



RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Board of Governors for Higher Education was held on Monday, October 22, 2007, at Rhode Island College, Alger Hall, Providence, Rhode Island. Vice Chair Michael Ryan declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Present: Frank Caprio, Sarah Courtemanche, Brenda Dann-Messier, Robert Flanders, Jr., Joseph Hagan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Michael Ryan, and Solomon A. Solomon

Absent: Kenneth Aurecchia, Kathrin Belliveau, Miriam Coleman, and Daniel Ryan.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Ryan indicated that based on a last minute communication from Sigma Kappa, Item 8b1, the approval of a uniform real estate license agreement, will be deleted.

On a motion duly made by Robert Flanders, Jr. and seconded by Solomon A. Solomon, it was

VOTED: THAT The Board of Governors for Higher Education accepts the agenda for the meeting of October 22, 2007.

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

YEAS: Sarah Courtemanche, Brenda Dann-Messier, Robert Flanders, Jr., Joseph Hagan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Michael Ryan, and Solomon A. Solomon.

NAYS: 0

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion duly made by Pierre LaPerriere and seconded by Robert Flanders, Jr., it was

VOTED: THAT The Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the minutes of the September 17, 2007 meeting.

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

YEAS: Sarah Courtemanche, Brenda Dann-Messier, Robert Flanders, Jr., Joseph Hagan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Michael Ryan and Solomon A. Solomon.

NAYS: 0

3. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A revised version of Item 3a, the 2008 Board calendar, was distributed.

4. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Warner thanked President Nazarian for hosting tonight's meeting.

The Commissioner noted that tonight's agenda will have a Rhode Island College emphasis to it since the major item of new business seeks the approval of the Rhode Island College strategic plan; the second in a cycle of strategic planning that the institution has engaged in.

Commissioner Warner remarked on the FY 2009 budget issues and the question of state lay-offs. He provided a general statement to each Board member under separate cover, as well as a copy to the press, in an effort to clarify the Board's position on this matter. It has been reported that the Governor is leaving 487 positions unfilled from various state agencies and plans to lay-off 417 additional employees beginning mid-November. The Commissioner believes that any attrition that takes place during the year will be sufficient to account for the budget challenges and shortfalls that higher education may experience in FY 2009. While the Commissioner does not anticipate that higher education will be doing any direct lay-offs; there are employees from other state agencies who may have seniority, and therefore, bumping rights against some of higher education's employees.

Commissioner Warner reported that higher education will continue to face its own set of budget challenges since anticipated projections indicate a 3% decline in general revenue support for FY 2009. The system of higher education will adjust to this decline by keeping a certain amount of turnover vacant; however, it is important to note that higher education has been engaged in an enrollment growth strategy at all three institutions. The process of growing student enrollment forces a reallocation of resources towards the student master schedule. In order to accommodate more students, the system will need to offer more sections and hire more instructors to accommodate the enrollment growth. The Commissioner's strategy is to leave some administrative positions vacant and allocate those resources towards the master schedule. While other state agencies are responding to the crisis by rolling back what they offer, higher education will continue to expand, which forces the reallocation of resources towards instruction and instructional support for students.

The Commissioner indicated that he is seeking increased autonomy and freedom from purchasing regulations and is negotiating with the Department of Administration to get delegated purchasing authority to very high levels of purchasing. This will allow higher education to make its own decisions, following the requisite processes for purchasing, rather than having to submit purchases to the state for further approval. Another cost saving initiative being explored by Commissioner Warner is a consolidation of all payrolls to the University so that higher education runs its own payroll.

Contrary to the newspaper's characterization that higher education is not cooperating with the Governor's budget cuts, Commissioner Warner believes higher education is cooperating with the strategy to economize and make efficiencies in its operation by rolling back the overall number of employees, particularly in administrative operations.

The Commissioner also reported that in 2004 the Board passed a policy requiring each institution to specify student learning outcomes for each program of study, general education programs, and for any college-ready developmental education expectations they had in the skill areas of reading, writing, and math. The Board policy asked for a sequence of programs and the first programs in that sequence (RIC Computer Information Systems) were presented before the ASAC Committee at its recent meeting.

Commissioner Warner notified the Board that a NEASC team is currently visiting the University of Rhode Island. Among other things, the NEASC team is interested in specifying these learning outcomes and the assessments that produce the evidence by which we would know that students meet these outcome standards. This Board mandate has strategically positioned its institutions to respond not only to its own initiatives but to the requirements of NEASC as well. This appears as a Consent Item on today's agenda.

5. OPEN FORUM

Vice Chair Ryan reminded the audience of the open forum process which allows audience members an opportunity to come forward and speak for 5 minutes. Members of the Board do not ask questions, nor do they answer questions from anyone who speaks in open forum.

Holly Shadioan appeared before the Board on behalf of members of the Rhode Island College campus to express concern over what is happening with United HealthCare. Ms. Shadioan has been an employee at Rhode Island College for the past 32 years. In all the years she has worked at the College no one has ever been forced to lose a physician with whom they developed a close relationship. With the announcement of the withdrawal of OB/GYN Associates from the United Healthcare network, Ms. Shadioan has lost her gynecologist and if Coastal Medical cannot reach an agreement, she will lose her family doctor on January 1st. People with serious health issues have trusted their doctor for a long period of time and it is very hard to establish that relationship of trust all over again. Ms. Shadioan is hopeful that the Board of Governors can express the concern shared by the faculty and staff at each of the institutions to the Department of Administration.

Kristen Salemi appeared before the Board to bring another face to the story of those affected by the announcement of OB/GYN Associates and Coastal Medical. She finds the announcement to be extremely upsetting and asked for the Board's support in trying to resolve this matter.

Vice Chair Ryan informed the Board that Chair Caprio recently received a letter from Marjorie Norquist on this issue, copies of which have been circulated to Board members.

It was noted that two individuals who expressed an interest in speaking during open forum (Marjorie Norquist and Robert Walsh) have not yet arrived. If they arrive and still wish to speak during open forum, the schedule will be adjusted to accommodate their request.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chair Ryan called upon President Nazarian to report on Item 7a which calls for the approval of the 2007-2010 Strategic Plan for Rhode Island College. President Nazarian reported that the Rhode Island College community joined together to commence work on the 2007-2010 Strategic Plan during the 2006-2007 academic year. The process involved a comprehensive review of the College's goals and relating them to the goals of the Board of Governors for Higher Education. Dr. Nazarian indicated that the College is currently

implementing a variety of these goals, and called upon Nancy Carriuolo, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, to address the Board on this matter.

Dr. Carriuolo indicated that a small group represented Rhode Island College last Thursday and Friday at a NEASC-sponsored workshop for institutions with upcoming accreditation visits. RIC was notified last week that it has a focus report due on 1/15/08. In addition, a comprehensive visit is being planned for 2010. At the NEASC workshop last week, strategic planning linked to assessment was one of several strong areas of emphasis, as was increased involvement by the Board.

According to Dr. Carriuolo, NEASC is under more scrutiny and in turn has increased the level of scrutiny of higher education institutions that are under its oversight. NEASC's new standards very clearly state that the entire institution and its stakeholders are expected to be involved in strategic planning. Now in 2007 NEASC visiting teams are asking very specific questions and they are asking for very specific information. Dr. Carriuolo reported that Rhode Island College's plan that is on the agenda tonight is the result of a widespread institutional effort. The goals have been aligned with Board goals and they have also been aligned with NEASC standards. All of this work is being done with encouragement and the support of President Nazarian.

Dr. Carriuolo introduced Assistant Professor of Biology Rebeka Merson, one Rhode Island College faculty member who is helping to carry out the goal of economic development through the creation of new knowledge. Dr. Merson is an Assistant Professor of Biology, who graduated from U-Mass Dartmouth; joined the Sea Education Association in Woods Hole and sailed for two years in the North Atlantic as a shipboard scientist working on projects with students. RIC shares pride in Rebecca with its sister institution, URI. As a graduate student at URI, Dr. Merson studied shark reproduction and nursery ground ecology before earning her Ph.D. in Biology in 1998. As a post-doctoral fellow at Woods Hole, she began to investigate toxicology and the adaptation of marine organisms. Since being appointed assistant professor of Biology at RIC in 2006, she has been funded first by a faculty development award from INBRE and now also by a prestigious grant from the National Institution of Environmental Health Sciences. Dr. Merson is studying aspects of human disease that arise from exposure to environmental chemicals. In addition to being a promising young researcher she is also a phenomenal mentor. She teaches students through hands-on experiences and she helps develop the young researchers that are portrayed in the newsletter distributed to Board members this evening.

[Robert Flanders, Jr. departed]

Dr. Merson provided a presentation on *Scientific Research at RIC: Experiential Learning Opportunities* and highlighted some of her achievements, as well as the learning activities afforded to students in her laboratory.

[Chair Frank Caprio arrived]

Dr. Merson's specialty is faculty-mentored research with students. There is evidence that students engaged in faculty-mentored research will stay in their programs and have a higher rate of graduation. In addition, the faculty-mentored experience assists students in deciding what they want to pursue after graduation. As a guest investigator at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Dr. Merson is able to bring her students there where they can interact with professionals at a world renowned institution.

Rhode Island College, Dr. Merson stated, has partnered with the University of Rhode Island and other colleges in Rhode Island as part of Rhode Island's INBRE (Idea Network of Biomedical Research Excellence) program. Under this program, there are students in the lab both during the academic year and during the summer months.

Dr. Merson remarked that faculty-mentored research is self-sustaining. She noted that grant proposals bring in outside money and acknowledged both the funding from INBRE and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. She also thanked Dr. Nazarian for highlighting research accomplishments this fall in the opening convocation and for his commitment in bringing research into Rhode Island College.

Governor LaPerriere asked Dr. Carriuolo to comment on the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) initiative contained within the 2007-2010 Strategic Plan for Rhode Island College. Dr. Carriuolo indicated that the STEM initiative is funded by COPs funding. There is a portion of STEM work going on at all three institutions. The special project going on at RIC involves the STEM Center, where work had been delayed because the Architectural and Engineering Committee had to elect a member and hence could not vote on certain items that required a vote. The work is now in progress and it is anticipated that the work will eventually be back on its original time line. Dr. Carriuolo indicated that the STEM work taking place at RIC is aligned with the state's STEM initiative.

Governor LaPerriere questioned whether the objectives/goals outlined in Goal 3 – *Recruit, Enroll, Retain, and Graduate Qualified Students from all Backgrounds* were established (1) based on what is currently considered reasonable for growth in those areas; (2) based on what RIC's peer institutions are doing; (3) or what is reasonable and manageable for Rhode Island College. Dr. Nazarian responded that the goals are "what we think is reasonable for us here at the College. If we exceed them, we will be even happier, but those we thought were reasonable goals. That they would be attainable and I think we are on the right track."

On a motion duly made by Brenda Dann-Messier and seconded by Joseph Hagan, it was

VOTED:	THAT	The Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the 2007-2010 strategic plan for Rhode Island College.
	Vote:	8 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Frank Caprio, Sarah Courtemanche, Joseph Hagan, Pierre LaPerriere, Brenda Dann-Messier, Thomas Rockett, Michael Ryan and Solomon A. Solomon.
	NAYS:	0

OPEN FORUM (Continued)

Marjorie Norquist, President of the CCRI Faculty Association, read aloud a letter addressed to the Honorable Frank Caprio from Robert Walsh, Executive Director of NEARI. The letter was written at the behest of the unions with collective bargaining agreements with the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education regarding concern over the removal of two in-network providers (OB-Gyn Associates and Coastal Medical) from the United Healthcare network.

In his letter, Mr. Walsh asked the Board to consider taking a number of actions related to this problem, including:

1. Join the unions in expressing their concern about this situation to the state's Department of Administration, with the goal of continuing in-network coverage from these two physicians groups;
2. Work jointly with elected officials to determine if there is a legislative or regulatory solution to ensure that the maximum number of qualified medical services are made available through the state's largest insurance networks without disruption.
3. Explore entering into a direct relationship, through the Board, with the medical insurance provider best suited to meeting mutual needs and concerns, including a possibility of the Board separately entertaining bids for such services.

The unions look forward to working with the Board to successfully resolve this issue, completing current contract negotiations, and moving ahead with the important work that public higher education institutions undertake for all Rhode Islanders.

The letter was submitted on behalf of Marjorie Norquist, President of CCRI FA; Jeffrey Heiser, President of CCRI PSA; Jason Blank, President of RIC/AFT Local 1819; Robert Bower, President of PSA@RIC/AFT Local 3302; Hilde Gesch, President of URI/PTAA/AFSCME Council 94; Charlene Dunn, President of URI PSA; Dr. Celina Pereira, President of URI Physicians; Dr. Frank Annunziato, Executive Director of URI/AAUP with copies to Commissioner Jack Warner and Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations.

8. a. Academic and Student Affairs

Governor Brenda Dann-Messier reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on September 28, 2007. As a result of that meeting, this evening's agenda has three consent agenda items:

1. The committee recommends approval for programs from URI, RIC, and CCRI that have completed one or more cycles of gathering and assessing data to be used for program improvement. This process is known as Student Outcomes Assessment. It ensures that the public understands the skill and knowledge a student acquires during his/her study. A renowned international consultant, Dr. Peggy Maki, was hired to assist the three institutions in this task. The three institutions are to be commended for their efforts in regard to outcomes assessment and program improvement.

At this meeting, the ASAC reviewed only accredited programs that had completed one or more cycles of student outcome assessment. The progress of this project, however, will be measured and observed through a series of presentations throughout this academic year (2007/2008). Due to time limitations, only one presentation will be given at each ASAC meeting as a sample of work done in a particular category of programs. RIC's Computer Information Systems program was featured at the September meeting. This was an extremely impressive and informative presentation.

2. The Committee also recommends that the Board approve voluntary closure of Nationwide Tractor Trailer Driving School. Following a period when the school was being closely monitored by the Rhode Island Office of Higher Education's (RIOHE) Internal Audit staff for financial instability, and after being mandated by Commissioner Warner on June 20, 2006, to suspend enrollment of new students, Darleen Crawford (as principal owner and director) decided to close the school voluntarily. Additionally, as outlined in the proprietary school

regulations, a hearing was held on June 6, 2007, with RIOHE legal counsel Ronald Cavallaro as hearing officer, to discuss the matter of financial instability and past due requests. When the school decided to close voluntarily, the hearing process ended.

3. The Committee further recommends to the Board the approval of an Initial Certificate of Approval for Smithfield Tractor Trailer Driving School to operate as a proprietary school in Rhode Island. The Board's *Regulations Governing Proprietary Schools in Rhode Island* specify that "the RIBGHE has the authority to approve or deny the request for authorization to operate as a proprietary school in Rhode Island." The Committee recommends the Board grant Smithfield Tractor Trailer Driving School an Initial Certificate of Approval to operate contingent upon the requirements listed in the motion.

4. The Committee also received an update on the Joint Admissions Agreement that enables CCRI students to enter RIC or URI in a seamless transition. CCRI and the senior institution jointly admit the student and advise him/her. Recent data show that 399 students who enrolled in the program met eligibility criteria, 180 of whom showed intent to transition to RIC. The remaining 219 students intend to transition to URI.

Commissioner Warner commended CCRI and the work of Phyllis Harnick to increase the Joint Admissions enrollment to 399 participating students. Although this program got off to a slow start, it is now enjoying a positive participation rate that will make a real difference for Rhode Island College students and University of Rhode Island students who happen to be currently studying at CCRI.

On a motion made by Brenda Dann-Messier and seconded by Sarah Courtemanche and Solomon A. Solomon, it was

VOTED:

(Item 8a1) That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the following programs' successful completion of a cycle(s) of student outcomes assessment be accepted, and the departments commended for their efforts:

AT URI:	1. B.S. Chemical Engineering	5. B.S. Industrial Engineering
	2. B.S. Civil Engineering	6. B.S. Mechanical Engineering
	3. B.S. Computer Engineering	7. B.S. Ocean Engineering
	4. B.S. Electrical Engineering	8. B.S.N. Nursing

At RIC:	1. B.S. Accounting	5. B.S. Economics
	2. B.S. Computer Information Systems	6. B.S.N. Nursing
	3. B.S. Management	7. B.S.W. Social Work
	4. B.S. Marketing	

At CCRI:	1. A.A.S. Clinical Laboratory Technology	6. A.A.S. Physical Therapist Assistant
	2. A.A.S. Dental Hygiene	7. A.A.S. Radiography (X-Ray)
	3. A.A.S. Diagnostic Medical Sonography	8. A.A.S. Respiratory Therapy
	4. A.A.S. Histotechnician	9. A.A.S. Therapeutic Massage
	5. A.A.S. Occupational Therapy Assistant	10. A.S. Nursing

VOTED:

(Item 8a2)

That

the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the voluntary closure of Nationwide Tractor Trailer Driving School.

(Item 8a3)

That

the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the application for a Certificate of Approval for Smithfield Tractor Trailer Driving School to operate as a proprietary school in Rhode Island contingent upon the following:

1. On behalf of Smithfield Tractor Trailer Driving School, Inc., Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer will submit evidence that all conditions of the closing have been met and that they have, in fact, received the assets and facility space from Nationwide Tractor Trailer Driving School, Inc.
2. In accordance with Standard 10 of the regulations, Smithfield Tractor Trailer Driving School, Inc. will agree to submit quarterly financial statements for the first year of operation.
3. Application documents submitted to RIOHE using a school name other than Smithfield Tractor Trailer Driving School will be amended to reflect the new school name.

Vote:

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

YEAS:

Frank Caprio, Sarah Courtemanche, Joseph Hagan, Pierre LaPerriere, Brenda Dann-Messier, Thomas Rockett, Michael Ryan, and Solomon A. Solomon.

NAYS:

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b. Facilities

Chair Caprio reported that the Facilities and Finance and Management Committees met on October 10, 2007.

- The Committees received an update on the completion of the 2007 fiscal year-end audit by KPMG. All three institutions have successfully completed the audit and have submitted reports to the State Controller's Office as of the 9/30/2007 deadline. KPMG and the institutions are completing the A-133 audit requirements. These reports will be issued shortly.
- The Committees also received in-depth follow up reports from each of the three College Presidents related to the status of campus security procedures and recent upgrades in emergency notification systems and processes at each institution in the aftermath of the tragedy at Virginia Tech.

- The Committees were also notified that there are ongoing, collaborative meetings between the three public institutions' Public Safety managers as well as with those from the private institutions in Rhode Island in order to share issues and opportunities regarding these processes and procedures.

There is one item on tonight's agenda that the Facilities Committee is recommending approval to the Board:

Item 8b 2.

Approval of the new parking agreement between the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education and Rhode Island Convention Center Authority (RICCA).

Every year the Board of Governors enters into an agreement with the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority to provide for parking at the Shepard Building in Providence. This space is provided for students, faculty and staff of the University of Rhode Island and the Community College of Rhode Island attending classes in the Shepard Building. The amount agreed upon must be equal to or less than the annual amount appropriated by the legislature to the budget of the Office of Higher Education. The contract amount for FY 2008 is \$1,005,285.

On a motion made by Thomas Rockett and seconded by Joseph Hagan, it was

VOTED:

(Item 8b2) That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the parking agreement between the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education and the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority, and further:

That the Lease be forwarded to the State Properties Committee for approval.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Sarah Courtemanche, Joseph Hagan, Pierre LaPerriere, Brenda Dann-Messier, Thomas Rockett, Michael Ryan and Solomon A. Solomon.

NAYS: 0

9. ADDITIONAL CONSENT AGENDA

None

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

11. PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

a. University of Rhode Island

President Carothers reported that the major focus for the University at this time is the visit of the NEASC accreditation team chaired by former Chancellor Sherry Penney from the University of Massachusetts-Boston. The team arrived last night and was joined for dinner by Chair Caprio and Commissioner Warner. Governor Dann-Messier, Governor Rockett, and Governor Dan Ryan met with the team earlier today to share their observations and views. The President feels confident as to where the University stands in the process, and will know more on Wednesday after the team exit interview takes place. President Carothers indicated that the exit interview is typically followed-up by an exchange of documents. He anticipates being before the NEASC Board sometime in March of 2008 at which time the University will make its final presentation and wait for NEASC to render its final judgment on accreditation.

President Carothers indicated that URI is in the middle of its search for a provost. Two candidates have been interviewed to date, with the third and fourth candidates scheduled to be interviewed within the next two weeks. President Carothers anticipates that the search committee will make a recommendation shortly after the fourth interview and hopes to have an appointment in place by early November which would allow the new provost to be on board by January 1st. Provost Swan has agreed to assist in the transition process.

Chair Caprio thanked President Nazarian for his hospitality in hosting tonight's meeting.

b. Rhode Island College

President Nazarian reported that the Board approved the revision of MFA Program in 2004. The College expects six students to complete the program in May, 2008. The current enrollments are below projections and as a result, it is the President's intention to suspend admission to the program for 2008-2009. This will allow the College time to review the program and perhaps modify it in order to attract more students into the program. In the meantime, the College will provide the necessary courses and experience for those students currently enrolled in the program.

President Nazarian reported a problem in the swimming pool area of the recreation center which is approximately 20 years old. A purlin (a horizontal structural member that supports a roof) fell into the pool due to the combination of moisture and chlorine. Fortunately, no one was in the pool at the time. The College has engaged the services of a structural engineer and other construction specialists to review the situation and to recommend certain courses of action so that the pool can be reopened under safe conditions. In the meantime, the pool will remain closed. President Nazarian will keep the Board apprised as new information becomes available.

c. Community College of Rhode Island

President Di Pasquale reported that CCRI recently formulated a new partnership with Gilbane, the MET School, and Roger Williams College. This new partnership could serve as a role model for the entire state. Gilbane is offering 2 students from the MET School full scholarship to CCRI and a full time job at the same time. Upon graduation from CCRI, the student will move onto Roger Williams College with a full scholarship while continuing to work at Gilbane.

President Di Pasquale reported that there is an update in tonight's packet on CCRI's near record enrollment which is currently at 16,811. Of equal importance is the notation that CCRI's credits are up by 4%.

President Di Pasquale introduced Marjorie Norquist and briefed the Board on a nursing seminar that was held recently held on the CCRI campus with URI and RIC. There were over 500 attendees, including CCRI nursing faculty and students, plus faculty and nursing professionals from around New England. President Di Pasquale congratulated Ms. Norquist for bringing in Dr. Carol Taylor and Dr. Kerry Cheever, both of whom are well-renowned experts and textbook authors in the field of nursing, to speak at this nursing seminar.

President Di Pasquale acknowledged the efforts of Phyllis Harnick on behalf of the Joint Articulation program. He announced that CCRI had a record number of students participate in its JAA days, and participation in the program is up 86% over last year's numbers.

President Di Pasquale is pleased to announce that CCRI's women's volleyball team recently won their fourth consecutive regional championship, while the CCRI women's soccer team recently won its seventh regional championship.

Chair Caprio acknowledged and congratulated Rebeka Merson for her presentation before the Board this evening.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On a motion duly made by Sarah Courtemanche and seconded by Brenda Dann-Messier, it was

VOTED:	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:	8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS	Frank Caprio, Sarah Courtemanche, Joseph Hagan, Pierre LaPerriere, Brenda Dann-Messier, Thomas Rockett, Michael Ryan and Solomon A. Solomon.
	NAYS:	0

After a short break, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:14 p.m.

Non-Board members in the audience were excused with the exception of Commissioner Jack Warner, President Robert Carothers, President John Nazarian, President Ray Di Pasquale General Counsel Ron Cavallaro, General Counsel Louis Saccoccio, Labor Relations Director Anne Marie Coleman, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Academic Officer Nancy Carriuolo, Associate Commissioner Steven Maurano, and Assistant Vice President J. Vernon Wyman.

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:28 p.m.

13. NEXT MEETING

Monday, December 3, 2007 at the Office of Higher Education, 301 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Monday, January 28, 2008 at Rhode Island College, Alger Hall, Providence, Rhode Island.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

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 adjourn.
	Vote:	8 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Frank Caprio, Sarah Courtemanche, Joseph Hagan, Pierre LaPerriere, Brenda Dann-Messier, Thomas Rockett, Michael Ryan and Solomon A. Solomon.
	NAYS:	0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Aurecchia, Secretary