



**Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education**

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023 5:30 PM**

**Rhode Island Nursing Education Center**

**350 Eddy Street Providence, RI 02903 Room 316**

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**AGENDA**

**1. Acceptance of the Agenda**

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

A. Minutes of the March 15, 2023, CPE Meeting.

[Enclosure 2A](#)

**3. Report from the Chair**

A. Update on the Rhode Island College President Search

**4. Report from the Commissioner**

[Enclosure 4](#)

A. Updates on Credentials of Value

B. Federal Updates

**5. Report from the Committee Chairs**

A. Finance and Facilities Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council.

B. Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council.

[Enclosure 5B](#)

1. Notice of Change – RIC - Revisions within the Communication Department

[Enclosure 5B1](#)

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- a. Elimination of Journalism and Public Relations & Advertising Concentrations
- b. BA in Media Communication to BA in Media Communication and Advertising
- c. Creation of a BA in Strategic Communication and a Strategic Communication concentration within the Bachelor of Professional Studies

- 2. Notice of change – RIC – Elimination of Concentrations within the BS in Community and Public Health Promotion [Enclosure 5B2](#)

- a. Health and Aging
- b. Health and Promotion
- c. Women’s Health

- 3. Notice of Change – RIC - Elimination of Chemistry BA and BS concentrations in Environmental Chemistry [Enclosure 5B3](#)

- 4. Notice of Change – RIC - Creation of BS in Biotechnology [Enclosure 5B4](#)

- C. Personnel Committee - Update on Committee’s activity since its last report to the Council. [Enclosure 5C](#)

- D. Joint Alternate Retirement Plan Committee - Update on Joint Committee’s activity since its last report to the Council.

**6. Reports from the Presidents**

**A. Community College of Rhode Island** [Enclosure 6A](#)

- 1. College Update
- 2. Strategic Enrollment Update
- 3. Academic Affairs Update
- 4. Division of Workforce Partnerships Update
- 5. Finance & Administration Update
- 6. Upcoming Events

**B. Rhode Island College** [Enclosure 6B](#)

- 1. Update on Enrollment Management
- 2. Campus News

**7. Discussion Item**

- A. Discussion on the proposed Amendment to the Council’s Adoption of Policies and Regulations Policy. [Enclosure 7A](#)

- B. Discussion on the proposed Amendment to the Policy for Articulation and Transfer between Public Institutions of Higher Education in Rhode Island (S-6.0). [Enclosure 7B](#)

**8. Action Items**

- A. Approval of Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara, California as a Non-SARA Institution as recommended by the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee. [Enclosure 8A](#)
- B. Approval of Southern California University of Health Sciences as a Non-SARA Institution as recommended by the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee. [Enclosure 8B](#)
- C. Approval of Scott Anthony Barber Academy as a Proprietary School as recommended by the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee. [Enclosure 8C](#)
- D. Approval of awarding of degrees
  - 1. Community College of Rhode Island [Enclosure 8D1](#)
  - 2. Rhode Island College [Enclosure 8D2](#)
- E. Approval of awarding of tenure
  - 1. Community College of Rhode Island [Enclosure 8E1](#)
  - 2. Rhode Island College [Enclosure 8E2](#)

**9. Executive Session**

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

- A. Discussion regarding collective bargaining – all bargaining units, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).
- B. Discussion regarding potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).
- C. Discussion regarding the appointment of an interim president at Community College of Rhode Island, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1).

**10. Additional Action Item**

- A. Appointment of an interim president at Community College of Rhode Island and authorization of the Chair and/or the Commissioner to negotiate and execute any required documents or agreements with the interim president.

**11. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be announced soon.

**12. Adjourn**