



Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:30 p.m.
HYBRID MEETING
Room 200, Gaige Hall, Rhode Island College
600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island
and Zoom Webinar

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THIS WILL BE A HYBRID MEETING.

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AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes

- A. Minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting. [Enclosure 2.A.](#)

3. Reports from the Chairs

- A. Council on Postsecondary Education – Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.
- B. Board of Education – Updates and issues affecting local and national PK-20 education.

4. Report from the Commissioner

- A. Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.
- B. Update on policy and programmatic initiatives
 - I. Report on Signature Authority [Enclosure 4.B.I.](#)
- C. Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council:
 - I. From Community College of Rhode Island [Enclosure 4.C.I.](#)
 - a. Notice of Change: Basic Accounting Skills Certificate

5. Reports from the Presidents

- A. Rhode Island College - Update on the college's enrollment and most recent budget situation, and the current and anticipated impact and response.
- B. Community College of Rhode Island – Update on the college's enrollment and most recent budget situation, and the current and anticipated impact and response.

6. Action Items

- A. Approval of a Proposal from College Unbound for conditional approval to operate in Rhode Island and offer the Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership and Change. [Enclosure 6.A. & B.](#)
- B. Approval of a Proposal from College Unbound to offer more than fifty percent (50%) of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership and Change through Distance Learning. [Enclosure 6.A. & B.](#)

- C. Approval of a Small Cell Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, for real property located at Rhode Island College, 600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island. [Enclosure 6.C.](#)
- D. Approval of a Sublease with Skills for Rhode Island's Future for real property located at the Rhode Island College Workforce Development Hub, 934 Dexter Street, Central Falls, Rhode Island. [Enclosure 6.D.](#)
- E. Approval of the AY21-22 Concurrent Course Listing. [Enclosure 6.E.](#)

7. 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 Annual Report on Litigation (all cases pending in the United States First Circuit Court of Appeal, the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Supreme, and Superior Courts¹; the RI Commission for Human Rights); and potential litigation, pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5 (a)(2)

¹ Mendonca, et al. v. Rhode Island Council on Postsecondary Education, et al., (C.A. No. PC 2016-1418); Moore v. Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, et al., (C.A. No. PC 2018-7522); Cugini vs. University of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. WC 2008-0722); Elderkin v. University of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. WC 2017-0324); Karshis v. Gikas and the University of Rhode Island, (USDC No. 1:18-cv-00412); Casey v. 21st Century Fox America, Inc., et al. (C.A. No. PC 2019-0041); Moreino v. University of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. WC 2019-0166); Massucci v. University of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. WC 2019-0174); Licul v. Council on Postsecondary Education, et al., (USDC No. 1:19-cv-00244); Zewinski v. University of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. WC 2019-0243); Greenberg v. University of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. WC 19-0452); Habeeb, et al. v. University of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. PC 2019-9694); Felkner v. Rhode Island College, et al., (C.A. No. PC 2007-6702); Anderson v. Rhode Island College, et al., (C.A. No. PC 2018-0552); Caldwell v. Jason Anthony, et al., (C.A. No. PC 2018-4590); Jalloh, et al. v. Henry Barnard Laboratory School, et al., (C.A. No. PC 2019-0138); Jefferson v. Rhode Island College, et al., (C.A. No. PC 2019-5321); Thomas v. Rhode Island College, (C.A. No. PC 20-0124); Pagliari v. Rhode Island College, et al.; (C.A. No. PC 2019-9045); Parrillo v. Community College of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. 2014-2461); Tomasino v. Community College of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. PC 2017-2822); Billerbeck, et al. v. Community College of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. KC 2018-1302); Colafrancesco v. Thysenkkrupp Elevator Corp., and Council on Postsecondary Education, (C.A. No. PC 2018-6460); Lopes v. Board of Governors for Higher Education, et al., (C.A. No. PC 2018-8901); and Chartier v. Rhode Island Board of Education, (C.A. No. KC 2019-0542); Eulalia Cordeiro v. CCRI, (C.A. No. NC 2019-0362); Heon v. CCRI, USDC, (No. 1:20-cv-00195).

8. Additional Action Item

- A. Ratification of tentative agreement with CCRI Part-Time Faculty Association.

9. Upcoming Meetings

- A. The next special meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for November 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
- B. The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for November 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
- C. The next regular meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for December 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

10. Adjourn