



RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Board of Governors for Higher Education was held on Monday, May 11, 2009 at the Community College of Rhode Island, Warwick, Rhode Island. Chair Frank Caprio declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

Present: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Robert Flanders, Jr., Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau

Absent: Daniel Ryan and Joseph Hagan

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

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

VOTED: THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education accept the revised agenda for the meeting of May 11, 2009.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Mike Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Robert Flanders, Jr., Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau

NAYS: 0

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion duly made by Kathrin Belliveau and seconded by Thomas Rockett it was

VOTED: THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the minutes of the March 23, 2009 meeting.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Mike Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Robert Flanders, Jr., Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau

NAYS: 0

3. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Caprio thanked President DiPasquale and the CCRI staff for hosting tonight's meeting.

Chair Caprio turned the meeting over to President DiPasquale. President DiPasquale thanked Cheri Markward, head of the music department and the students of the arts department for their performance during dinner as well as four members of the "treble makers" who performed the Starred Spangled Banner. President DiPasquale asked the meeting attendees to take a minute to view the work of the art students on their way out this evening.

Chair Caprio announced that regretfully, Commissioner Warner would be leaving the Office of Higher Education. Chair Caprio announced the appointment of the following individuals to a search committee to fill the Commissioner's position:

Chairman, Michael Ryan, Vice Chair of the Board of Governors for Higher Education
Brenda Dann-Messier, Member of the Board of Governors for Higher Education
Daniel Ryan, Chair of the Personnel Committee and Member of the Board of Governors for Higher Education
Edward Quinlan, President of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island
John Muggerridge, General Manager, Fidelity Investments
Sarah Dowling, former Board Chair and shareholder in Adler, Pollock & Sheehan
and Chair Caprio himself who will serve as an ex-officio member

Chair Caprio recognized Dr. Carothers service to the University of Rhode Island for the past 18 years. He noted that the true measure of anyone's tenure is to view whether an institution is better when they leave than when they began. Without question, the Chair stated, URI is a better place today than it was 18 years ago.

Chair Caprio added that although Dr. Carothers had many accomplishments, one major accomplishment was the change in culture and reputation of the University. Today, the University is well recognized as an institution of accomplishment and higher learning; and the research mission under his tenure has advanced. The Chair added that the real magic of any university is the learning that takes place there, and *that* is where Dr. Carothers has made a tremendous difference. If you step back and look at all that Bob has accomplished during his successful tenure as president of the University of Rhode Island, what he has really done is to create a more rich and fertile environment for learning at URI. Chair Caprio added that the naming of the library after Dr. Carothers was appropriate and fitting. Chair Caprio concluded by acknowledging the great support Ms. Jane Richmond has given her husband throughout his years of service at the University of Rhode Island.

On behalf of the entire Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education, Chair Caprio thanked Dr. Carothers, commended Dr. Carothers for all his fine work, stating that the University of Rhode Island will always hold a fine place in his heart.

Accordingly, Chair Caprio entertained a motion from the Board of Governors to bestow upon Dr. Robert L. Carothers by the Board of Governors for Higher Education the title of President Emeritus of the University of Rhode Island.

On a motion duly made by the entire membership of the Board and seconded by the entire membership of the Board, it was

VOTED:	That	the Board of Governors for Higher Education bestow upon Dr. Robert L. Carothers the title of President Emeritus of the University of Rhode Island
	Vote:	10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS	Frank Caprio, Mike Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Robert Flanders, Jr., Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau
	NAYS:	0

Chair Caprio presented Dr. Carothers with a framed citation commemorating his status as President Emeritus in recognition of his longstanding dedication, commitment and service to the University of Rhode Island.

Members of the Board, Michael Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Brenda Dann Messier, Thomas Rockett and Brandon Brown, along with Presidents DiPasquale and Carriuolo echoed the comments of Chair Caprio. They added that it was a pleasure and honor to have served with Dr. Carothers, thanked him for all his efforts in the community, the integrity brought by himself and his office, his efforts on behalf of talent development and his friendship. Everyone will miss him greatly.

4. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Caprio indicated that he would entertain a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the finalists selected by the presidential search committee for the position of president at the University of Rhode Island, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1). He noted that each finalist had been notified in writing that the Board may go into executive session to discuss their qualifications, that each finalist had been given the option to have this/her qualifications discussed in open session, and that no finalist indicated a desire to take such option.

On a motion duly made by Michael Ryan and seconded by Solomon A. Solomon 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)(1) for the reasons set forth above.
	Vote:	10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS Frank Caprio, Mike Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Robert Flanders, Jr., Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau

NAYS: 0

The Board convened into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

[5:30 Governor Robert Flanders, Jr. departs]

Chair Caprio asked that only board members remain in the room during executive session for the deliberations on the appointment of the new president at the University of Rhode Island. General Counsel Ronald A. Cavallaro, President Robert Carothers, President Raymond DiPasquale, President Nancy Carriuolo, Deborah Grossman-Garber, Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Policy; Susan LaPanne, Association Commissioner for Finance & Management; Steven Maurano, Associate Commissioner for External Affairs and Anne Marie Coleman, Assistant Vice President of Human Resources and Director of Labor Relations also remained in the room during executive session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:27 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Kathrin Belliveau and seconded by Pierre LaPerriere, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education seal the minutes of the executive session held this evening.

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

YEAS Frank Caprio, Mike Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau

NAYS: 0

After discussing the qualifications of the candidates in closed session, Chair Caprio indicated that he would entertain a motion to place in nomination the name of a candidate for the presidency of the University of Rhode Island.

On a motion duly made by Brandon Brown, Dr. David Dooley was nominated for the presidency at the University of Rhode Island. Chair Caprio announced Dr. David Dooley as having been placed in nomination as the next President of the University of Rhode Island. The motion was seconded by the entire board.

Chair Caprio inquired as to whether there were any further nominations. In the absence of any further nominations, Chair Caprio closed the nomination process, and it was

VOTED:	THAT	the Board of Governors for Higher Education appoints Dr. David Dooley as President of the University of Rhode Island for a three-year period from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.
	Further	that the Board authorizes the Board chair to negotiate the specific provisions of a contract with Dr. David Dooley.
	Vote:	9 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Frank Caprio, Mike Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau
	NAYS:	0

Chair Caprio declared Dr. David Dooley as having been duly appointed as president-elect of the University of Rhode Island.

7. OPEN FORUM

None

8. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Warner congratulated Robert Carothers on his new status as president emeritus. He thanked him for the fine working relationship they have shared for several years. The Commissioner added that Dr. Carothers has done wonders for the University and leaves it substantially stronger than when he found it. He wished him all the best.

Commissioner Warner commended the Community College of Rhode Island for putting forward for approval its strategic plan. It is an excellent beginning, addressing some of the key strategic issues CCRI will face over the next several years. The Commissioner stated he would recommend the plan for the Board's approval.

The Commissioner indicated that there will be a recommendation for the appointment of an external audit firm. That recommendation will be different from what we have experienced, in the past, but it will be at considerable cost savings.

9. ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

a. *Approval of the 2009-2012 Strategic Plan for the Community College of Rhode Island*

President DiPasquale presented the Community College of Rhode Island's Strategic Plan for 2009-2012. Included in the strategic plan is a new mission statement – the first time it has been rewritten in 25 years. President DiPasquale was very pleased to present the strategic plan to all members of the Board, adding that after 45 years, the Community College of Rhode Island now has a strategic plan in place.

Governor Rocket indicated he thought it was a great plan and inquired whether there were plans to tie the strategic plan to the budget. President DiPasquale indicated that yes, there were plans to tie it to the budget.

Governor Dann-Messier added that she likewise felt it was a wonderful plan.

Chair Caprio echoed the sentiments of Governor Rocket and Governor Dann-Messier.

On a motion made by Solomon A. Solomon and seconded by Brenda Dann-Messier and Pierre LaPerriere it was:

VOTED:

(Item 9a) That the Board of Governors approve the 2009-2012 strategic plan for the Community College of Rhode Island.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Mike Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau

NAYS: 0

b. *Approval of Well Site and Land Use Agreement Renewals with the Kingston Water District*

Associate Commissioner LaPanne reported that the Board of Governors/University of Rhode Island executed successive agreements with the Kingston Fire District, later succeeded by the Kingston Water District (KWD) for the provision of public water service to the Kingston Village and the surrounding area. The University and KWD have come to agree that it is time to update and renew both of these dated agreements extending them both for a consistent period of time.

The first of these agreements enabled KWD to develop and operate a high volume community supply well with associated structure and equipment on an eleven-acre parcel of

land northeast of the intersection of Plains Road and Route 138. The term of this agreement was for fifty years commencing in February 1964 extending to February 2014.

The second agreement was for the development and operation of a second well site on eleven acres of Board of Governors/University of Rhode Island property southwest of the intersection of Ministerial road and Route 138. While the term of this second agreement has expired, the parties have continued to honor its conditions through the present date.

Because these agreements were developed many years ago and their terms and condition did not include a number of provisions that are required for the protection of the respective parties in contemporary arrange of this type, University Counsel has developed the two attached "Well Site and Land Use Agreements" for the two site to address these deficiencies. The parties would like to renew and extend the term of these new agreements for a period of twenty-five years beginning July 1, 2009 with an option to extend the term beyond this period.

On a motion made by Pierre LaPerriere and seconded by Brenda Dann-Messier it was:

VOTED:

(Item 9b) That the Board of Governors approve the execution of these Agreements subject to final review and acceptance of the Board's General Counsel. The Agreements' final execution will also be subject to the approval of the State Properties Committee.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Mike Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau

NAYS: 0

c. ***Approval to enter into a lease of well site and conditional sale agreement related to the settlement of the West Kingston Superfund Site***

At the Board of Governors meeting of November 2008, approval was granted to the University of Rhode Island to negotiate suitable terms and conditions for the sale of the West Kingston well site north of Liberty Lane. The approved transaction was taken to the State Properties Committee for preliminary approval and authorization to proceed with an appraisal of the West Kingston Well Site on December 23, 2008.

With the assistance of a mediator from Environmental Protection Agency's Region I office, the negotiations between the University and the Kingston Water District (KWD) have agreed to a revised approach to satisfy the terms of the natural Resource Damages West Kingston Well Project.

The revised approach involves an initial lease of the well site, the performance of initial efforts by KWD and the University to achieve the objectives of the natural Resource Damages Project as approved, and the subsequent execution of the sale of the well site. The terms of this sale will be for the price of \$120,000 to the Board of Governors/University of Rhode Island upon receipt of acceptable water testing, required permitting, and the receipt of a necessary easement to enable the well to be developed and utilized as a viable community water supply.

Enclosed is the current form of the "lease of well site and conditional sale agreement" drafted by university counsel and under review by the Counsel for KWD.

On a motion made by Brandon Brown and seconded by Solomon A. Solomon it was:

VOTED:

(Item 9c) That the Board of Governors approve the execution of this Agreement with the final form subject to the review and acceptance of the Board's General Counsel. The Agreement's final execution will also be subject to the approval of the State Properties Committee.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Mike Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau

NAYS: 0

d. ***Acceptance of the External Audit Firm***

The Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education plans to engage a firm of Certified Public Accountants to audit the financial statements of each of the three institutions in the system of public higher education. The certified public accountants will also perform A-133 Single Audits at each of the three institutions as well as other accounting services as delineated in the bidding process.

State Purchases has informed us that six Certified Public Accounting Firms responded to our Request for Proposal (RFP). Those firms include Braver, P.C., Deloitte & Touche, KPMG, LLP, McGladrey & Pullen LLP, O'Connor & Drew P.C., and Blum Shapiro/ParenteRandolph. A technical review committee consisting of the Controllers and the Associate Commissioner for Finance and Management has reviewed the six responses, scoring proposals based upon certain criteria and have made a recommendation as to which firm should be awarded the three-year contract. The audit contract will cover the three fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, 2010, and 2011.

The technical review committee unanimously recommends the selection of O'Connor & Drew, P.C. after reviewing the written proposal, meeting with the principals of the firm, and obtaining recommendations from several higher education clients.

The review criteria included:

1. The basic financial statements and required supplementary information will be completed and the final audit reports (inclusive of all audit communications) will be delivered to the Board of Governors, the institutions of higher education, the State Controller, the Director of Administration, and the Auditor General (2 copies) by September 30th of each year for inclusion in the State's Annual Financial Report.
2. Management letters and the A-133 Single Audit Reports will be completed and the final reports (inclusive of all audit communications) will be delivered to the Board of Governors, the institutions of higher education, the State Controller, the Director of Administration, and the Auditor General (2 copies) by November 30th of each year.
3. HUD Audit Reports will be completed and the reports will be delivered to the Board of Governors and the institutions of higher education by September 30th of each year as required.
4. The NCAA Athletic Report will be completed and delivered to the University of Rhode Island and the Board of Governors by January 15th of each year.

Also, the standards that must be met included:

1. The audit will be conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
2. The audit will be conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards for financial audits contained in the Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The standards contained in the amended (July 1996) Single Audit Act of 1984 and the provisions of revised OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of State and Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations*, must also be followed.
3. The review of Athletic Department Revenues and Expenditures (University of Rhode Island only) will be conducted in accordance with the Financial Audit Guidelines as established by the national Collegiate Athletic Association and any amendments or revisions thereto. The review will be for the division classification appropriate to the University as established by the NCAA.

On a motion made by Kathrin Belliveau and seconded by Pierre LaPerriere it was:

VOTED:

(Item 9d) That the Board of Governors approves this recommendation that a three-year audit contract be awarded to O'Connor and Drew, P.C. for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, 2010, and 2011.

AND Further,
that the award be subject to review and approval by the Department of Administration and the State Auditor General as required by state statute.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Mike Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau

NAYS: 0

e. Approval of a Naming Opportunity at the University of Rhode Island

President Carothers indicated he had been working with Richard Harrington for some time to name the School of Communications for him. Mr. Harrington has provided a very generous gift of 5 million dollars. President Carothers indicated that it was Mr. Harrington's wish to recognize his wife as well as himself and requested the name be "Harrington School of Communications."

Chair Caprio indicated he would entertain a motion to approve Item 9(e) with the proviso that the school will be named the "Harrington School of Communications."

On a motion made by Michael Ryan and seconded by Solomon A. Solomon it was:

VOTED:
(Item 9d) That the Board of Governors for Higher Education authorizes the naming of the School of Communication at the University of Rhode Island as the *Harrington School of Communications* at the University of Rhode Island

And

That the Board of Governors submits this recommendation to the appropriate committee(s) of the General Assembly.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Mike Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau

NAYS: 0

f. Approval to grant any veteran of any branch of the American military service status as a Rhode Island resident for the purpose of paying tuition at any state college or university

Commissioner Warner indicated that Board approved the within item one month ago, but because it is a policy matter, it is once again on the agenda to be ratified. However, since our last meeting additional policy matters which link to the new GI Bill have been incorporated. This will allow anyone reading our policy to be fully informed of how our tuition policy interacts with the provisions of the new GI Bill.

On a motion made by Brandon Brown and seconded by Solomon A. Solomon it was:

VOTED:

(Item 9f)

That

the Board of Governors approve the amendment to the Board's tuition policy for veterans to add the following:

e. Pursuant to the reauthorization of the federal Higher Education Act on August 14, 2008, a member of any branch of the Armed Forces (as defined in section 101 of title 10 of the United States Code) who has been on active duty for a period of more than 30 days shall, upon establishing domicile in the state of Rhode Island, or whose permanent duty station is in the state of Rhode Island, be entitled to classification as a Rhode Island resident for the purpose of determining tuition and fees. A member of any branch of the Armed Forces who is injured while on active duty and whose injury causes him/her to be on active duty for a period of less than 30 days shall, upon establishing domicile in the state of Rhode Island, or whose permanent duty station is in the state of Rhode Island, be entitled to classification as a Rhode Island resident for the purpose of determining tuition and fees. This determination of tuition and fees shall apply to both undergraduate and graduate students.

- Any member of the Armed Forces seeking to qualify for in-state tuition rates must provide official documentation that indicates their permanent duty station is in the state of Rhode Island and/or documentation evidencing their domicile within the state. The residency officers at the institutions have the right to request additional documentation and have the authority to make the final determination whether the member ultimately qualifies for in-state tuition rates.
- A member of the Armed Forces seeking to qualify for in-state tuition rates must meet the academic and eligibility requirements of the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College or the Community College of Rhode Island and any school, college or program within those institutions to which the member might apply. Once the qualified member is admitted to one of those institutions, he/she may then be granted resident status for the purpose of paying tuition.
- The benefit is transferable to a qualifying member of the Armed Forces' spouse and/or dependent(s). In addition, the benefit shall continue to apply to the active duty member, spouse or dependent while continuously enrolled at a state institution of higher education, notwithstanding a subsequent change in the permanent duty station of the member to a location outside the state.
- The in-state tuition rate benefit to qualified members of the Armed Forces, their spouses and dependents begins on July 1, 2009. Therefore, qualified members, and their spouses and dependents are eligible for in-state tuition rates for any term of enrollment begun after July 1, 2009.

- f. A veteran of any branch of the Armed Forces and/or a veteran of any branch of a state's National Guard who has been on active duty for a minimum of 24 months shall, upon establishing domicile in the state of Rhode Island, be entitled to classification as a Rhode Island resident for the purpose of determining tuition and fees. A veteran of any branch of the Armed Forces and/or a veteran of any branch of a state's National Guard who is injured while on active duty and whose injury causes him/her to be on active duty for a period of less than 24 months shall, upon establishing domicile in the state of Rhode Island, be entitled to classification as a Rhode Island resident for the purpose of determining tuition and fees. This determination of tuition and fees shall apply to both undergraduate and graduate students.
- A "qualified veteran" is defined as one who has established a domicile in Rhode Island, is eligible for federal GI Bill educational benefits and who has served at least 24 months on active duty in the US Marines, US Navy, US Army, US Air Force, US Coast Guard or any state branch of the US National Guard. A veteran of any branch of the Armed Forces or National Guard as noted above who is injured while on active duty and whose injury causes him/her to be on active duty for a period of less than 24 months is also eligible.
 - Any veteran seeking to qualify for in-state tuition rates must have a Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs as the appropriate confirmation of federal GI Bill educational benefits. In addition, the veteran must have a Rhode Island mailing address (not a post office box), and either be a U.S. citizen or possess a permanent residency card. The residency officers at the institutions have the right to request additional documentation and have the authority to make the final determination whether a qualified veteran ultimately qualifies for in-state tuition rates.
 - A veteran must meet the academic and eligibility requirements of the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College or the Community College of Rhode Island and any school, college or program within those institutions to which the veteran might apply. Once the qualified veteran is admitted to one of those institutions, he/she may then be granted resident status for the purpose of paying tuition.
 - The benefit transfers to a spouse and/or dependent(s) when the qualifying veteran has served a minimum of ten (10) years on active duty in one of the branches of the Armed Forces noted above. In addition, the qualifying veteran must be a Rhode Island resident at the time he/she seeks to transfer the benefit to his/her spouse and/or dependent(s).
 - The in-state tuition rate benefit to qualified veterans, their spouses and dependents begins on August 1, 2009. Therefore, qualified veterans, and any qualified spouses and dependents are eligible for in-state tuition rates for any term of enrollment begun after August 1, 2009.
 - The status as a Rhode Island resident does not apply immediately to state-sponsored financial aid. In order to qualify for state-sponsored financial aid, a veteran must be a Rhode Island resident since January 1st prior to the academic year in which the applicant enrolls at an institution. The student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid

(FAFSA) must be filed on or before March 1 for the year in which the student is seeking state-sponsored financial aid.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Mike Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau

NAYS: 0

10. BOG COMMITTEE REPORTS and RELATED CONSENT AGENDA

a. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Item 10a1 *Approval of URI's Proposal to Offer a Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Pharmaceutical Sciences.*

Item 10a2 **Approval of a Revised Mission Statement for Rhode Island College**

Item 10a3 **Approval of Action to be Taken Regarding System-wide Outcomes Assessment.**

Item 10a4 *Acceptance of Credit Containment Plans at the Institutions.*

Governor Brenda Dann-Messier reported that The Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on May 4, 2009.

Following approval of the ASAC minutes for March 6, 2009, Commissioner Jack Warner presented the Commissioner's report of current initiatives at the OHE.

Next, the committee heard a fine presentation from URI's Professor and Chair of the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences Clinton Chichester on the University's request to offer the B.S. degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences. The ASAC recommends that the Board approve this request in consent item 10.a.1 on today's agenda.

RIC's Vice President for Academic Affairs, Ron Pitt, introduced RIC's proposed new mission statement. The new statement illustrates the features of a useful mission statement. It is brief, succinct, and reflective of the values and ideals of Rhode Island College. Approval of the mission statement appears as consent item 10.a.2 on today's agenda.

Next, the committee heard from Commissioner Warner on the continued importance of student learning outcomes assessment in higher education. We then approved an action to be taken today by the Board regarding systemwide outcomes assessment. This action appears as consent item 10.a.3 on today's agenda.

Finally, Academic Vice President Lela Morgan and Provost Donald DeHayes discussed the processes used at their institutions to successfully contain credit requirements to 120 for the bachelor's degree and 60 for the associate degree. Acceptance of these proposed curricular changes appears as consent item 10.a.4.

On a motion made by Thomas Rockett and seconded by Kathrin Belliveau it was:

VOTED:

(Item 10a1) That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the University of Rhode Island's Proposal to Offer a Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

(Item 10a2) That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the revised mission statement for Rhode Island College (RIC).

(Item 10a3) That the Board of Governors for Higher Education recommends—

that the following programs' outcomes assessment be accepted, pending completion of a full cycle no later than November 15, 2009, with assistance, if needed. The departments are also commended for their efforts. These programs have made progress and given much thought about this commitment. They do need, however, to either gather data, evaluate a capstone course, or assess proposed methods. In turn they will need to interpret and use results in the assessment cycle:

- URI 1. Art, Studio
- 2. Art History

(Item 10a4) That the Board of Governors accept the credit containment plans for the following programs. The Board endorses the proposed curricular changes and applauds the efforts made to contain credit requirements.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND		
Program	Original Credit Requirement	Revised Credit Requirement
1. Administrative Assistant-Secretary	71-72	62-63
2. Legal Administrative Assistant/Secretary	72-73	63-64
3. Medical Administrative Assistant/Secretary	75-76	64
4. Chemical Technology	66	62
5. Computer and Network Technology	66	60-62
6. Electronics Technology	68-69	61
7. Land Survey Technology	66	63

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND		
Program	Original Credit Requirement	Revised Credit Requirement
8. Mechanical Engineering	73	63
9. Telecommunications Technology	67	60*
10. Fine Arts		
• Art Concentration	63	60
• Theatre Concentration	65	62
• Jazz Studies Concentration	68	62
• Music Concentration	66	60
11. General Studies	63	60
12. Diagnostic Medical Sonography	78	65
13. Child Development and Early Childhood Education	64	60-61
14. Education Specialist	62-66	60-61
15. Social Services Concentrations		
• Social Work	65-66	62-63
• Gerontology	65-66	62-63
• Mental Health	65-66	62-63
• Substance Abuse	65-66	62-63
16. Science		
• Track A	63	60
• Track B	64	60
17. Technical Studies	60-66	60
UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND		
1. Chemistry	130	120
2. Chemistry/Forensic Chemistry	130	120
3. Applied Sociology	126	120
4. Physics	129	120
5. Physics/Physical Oceanography	129	120
6. Mathematics	130	120
7. Music (Music History and Literature)	127	120
8. Music (Jazz Studies)	127	120
9. Kinesiology (Exercise Science)	128	120
10. Kinesiology (Health Fitness)	128	120
11. Textiles, Fashion Merchandising, Design	125	120
12. Nursing	127	124**
* Closing generic telecommunications program, 60-credit Verizon program remains open.		
** Nursing has reduced credits to 124 for next year, but is undergoing further curriculum review to contain credits to 120 in subsequent years.		

2. AND THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education (RIBGHE) accept the credit requirements with no changes for the following programs, since these programs require a maximum of 20 courses (with one to three of them at the 4-credit level), and reducing credits for these programs would undermine academic preparation.

Program	Credit Requirement
1. Financial Services	62
2. General Business	62
3. Management	63
4. Marketing	62
5. Accounting	64
6. General Microcomputing	62
7. Computer Programming	63
8. Information Technology (IT) Support Specialist	62
9. Networking	62
10. Web Programming	62
11. Web Site Development	62
12. Fire Science/Emergency Medical Terminology	62
13. Therapeutic Massage	61
14. Histotechnician	63

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Mike Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau

NAYS: 0

11. ADDITIONAL CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Caprio introduced three consent items on the agenda:

11a-- Awarding of Tenure at the Community College of Rhode Island

11b-- Awarding of Tenure at the University of Rhode Island

11c-- Recommendations of the Personnel Review Committee (PRC)

On a motion made by Solomon A. Solomon and seconded by Brandon Brown it was:

- VOTED:**
(Item 11a) That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of tenure to:
- Julie A. Galleshaw, Assistant Professor, Dental Health
Pam Hallene, Assistant Professor, English
Jennifer Hurrell, Assistant Professor, Rehabilitative Health Department
Holly Susi, Assistant Professor, English
Isabel Trombetti, Assistant Professor, Psychology
- Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
- YEAS: Frank Caprio, Mike Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau
- (Item 11b)** **NAYS:** 0
That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of tenure to:
- Effective July 1, 2009 (Consequent to Promotion)
Richard Sheridan, Professor, Landscape Architecture
Gary Stoner, Professor, Psychology
Oleg Andreev, Associate Professor, Physics
Rachel Dicioccio, Associate Professor, Communication Studies
Mayrai Gindy, Associate Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering
Jessica Goren, Associate Professor, Pharmacy, Marketing
Lutz Hamel, Associate Professor, Computer Science & Statistics
Rainer Lohmann, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Oceanography
Valerie Maier-Speredelozzi, Asso. Professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering
Diane Martins, Associate Professor, Nursing
Barbara Meagher Smith, Associate Professor, Journalism
Kendall Moore, Associate Professor, Journalism
Barbara O'Brien, Associate Professor, Nursing
Brian Quilliam, Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice
Yana Reshetnyak, Associate Professor, Physics
Mark Robbins, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences
Resit Sendag, Associate Professor, Electrical, Computer & Biomedical Engineering
Natacha Thomas, Associate Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering
Theodore Walls, Associate Professor, Psychology
Lisa Weyandt, Associate Professor, Psychology
- Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
- YEAS: Frank Caprio, Mike Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau
- NAYS: 0
- (Item 11c)** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the Personnel Review Committee's recommendation as follows:

At the University of Rhode Island:

- Establish the position, **Associate Director, UCS/Internal Applications**, BOG, grade 16
- Establish the position, **Associate Director, MTS/End User Services and Student Employee Development, BOG, grade 16.**
- Establish the position, **Association Director, UCS/Departmental Applications**, BOG, grade 16

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Mike Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau

NAYS: 0

12. PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

a. Rhode Island College

President Carriuolo commented on RIC's 2009 commencement. The graduate commencement will be Thursday, May 14th at 5:30 in Roberts Hall. There will be 291 graduate degrees conferred. The undergraduate commencement will take place on Saturday, May 16th at 9:30 a.m. RIC will be conferring 1202 undergraduate degrees. President Carriuolo welcomed everyone to the graduation ceremonies.

b. Community College of Rhode Island

President DiPasquale presented CCRI's newest catalog for the 2009-2010 school year. President DiPasquale added that there were 9 certificate programs approved by the presidents and Commissioner Warner at the PEEC meeting earlier in the day:

1. **Certificate Programs of 18 or fewer credits**
 - a. **Introduction to Computer-Assisted Manufacturing**
 - b. **Introduction to Design Drafting**
 - c. **Introduction to Computer and Networking**
 - d. **Introduction to Instrumentation and Control**
 - e. **Introduction to Precision Machining**
 - f. **Introduction to Land Surveying**
 - g. **Introduction to Sustainable Energy**
 - h. **Introduction to Environmental Technician**
 - i. **Introduction to Lean Manufacturing**

These certificate programs are aimed at potentially getting people back to work quickly. They have been accepted by the Dept. of Labor and were put together by CCRI's Workforce Development and Academic Affairs teams.

President DiPasquale welcomed everyone to CCRI's 44th Commencement Service on Friday, May 15th beginning at 4:30 p.m. The College will be graduating 1514 students.

c. University of Rhode Island

President Carothers expressed his appreciation to the sentiments expressed at tonight's meeting on his emeriti status and also for the plaque. He thanked Associate Commissioner LaPanne for her time in writing the resolution in calligraphy.

President Carothers added that library dedication was one of the highlights in his life. He expressed his appreciation to everyone for being a part of the celebration.

On a last note, he added it has been a great 18 years at the University. He has enjoyed it immensely. President Carothers indicated he thought the Board had made an excellent decision in appointing Dr. David Dooley, stating he believes he will do a wonderful job continuing to move the University in the direction that will continue to make people very proud.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not re-enter into executive session.

15. NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, June 29, 2009, 5:00 p.m., University of Rhode Island
The Ryan Center, Alumni Room, Kingston

Monday, August 17, 2009, 4:00 p.m., URI Coastal Institute
University of Rhode Island, Narragansett Bay Campus, Narragansett

16. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion duly made by Kathrin Belliveau and seconded by Thomas Rockett it was

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

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia,
Brandon Brown, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Brenda

Dann-Messier, Joseph Hagan and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Aurecchia, Secretary