

AGENDA

Special Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education- Fall Retreat

Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Location: Community College of Rhode Island, Room 4090
400 East Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89610462364>

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. **Welcome**, Chair David Caprio

Acceptance of the Agenda

Discussion Items

8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. **Presentation: RI ‘Systemness’ in Action**, Commissioner Shannon Gilkey

The concept of “systemness” refers to the ability of a higher education system to function collectively in ways that are more effective than individual campuses acting alone. When institutions coordinate their efforts and share resources under a unified governance structure, the system can achieve efficiencies, expand access, and improve outcomes on a statewide scale. Commissioner

9:15 a.m.- 9:45 a.m. **Strategic Initiative 1: Increase Emphasis on Retention and Completion**, Commissioner Gilkey (on behalf of Assistant Commissioner Greg Ebner), VP Student Affairs and Chief Outcomes Officer Greg LaPointe, VP Student Success Cindy Kozil, and Provost and VP for Academic Affairs Manyul Im

During 2026, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee (AASSC) will work with the Academics and Student Affairs (ASA) division of OPC, RIC, and CCRI to research methods and means to improve student success rates at the colleges. The AASSC will focus on two primary measures of student success across the system.

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **Systemwide Capacity & Infrastructure**, Assistant Commissioner of Human Resources & Labor Relations Anne Marie Coleman

At the conclusion of last academic year representatives from CCRI, RIC and OPC met to discuss the need for a comprehensive safety and security study as well as upgrades to each institution's ERP system. This session will discuss these two initiatives as a systemwide approach.

- Strategic Initiative 2 – Comprehensive Security and Safety Assessment
- Strategic Initiative 3 - Implementation of a System-Wide ERP System

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Proactive Strategies to improve business services and address changing HE Finance Landscape, Chief Financial Officer Zachary Saul

As environmental conditions and postsecondary delivery models evolve it is crucial that the Council implement strategies that improve the efficiency of its business services and the effective use of its infrastructure. At the same time, the Council has a finance strategy that supports the needs of its institutions to fulfill their mission to the State of Rhode Island.

- Strategic Initiative 4 – Delegated Purchasing
- Strategic Initiative 5 - Financial Framework & Facilities Utilization

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Routines, Processes & Schedules (RIOPC) FY 2026 Approval of Meetings, Schedule(s).

11:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Overview Presentation: RIOPC SLDS & Institutional Research Potential, RILDS Team Member

Action Item

A. Approval of the Council on Postsecondary Education 2026 meeting schedule, including committee schedule.

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