MINUTES OF THE MEETING
May 23, 2005

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Board of Governors for Higher Education was held on Monday, May 23, 2005, at the University of Rhode Island, Ryan Center, Alumni Room, Kingston, Rhode Island. Vice Chair Mike Ryan declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Paula Arruda, Kenneth Aurecchia, José González, Pierre LaPerriere, Daniel Ryan, Michael Ryan, Michael Schuster, and Solomon A. Solomon.

Absent: Frank Caprio, Miriam Coleman, James DiPrete, and Thomas Rockett.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Ryan noted that Item 7c has been withdrawn from tonight's agenda at the request of the University of Rhode Island.

On a motion duly made by Kenneth Aurecchia and seconded by Daniel Ryan, it was

VOTED: THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education accept the agenda for the meeting of May 23, 2005, as amended.

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

YEAS: Paula Arruda, Kenneth Aurecchia, José González, Pierre LaPerriere, Daniel Ryan, Michael Ryan Michael Schuster and Solomon A. Solomon.

NAYS: 0

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Not available at this time. Minutes from May 2, 2005 meeting will be available at the June meeting.

3. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - None.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR - None

5. OPEN FORUM - None

6. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER - None

7. NEW BUSINESS

Associate Commissioner Steve McAllister reported that the revisions to the Board of Governors' Financial Policies 1 through 9, as outlined in Item 7a, previously appeared before the Board for purposes of notice at its meeting of May 2, 2005.

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On a motion duly made by Solomon A. Solomon and seconded by Michael Schuster, it was

VOTED:

(Item 7a)	That	The Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the revisions to the Board of Governors' Financial Policies 1 through 9 as presented.
	Vote:	8 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Paula Arruda, Kenneth Aurecchia, José González, Pierre LaPerriere, Daniel Ryan, Michael Ryan, Michael Schuster, and Solomon A. Solomon.
	NAYS:	0

Associate Commissioner McAllister reported that the resolution delegating authority over user agency contracts as outlined in Item 7b is an annual routine matter that comes before the Board for approval.

On a motion made by Pierre LaPerriere and seconded by Daniel Ryan, it was

(Item7b)	That	The Board of Governors for Higher Education adopt the resolution which delegates authority over user agency contracts to a managerial team at the University of Rhode Island.
	Vote:	8 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Paula Arruda, Kenneth Aurecchia, José González, Pierre LaPerriere, Daniel Ryan, Michael Ryan, Michael Schuster, and Solomon A. Solomon.
	NAYS:	0
(Item7c)		Withdrawn

8. BOG COMMITTEE CONSENT AGENDA

a. Academic and Student Affairs

Solomon A. Solomon reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on Friday, May 6, 2005, at Rhode Island College. Ron Schertz and Bob Cipolla from CCRI completed a series of discussions of academic advisement on our public campuses.

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Belinda Wilkerson, of the Rhode Island School Counseling Project at Providence College, gave a presentation. Ms. Wilkerson provided an overview of the American School Counselor Association's national model for K-12 advisement of students. Assistant Principal Patti DiCenso and her staff then followed up with a detailed description of their model counseling program at North Kingstown High School. Their new approach allows student counselors to study aggregate data by grade level to identify significant group needs; counselors also work with faculty by grade level to ensure that in 15-minute daily advisories all students receive the benefit of advice from a concerned adult.

The Committee thoughtfully discussed and unanimously recommended the proposals contained in this evening's consent agenda.

On a motion duly made by Kenneth Aurecchia and seconded by José González, it was

VOTED:

(Item 8a1)	That	The Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal to offer the associate in science in health information technology at Gibbs College; and further
	That	The Board of Governors for Higher Education charge Gibbs College with promptly communicating to the Office of Higher Education (RIOHE) the results of their Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) accreditation application; and further
	That	The Board of Governors for Higher Education charge Gibbs College with completing the CAHIIM accreditation process no later than the ate of the completion of the third year of the program.
(Item 8a2)	That	The Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal to offer the associate in science in medical assisting at Gibbs College; and further
	That	The Board of Governors for Higher Education charge Gibbs College with promptly communicating to the Office Of Higher Education (RIOHE) the results of their American Association of Medical Assistants Endowment (AAMAE) Accreditation application; and further
	That	The Board of Governors for Higher Education charge Gibbs College with completing the AAMAE accreditation process no later than the date of the completion of the third year of the program.
(Item 8a3)	That	The Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal for a Freshman Option for Direct Matriculation on the URI Providence Campus.
(Item 8a4)	That	The Board of Governors for Higher Education approve

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the proposal for the permanent establishment of the Center for Personal Financial Education at the University of Rhode Island.

(Item 8a5) That The Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal for the elimination of the bachelor of science in marine resource development at the University of Rhode Island.

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

YEAS: Paula Arruda, Kenneth Aurecchia, José González, Pierre LaPerriere, Daniel Ryan, Michael Ryan, Michael Schuster, and Solomon A. Solomon.

NAYS: 0

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - None

Vice Chair Ryan congratulated the three Presidents on their respective commencement ceremonies that took place the previous weekend.

10. NEXT MEETING

Monday, June 27, 2005, Office of Higher Education, 301 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island at 5:00 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion duly made by José González and seconded by Solomon A. Solomon, it was

VOTED: THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education adjourn.

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

YEAS: Paula Arruda, Kenneth Aurecchia, José González, Pierre LaPerriere, Daniel Ryan, Michael Ryan, Michael Schuster and Solomon A. Solomon.

NAYS: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Aurecchia, Secretary

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