



**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

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A regular meeting of the Board of Governors for Higher Education was held on Monday, September 18, 2006, at the Community College of Rhode Island, Board Room 4090, Knight Campus, Warwick, Rhode Island. Chair Frank Caprio declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

**Present:** Kathrin Belliveau, Frank Caprio, Sarah Courtemanche, Brenda Dann-Messier, James DiPrete, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Michael Ryan and Solomon A. Solomon

**Absent:** Kenneth Aurecchia, Miriam Coleman and Joseph Hagan.

**1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

On a motion duly made by James DiPrete and seconded by Brenda Dann-Messier, it was

**VOTED:** THAT The Board of Governors for Higher Education accept the agenda for the meeting of September 18, 2006.

Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Kathrin Belliveau, Frank Caprio, Sarah Courtemanche, James DiPrete, Pierre LaPerriere, Brenda Dann-Messier, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Michael Ryan and Solomon A. Solomon.

NAYS: 0

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion duly made by Solomon A. Solomon and seconded by Sarah Courtemanche, it was

**VOTED:** THAT The Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the minutes of the August 21, 2006 meeting.

Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Kathrin Belliveau, Frank Caprio, Sarah Courtemanche, James DiPrete, Pierre LaPerriere, Brenda Dann-Messier, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Michael Ryan and Solomon A. Solomon.

NAYS: 0

Chair Caprio thanked President DiPasquale for hosting tonight's meeting and for organizing the CCRI staff to partake in tonight's gathering. In particular, Chair Caprio recognized the efforts of Sal Pate, Director of Food Services at CCRI, for the warm reception, excellent food, and outstanding service CCRI has offered this evening.

President DiPasquale welcomed members of the Board of Governors and Commissioner Warner to CCRI's Knight Campus. President DiPasquale acknowledged the assistance provided by a number of CCRI's students who served as greeters and escorts.

President DiPasquale announced a new partnership between the Community College of Rhode Island and the New England Laborers/Cranston Public Schools Construction Career Academy. President DiPasquale introduced the Chairman of the Board of the New England Laborers/Cranston Public Schools Construction Career Academy, Mayor Michael Traficante, who was joined by newly appointed superintendent of the N.E. Laborers, Rick Scherza, and Dr. Michael Silva, Executive Director of the N.E. Laborers, Cranston Public Schools Construction Career Academy. Mayor Traficante expressed his gratitude to Chair Caprio and the members of the Board of Governors for considering this collaboration. Mayor Traficante also thanked Professor Tom Whitfield and Anthony Leone, retired Associate Commissioner for External Affairs, for their determination in following this venture through to fruition. This collaboration will provide a tremendous opportunity for students to carry out their formal education at a reputable institution of higher learning while achieving an associate's degree in technical studies. It will also provide an opportunity for students to advance in the industry as a result of that education. Superintendent Rick Scherza believes this alliance will provide a different type of education and a unique opportunity for those students who might not do as well in a traditional classroom setting. Superintendent Scherza invited Board members to visit the Cranston Public Schools Construction Career Academy to witness firsthand this new trend in education. Dr. Michael Silva stated that this program was built on personalization, and personalization means community. Dr. Silva believes that this combination of both high school and college will provide a broad continuum of opportunities in which students might excel.

President DiPasquale introduced Mary Benton, Chairperson of the CCRI Art Department. Ms. Benton highlighted the various areas of study within the Art Department. In an effort to reach a greater number of high school students, CCRI developed an improved web site for its Art Department that is very easy to navigate.

### **3. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

### **4. OPEN FORUM**

Philip Hendry, a first year student at CCRI, addressed the Board to ask for an explanation behind the proposed 6% tuition increase at CCRI. Mr. Hendry believes the proposed tuition increase could prevent new applicants, as well as current CCRI students, from returning to the College next year. The projected increase could also preclude individuals from low-income families from applying to the College. Finally, Mr. Hendry commented that the proposed tuition increase could pose a problem for CCRI directly if students who might otherwise come to CCRI decide not to pursue an education in the public higher education system.

### **5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Caprio remarked on the proposed unrestricted and restricted budget requests that are expected to lead to tuition increases at the three public institutions of higher education. It is

the mission of the Chair, Vice Chair and members of the Board to do everything in their power to make higher education affordable and accessible. Chair Caprio reported that public higher education in Rhode Island today has become less affordable, particularly for low income families. Statistics show that if all the ethnic groups in Rhode Island had the same educational attainment as Caucasians, the total personal income in the state would increase by approximately \$805 million. Rhode Island received an F for affordability, and its performance on this measure continues to decline. Data from labor market information provided by the RI Department of Labor & Training show that for the next six years it is estimated that Rhode Island employers will need to fill over 178,000 jobs. One-third of these jobs, or 58,000, during this period will require college degrees. Board members learned at a seminar held at the Bay Campus in August that there is not a shortage of jobs, but there is a shortage of those who are qualified to fill the jobs.

A comparison of lifetime earnings by educational attainment in Rhode Island as of the year 2000 indicates that a high school graduate will earn approximately \$958,000 during his or her lifetime; a person with a bachelor's degree will earn \$1,720,000, or approximately \$762,000 more than a high school graduate; and a person with a master's degree or higher will earn \$2,255,000, or \$1,297,000 more than a high school graduate. Chair Caprio pointed out that based on these numbers, if Rhode Island was able to educate 5,000 more low income students who would not ordinarily go to college, the benefit to the Rhode Island economy during their lifetimes would be \$3.8 billion.

Chair Caprio is distressed when presented with a budget that requires an increase in tuition. He reminded the audience that of the total higher education budget of \$750 million, only \$190 million in support is provided by the state. Chair Caprio is satisfied that the three institutions are doing their very best to be fiscally responsible without sacrificing the quality of higher education.

Chair Caprio urged members of the audience to become ambassadors of good will on behalf of public higher education. Supporters of higher education must speak out at every public forum possible to get the word out in the community that higher education needs more help financially. The greatest economic development tool that this state possesses is the ability to send someone to college and have that person graduate. Higher Education will improve not only the quality of life for the individual, but also the quality of life for the state, resulting in a healthier environment for everyone. There are more immigrants in this country now than at any previous time in the history of this country. Focus should be placed on helping the low income groups achieve a quality education. Chair Caprio urged everyone to become a tireless advocate for this cause.

## **6. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Warner thanked President DiPasquale, along with the faculty and staff at CCRI, for their hospitality this evening.

Commissioner Warner amplified the comments made by Chair Caprio concerning the restricted and unrestricted budget proposals presented at today's meeting. The Board is being asked to approve one of three budget proposals – that is, the budget proposal referred to as the current service level budget. In addition to significant increases in state support, the current service level budget calls for tuition and fee increases of about 6%.

Commissioner Warner reported that in FY 2002 the system received general revenue support of \$174.9 million. In FY 2007 the system received \$184.9 million in general revenue

support. The figure referred to by Chair Caprio of \$190 million contains over \$5 million in debt service transfer. A comparison reveals that over a six year period the system's state revenue has grown from \$174.9 million to \$184.9 million, which equates to an average increase of approximately 1% per year. After factoring in personnel cost increases, energy cost increases, and benefits, the system's costs have grown substantially greater than 1% per year. In order to meet the basic quality expectations and preserve the integrity of the institutions, the only option available to the Board is to adjust tuition and fees.

Commissioner Warner referenced the Governor's request for a budget proposal comprised of a simple 3% increase over fiscal 2007. If the system's general revenue had grown by a rate of 3% per year over the last six years, the system would be in a position very similar to what is being requested for FY 2008: \$208.8 million versus the FY 2008 request for \$212.3 million. The request for \$212.3 million in general revenue reflects an attempt to make up for lost ground suffered during the past six year period.

Lastly, Commissioner Warner explained the impact of the target budget put forth by the State Budget Office which would hold certain items in the budget harmless; give credit for certain items and then cut 15% from the total.

Commissioner Warner reported that tuition and fee increases at each of the three institutions have been under the national average for the past four years. Commissioner Warner highlighted survey data that illustrates how tuition and fees at the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island measure up to the national average. The shortfall in general revenue over the past few years has placed a greater burden on students.

In summary, the Commissioner indicated that the Board is being asked to approve the current service level budget, keeping tuition increases at a relatively modest 6%, while trying to restore general revenue support that would put the system at a level if it had grown by 3% per year over the past six years. Commissioner Warner believes it is time for higher education to be funded sufficiently because higher education is such an important part of the state's future.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

On a motion made by Solomon A. Solomon and seconded by Sarah Courtemanche, it was

VOTED: <b>(ITEM 7a)</b>	THAT	the RI Board of Governors for Higher Education (RIBGHE) approve the suggested revisions to four RIBGHE student policies: Student Rights Policy (S-1), Policy on Student with Disabilities (S-3), Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Policy (S-4), and Inter-institutional Student Exchange: R.I. Public Institutions (S-7).
<b>(ITEM 7b)</b>	THAT	the RI Board of Governors for Higher Education (RIBGHE) approve the Policy on Data Submission and Security of Confidential Data housed in the RIBGHE system wide Data Warehouse
	Vote:	10 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members Voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Kathrin Belliveau, Frank Caprio, Sarah Courtemanche, James DiPrete, Pierre LaPerriere, Brenda Dann-Messier, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Michael Ryan and Solomon A. Solomon.

NAYS: 0

The Commissioner indicated that the Office of Higher Education has a policy of reviewing the academic and financial policies adopted many years ago, some when the Board of Governors was consolidated with the Board of Regents. Commissioner Warner highlighted four Board of Governors' student policies as outlined in Enclosure 7a. The revisions to these policies were noticed at the August, 2006 Board meeting and are now before the Board for approval.

- Student Rights Policy (S-1);
- Policy on Students with Disabilities (S-3);
- Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Policy (S-4);
- Inter-institutional Student Exchange (S-7)

Commissioner Warner described Enclosure 7b, which focuses on the ongoing development of the system wide data warehouse that was created three years ago. The Office of Higher Education has asked the institutions to submit data pertaining to their students. This information is used to follow student outcomes and to see how students progress through the system. The warehouse is also used to report back to Rhode Island high schools on the performance of their students when at institutions of public higher education. These policies refine this relatively new data warehousing operation systemize the process of submitting data and protecting the privacy of the data once submitted. Commissioner Warner recommends approval of this policy.

Prior to delivering his report, Vice Chair Michael Ryan congratulated CCRI student Philip Hendry for his presentation this evening.

Vice Chair Michael Ryan reported that the Finance and Management Committee met on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The Committee is recommending approval of the unrestricted and restricted budget requests, tuition and fee rates, Tables of Organization for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 for the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island and the Office of Higher Education as outlined in Enclosure 7c.

Vice Chair Michael Ryan explained that the FY 2007 Appropriation Act has delineated the state appropriation funding by each institution; however, the Board maintains the authority and responsibility to produce a system budget request, make funding recommendations, and establish tuition and fee rates for FY 2007 and beyond.

The recommended current service level budget request includes the minimal amount needed to maintain system needs, produce modest enrollment growth and keep the price affordable for students and families. The current service level includes an unrestricted budget request for fiscal 2008 totaling \$497.1 million, an increase of \$44.4 million or 9.8 % over the current-year budget. As presented to the Committees, state appropriations of \$212.3 million would comprise 42.7% of the total. Institutional revenues with increases in student-paid tuition and fees would fund the remaining \$284.8 million. Among the major expense drivers in this budget are salary and wage requirements and increases in fringe benefit rates. Also driving the increases are the implementation of renovation and replacement programs for housing

facilities at URI and RIC. Student aid programs are also increasing in FY 08. The restricted budget, including the RI Capital Fund, auxiliaries, research and federal and other financial aid, totals \$302.7 million, an increase of \$29.9 million or 11.0 %.

The proposed tuition and fee increases for in-state students for FY 2008 at the undergraduate level would add \$460, or an increase of 6.0%, to the cost of attending the University; \$298, or an increase of 6.0%, for Rhode Island College; and \$160, or an increase of 6.0%, to the cost of attending the Community College. For out-of-state students, the increases would be \$1,614, or an increase of 7.5%, at the University; \$776 or 6.0 % at the College.

The committee recommends that enrollment as a system should grow to 29,314 full-time equivalent (FTE) students for fiscal year 2008. This represents an increase of 692 students or 2.4% over the current year and 4.3 % over FY 2006. University enrollment would increase by 380 students, or 3.0%; Rhode Island College enrollment would increase by 30 students, or 0.4%; Community College enrollment would increase by 282, or 3.0%.

Vice Chair Michael Ryan stated that while this is the budget that the committee is recommending to the Board, the institutions were also required to produce two other budget scenarios. The State Budget Office required a "target budget" which equates to a 15% reduction for all state agencies. In addition, the Governor has asked for a 3% growth plan budget. We have produced both of these additional budget scenarios, and they are included in the Board's packets.

Vice Chair Ryan reported that the FY 2008 target budget for the system of Higher Education was \$168.3 million, or \$22.1 million less than the current year's appropriation. At URI, it is projected that this budget would require an increase in tuition and mandatory fees of approximately 15%, as compared to a current service level. It is projected that Rhode Island College would have to raise tuition and fees by more than 33%. At the Community College it is estimated that nearly a 32% increase in tuition and fees would be required over the current year.

Vice Chair Ryan reported that a three percent (3%) growth budget would require tuition and fee increases of approximately 9% at the University. The critical elements of the current service request, such as support for new faculty, NEASC accreditation and library capital would be adversely impacted. At Rhode Island College a three percent (3%) growth budget would require an approximate 19% increase in tuition and fees. At the Community College, a three percent (3%) growth budget, combined with the proposed tuition increase, would cover the cost of projected salary and fringe benefit rate increases. It would not allow for the filling of critical faculty and staff positions or the restoration of funding for academic, library and technology equipment. A 17% tuition and fee increase would be required to restore these items.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Michael Ryan and seconded by Brenda Dann-Messier, it was

VOTED:

**(ITEM 7c)**

THAT

the Board of Governors approve the system of public higher education budget request for the 2008-2009 fiscal year as recommended for current services; and further

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the Board of Governors approve the tuition, mandatory fees, and auxiliary enterprise fees for the 2008-2009 fiscal year as presented for current services; and further

- THAT the Board of Governors approve the system of public higher education Tables of Organization for the 2008-2009 fiscal year as presented
- Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members Voted in the negative as follows:
- YEAS: Kathrin Belliveau, Frank Caprio, Sarah Courtemanche, James DiPrete, Pierre LaPerriere, Brenda Dann-Messier, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Michael Ryan and Solomon A. Solomon.
- NAYS: 0

Governor Sarah Courtemanche spoke not only as a member of the Board but as a student. Governor Courtemanche believes higher education provides brighter futures for Rhode Island's youth; however, brighter futures come at a cost. The cost is financial. As the student representative for the State of Rhode Island, Governor Courtemanche represents a myriad of eager learners. Although tuition increases hit home, it is understood they are a last resort. With a budget of \$750 million and only \$190 million from the state, the institutions are doing their best to maintain their high quality of education. Tough times are ahead for Rhode Island, but with support from decision makers and state leaders, youth in Rhode Island will have a brighter future. Governor Sarah Courtemanche acknowledged the concerns voiced by Philip Hendry on behalf of the Board and indicated the Board is doing its very best.

Governor Tom Rockett believes that the label for the current services level budget is misleading and suggested that it be called a restoration budget to underline that the institutions need the support that they have lost over the last six years. Governor Rockett referred to the term "educational malpractice" and believes the Board will hear more of this phrase if the budget continues to erode.

Associate Commissioner McAllister indicated that the expression **current service level budget** is the acronym that is used at the State House. The Office of Higher Education is required to use this phrase for consistency purposes when making presentations to the Governor and the legislature. The current service level budget before the Board tonight will only keep the system of higher education just above water. Previous years' budgets did not fully fund the institutions' needs. Each of the presidents can demonstrate a number of critical positions among faculty, staff, and support staff that have been kept vacant. Associate Commissioner McAllister noted that even a 3% growth budget would not cover the system of higher education's contractual obligations for some of the fringe benefit costs.

Governor Rockett questioned whether third party funds were exempt from the FTE cap. Commissioner Warner indicated that there are two FTE caps for each institution: (1) a normal operating FTE cap; (2) an FTE cap for sponsored research and other forms of revenue such as grant funds.

Governor Solomon voiced his belief that the magic to success is education.

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### a. Facilities and Finance

Chair Caprio reported that the Facilities and Finance & Management Committees met on September 6, 2006 and today prior to the full Board meeting. There are two items under today's consent agenda that the Facilities and Finance & Management Committees are recommending for approval by the Board.

Chair Caprio reported that employees of the Board of Governors for Higher Education are eligible to participate in various retirement plan products and services. Those employees who participate in the TIAA/CREF retirement plans recently have been offered expanded investment options. In order to participate in these expanded investment options, custodial accounts must be established. TIAA-CREF has contracted with JP Morgan Chase to provide these services. In order for employees to participate in the expanded investment options now offered by TIAA/CREF, TIAA-CREF is requiring plan administrators to execute new recordkeeping agreements with TIAA-CREF and custodial account agreements with JP Morgan Chase.

Associate Commissioner McAllister commented that the execution of these agreements is a routine process to allow for the expansion of investment options available to Board of Governor employees.

Chair Caprio next reported on Item 8a2, wherein the University of Rhode Island is requesting Board approval of a license agreement with National Grid to allow for an emergency mobilization site on the Kingston campus. National Grid has entered into license agreements in order to have the ability to immediately mobilize command and operation centers in strategic locations throughout the State. They have identified the Kingston campus of the University of Rhode Island as an ideal location from which to conduct such a power restoration effort for Washington County.

The University and National Grid have identified portions of the University's Fine Arts parking lot as a site for such a power restoration effort. The site would be used for the erection of tents for eating, sleeping and command functions, the storage of cable, utility poles, and other repair materials, the placement of fuel tankers to fuel vehicles, and the parking of trucks and heavy equipment.

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

**VOTED:**

**(Item 8a1)**

That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the recordkeeping and custodial agreements with TIAA/CREF and with JPMorgan Chase, as presented.

Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Kathrin Belliveau, Frank Caprio, Sarah Courtemanche, James DiPrete, Pierre LaPerriere, Brenda Dann-Messier, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Michael Ryan and Solomon A. Solomon.

NAYS: 0

**VOTED:**  
**(Item 8a2)** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the license agreement with National Grid for an emergency mobilization site on the Kingston Campus; subject to review and approval by the Board's legal counsel, and

Further: that the agreement be forwarded to the State Properties Committee for approval

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Kathrin Belliveau, Frank Caprio, Sarah Courtemanche, James DiPrete, Pierre LaPerriere, Brenda Dann-Messier, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan and Solomon A. Solomon.

ABSTAIN: Michael Ryan

NAYS: 0

## 9. ADDITIONAL CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Caprio reported that the Personnel Review Committee received three requests for action consistent with the Board of Governor's Personnel Policy pertaining to Allocation to Class.

As a result of that review process, the Personnel Review Committee is recommending that the Board approve the changes in classification for the three positions as outlined in the Board package.

On a motion made by Brenda Dann-Messier and seconded by Thomas Rockett, it was

**VOTED:**  
**(Item 9a)** THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the Personnel Review Committee's recommended changes in classification:

### ***At the University of Rhode Island:***

1. New classification, Associate Director, HCM System (Human Capital Management) grade 16 (\$59,801-\$118,188)
2. Reclassify the position, Coordinator, CELS/Student Affairs to Coordinator, CEL/Undergraduate Affairs, PSA grade 14 (\$58,523-\$74,487) to PSA grade 11 (\$46,921-\$58,733)

### ***At Rhode Island College:***

1. Reclassify the position, College Photographer, PSA grade 9 (\$32,023-\$61,970) to College

Photographer/Videographer, PSA grade 10 (\$34,476-\$67,057)

Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members Voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Kathrin Belliveau, Frank Caprio, Sarah Courtemanche, James DiPrete, Pierre LaPerriere, Brenda Dann-Messier, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Michael Ryan and Solomon A. Solomon.

NAYS: 0

## 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## 11. PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

### a. Community College of Rhode Island

President DiPasquale welcomed Board members to the Community College of Rhode Island and thanked the faculty, staff, and students who assisted with tonight's get-together. The faculty, the staff and the students are all coming together to do a wonderful job of making CCRI the best place possible.

President DiPasquale introduced Susan Swenson, Chair of CCRI's Music Department, who gave a brief presentation on some of the activities that are taking place within the Music Department at CCRI. Ms. Swenson also highlighted the faculty of the Music Department and the accomplishments of some of CCRI's music students. CCRI's Music Department is attempting to achieve accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Music. A site visit is expected to take place in March of 2007. Ms. Swenson announced that CCRI is adding a jazz history section at the Newport campus.

President DiPasquale thanked Tom Whitfield, Chair of CCRI's Chemistry Department, and Dean Peter Woodberry for their tremendous efforts in working with the Cranston Public School System to finalize CCRI's partnership with the Cranston Public Schools Construction Academy.

President DiPasquale announced a notice of change in three programs at the Community College as follows: (1) Computer Desktop Technician Certificate; (2) Network Technician Certificate; and (3) Advanced Networking Technician Certificate.

President DiPasquale also announced the establishment of a 15-credit hour program with the International Yacht Restoration School located in Newport.

The NEASC team will be visiting CCRI's campus on Sunday, September 24, 2006, for a progress report. The President and the faculty at CCRI are excited about this upcoming visit and the opportunity to demonstrate the accomplishments CCRI has achieved over the last several months. President DiPasquale thanked Commissioner Warner and Deputy Commissioner and Chief Academic Officer Nancy Carriuolo for their assistance in preparing for the NEASC visit.

From 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. on September 24, at the Hyatt Regency in Newport, CCRI and the CCRI Foundation will be hosting a fundraiser entitled “South American Emerging Food Trends” for CCRI’s Culinary Arts Assistance Program.

President DiPasquale invited Board members to CCRI’s Lincoln campus on September 27, at which time CCRI will be receiving a significant donation from Peter A. Moscovita, President and CEO of Unetixs, Company for a diagnostic medical sonography program.

President DiPasquale announced that Jack Renza, a CCRI faculty member and owner of a successful accounting firm, and Dr. Joseph Amaral, President of Rhode Island Hospital, have agreed to chair the inauguration committee. The inauguration will take place on March 23, 2007. More information will follow.

**b. University of Rhode Island**

President Carothers thanked the Chair, the Commissioner, and members of the Board for their statements tonight in support of higher education and for managing tuition increases in the system. President Carothers made a plea for increased support for the Community College of Rhode Island in its effort to provide access to higher education for the people of Rhode Island, in particular, for the children of immigrants. The University and Rhode Island College depend on the Community College to carry out the work of transitioning people into higher education who are often many levels below reading grade level. President Carothers supports spending this year’s political capital on assisting CCRI to carry out the mission of moving the newest citizens of Rhode Island into the middle-class sector.

President Carothers announced the appointment of Mark Higgins as the new Dean of the College of Business. President Carothers commended Mr. Higgins for his work in the accounting profession and noted that his textbook, now in its thirteenth edition, is the standard around the country for introductory accounting courses. Mr. Higgins is an extraordinarily good teacher and cares about students.

President Carothers reminded Board members that next week the University will host a two-day global conference on national security sponsored by the eight universities that are part of the Global U8 Consortium. Speakers include U.S. Army General Leon Laporte, who recently retired as the Commanding General of Forces in the Korean Peninsula. The conference will be held on September 25 and September 26, with the presidents from the eight universities meeting on September 27 and September 28.

**c. Rhode Island College**

President Nazarian echoed President Carothers’ comments relating to the Community College. President Nazarian believes that the entrance to higher education for many people is through the Community College. He wants to ensure that CCRI has the resources to do the job they are charged to do.

President Nazarian reported that enrollment at Rhode Island College is over the 8,900 mark and noted that the increase in enrollment is at the undergraduate level.

President Nazarian announced that filming for the new CBS television series ***Waterfront*** will take place at the Henry Barnard School this week. President Nazarian is pleased that television executives chose Rhode Island College as the location to film this series.

President DiPasquale thanked the Board and both President Carothers and President Nazarian for their support. President DiPasquale also noted that CCRI's Newport campus opened in the fall of 2005 with 1,100 students. Today's enrollment at the Newport campus is 1,497, which represents a 30% increase in enrollment. President DiPasquale expects CCRI to meet its target enrollment of 16,247 students this year.

## 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Caprio indicated that he would entertain a motion to enter into executive session to discuss an update on pending litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).

On a motion duly made by Sarah Courtemanche and seconded by Solomon A. Solomon, it was

<b>VOTED:</b>	That	the Board of Governors for Higher Education convene in Executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) for the reasons set forth above.
	Vote:	10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS	Kathrin Belliveau, Frank Caprio, Sarah Courtemanche, James DiPrete, Pierre LaPerriere, Brenda Dann-Messier, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Michael Ryan and Solomon A. Solomon.
	NAYS:	0

After a short break, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:49 p.m.

Non-Board members in the audience were excused with the exception of Sandra Lanni, General Counsel for the Board; Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations; President Robert Carothers; President John Nazarian; President Ray Di Pasquale; Deputy Commissioner and Chief Academic Officer Nancy Carriuolo; and Associate Commissioner Stephen McAllister.

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:51 p.m.

## 13. NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 23, 2006, at Rhode Island College, Alger Hall, Providence, Rhode Island.

Monday, December 4, 2006 at the Office of Higher Education, 301 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion duly made by Kathrin Belliveau and seconded by Brenda Dann-Messier, it was

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

Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Kathrin Belliveau, Frank Caprio, Sarah Courtemanche, James DiPrete, Pierre LaPerriere, Brenda Dann-Messier, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Michael Ryan and Solomon A. Solomon.

NAYS: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Kenneth Aurecchia, Secretary***