



**Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education  
Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 5:30 PM  
Rhode Island College**

**600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI 02908, Gaige Hall, Room 200**

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**AGENDA**

**1. Acceptance of the Agenda**

**2. Approval of the minutes**

- A. Minutes of the February 9, 2024, CPE Meeting.
- B. Minutes of the February 14, 2024, CPE Meeting.

[Enclosure 2A](#)  
[Enclosure 2B](#)

**3. Report from the Commissioner**

**No Enclosure**

- A. Federal Policy Update
- B. RIOPC Department Updates

**4. Report from the Committee Chairs**

- A. Finance and Facilities Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council. **No Enclosure**
- B. Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council. **No Enclosure**
  - i. Notice of Change – CCRI – New Program Proposal of African American/Africana Studies Degree. [Enclosure 4Bi](#)

C. Personnel Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council. [Enclosure 4C](#)

D. Joint Alternate Retirement Plan Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council. [Enclosure 4D](#)

## 5. Reports from the President

A. Community College of Rhode Island [Enclosure 5A](#)

- 1) College Updates
- 2) Academic Affairs Update
- 3) Student Affairs Update
- 4) Division of Workforce Partnerships Update
- 5) Institutional Equity, Human Resources, & Organizational Development Update
- 6) Finance & Administration Update
- 7) CCRI Foundation/Institutional Advancement Update

B. Rhode Island College [Enclosure 5B](#)

- 1) Feinstein School of Education and Human Development
- 2) School of Social Work
- 3) Onanian School of Nursing
- 4) Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- 5) Community Engagement Events
- 6) Professional Studies and Continuing Education
- 7) Enrollment Management

## 6. Action Items

A. Approval of Rhode Island College Honorary Degrees. **No Enclosure**

B. Approval of the new classification of Director, Financial Strategy and Planning Position at the Rhode Island Office of Postsecondary Education, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure 6B](#)

## 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 lease of real property for public purposes, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(5).

D. Discussion regarding the extension of the Interim President of the Community College of Rhode Island's employment contract, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1).

**8. Additional Action Items**

- A. Approval of the extension of the Interim President of the Community College of Rhode Island's employment contract, and authorization of the Council Chair.
- B. Approval and authorization of the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner regarding non-council employees and the Council's Alternate Retirement Plans.
- C. Approval (conceptual) for the lease of real property in the Tower Center Project in Westerly, RI.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next Council on Postsecondary Education meeting will be on April 17, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the Community College of Rhode Island.

**10. Adjourn**