



Enclosure 3a
November 19, 2014

Minutes of the Council on Postsecondary Education Work Session
Wednesday, October 1st, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Room 500
80 Washington Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

The Council on Postsecondary Education met on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 in the RIDE Board Room located in Room 500, 80 Washington Street, Providence, RI. At 5:32 p.m. Chair Bernstein welcomed everyone. He then took roll call and noted the following:

Present: Michael Bernstein, Dr. Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Senator Thomas Izzo, Judy Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams

Absent: Eva-Marie Mancuso

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

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

VOTED: That The Council on Postsecondary Education accepts the agenda for the meeting of October 8, 2014 as revised and posted

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

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Dr. Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Senator Thomas Izzo, Judy Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

2. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Bernstein discussed in his report that he would be appointing two committees: a facilities committee and a personnel committee. Dennis Duffy will serve as Chair of the Facilities Committee. Also appointed to that committee will be John Smith and Jeffery Williams. The Personnel Committee will be chaired by Kerry Rafanelli. Judy Ouellette and Antonio Barajas have also agreed to serve on this committee. The first meetings of each group will be scheduled shortly.

3. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Purcell presented information in a PowerPoint format entitled “What got you here, won’t get you there.” The significant message in the presentation was to warn the audience that those innovations that were implemented in the past as well as the methodology used to manage and support the educational missions of the three institutions may have been successful in the past but will not allow them to remain competitive in the future.

The presentation stressed that education leadership must have a culture that:

- Actively listens to the needs/desires of our constituencies
- Continually assesses our intentions and our methodologies
- Responds to the needs of the state
- Declares publicly our goals and aspirations
- Embraces “change” and incorporates change into our business practices

4. DISCUSSION ITEM

a) Lease for space in the Shepard Building’s Suite 450 with Rhode Island Community and Justice.

Dr. Susan LaPanne led the discussion on the lease for space in the Shepard’s building by Rhode Island Community and Justice (RICJ). Dr. LaPanne noted that the lease was for \$3,000 for a year. She reported that the mission of RICJ coincided with the University’s urban mission which had created a partnership that lead to the reduced rent as an in-kind contribution for RICJ’s programs involving URI students.

Mr. Duffy asked if the upcoming rental rate was the same as in the previous year. Dr. LaPanne indicated that it was. The literature from RICJ that was included in the Council packet detailed the presentations and programs from RICJ.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:02 p.m. Chair Bernstein entertained a motion to enter into executive session for:

Discussion and authorization concerning the PTFU (Part-time Faculty Association/AAUP) and RIC/Adjunct 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).

Update, discussion, and authorization on the negotiations with Graduate Assistants United pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2).

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

VOTED: **THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education convenes in executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) for the reasons set forth above.

A roll call vote was taken on this motion as follows:

Antonio Barajas:	Yes
Dennis Duffy:	Yes
Thomas Izzo:	Yes
Judy Ouellette:	Yes
Kerry Rafanelli:	Yes
John Smith Jr.:	Yes
Dr. Jeffery Williams:	Yes
Michael Bernstein:	Yes

Council member Judy Ouellette recused herself for the updates on collective bargaining.

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

- Jim Purcell, Commissioner of Postsecondary Education,
- Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations for the Council;
- Ron Cavallaro, General Counsel;
- Susan LaPanne, Associate Commissioner, Finance & Management
- David Dooley, President, URI;
- Nancy Carriuolo, President, Rhode Island College; and
- Ray Di Pasquale, President, CCRI.

The Council reconvened in open session at 7:17 p.m.

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

VOTED: **THAT** the Council on Postsecondary Education seals the minutes of the executive session held on October 1, 2014

Vote 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, John Smith Jr., Dr. Jeffery Williams, and Kerry Rafanelli

NAYS: 0

6. NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is Wednesday, October 8, 2014, 5:30 p.m. at The University of Rhode Island's Ryan Center.

The next work session of the Council on Postsecondary Education is Wednesday, November 5, 2014, 5:30 p.m. in the RIDE Board Room, Room 500, Shepard Building.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Judy Ouellette, John Smith Jr., Dr. Jeffery Williams, Kerry Rafanelli

NAYS: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.