, Executive Assistant
- Jeffrey Michaelson, Esq.

The Council reconvened in open session at 8:21 p.m.

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

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on April 27, 2016.
	VOTE:	7 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

10. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

10a) Appointment of an Interim President for Rhode Island College.

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

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education assign Clark Greene the duties of, and authorize him to act as Interim President of Rhode Island College, effective May 21, 2016. This assignment will continue until the Council appoints a new president of the College or upon written notification from the Council that this assignment and authorization to act is terminated, whichever is first to occur; there will be no additional compensation paid to Clark Greene for these additional duties; and the Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all documents regarding this assignment and authorization.
	VOTE:	7 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

10b) Approval of salary increases for non-union non-classified employees at the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, the Community College of Rhode Island and the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner effective July 1, 2016.

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

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approve a three percent (3%) across the board salary increase effective July 1, 2016 for non-union non-classified faculty and staff at the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, the Community College of Rhode Island and the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner.

VOTE: 7 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

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- a) The next meeting of the Personnel and Finance/Facilities Committees for the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner at 560 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886.
- b) The next full board meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 5:30 p.m., at Rhode Island College, 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI.
- c) The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., Rhode Island College, Student Union Ballroom, 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education adjourn the meeting of April 27, 2016.
	VOTE:	7 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 8:25 p.m.