



RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Board of Governors for Higher Education was held on Monday, June 29, 2009 at the University of Rhode Island, Ryan Center, Kingston, Rhode Island. Chair Frank Caprio declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

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

Absent: Michael Ryan and Kathrin Belliveau

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

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

VOTED: THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education accept the revised agenda for the meeting of June 29, 2009.

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

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

NAYS: 0

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion duly made by Robert Flanders, Jr., and seconded by Joseph Hagan it was

VOTED: THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the minutes of the May 11, 2009 meeting.

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

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

NAYS: 0

3. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Caprio congratulated Brenda Dann-Messier on her nomination by the President of the United States as Assistant Secretary of Education. Chair Caprio spoke for everyone on how honored and proud we have been to work with Governor Dann-Messier, adding on a personal note his thanks for all of her help and expertise through the years. Governor Dann-Messier thanked Chair Caprio and everyone present.

Chair Caprio thanked everyone who attended a cocktail party that was held in Narragansett to honor Commissioner Warner. He again thanked the Commissioner both on a professional and personal level for everything he has done for him and for the system of higher education.

Chair Caprio, on behalf of all present, expressed his deepest admiration and thanks to President Carothers on this, his last Board meeting as President. Chair Caprio expressed his wishes for good health, happiness, good fortune and well deserved rest.

The Board drafted a proclamation of thanks and congratulations to Commissioner Warner. At Chair Caprio's request, the Proclamation was read by Associate Commissioner Susan LaPanne, and it was presented to Commissioner Warner.

5. OPEN FORUM

None.

6. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Warner began by thanking everyone. The Commissioner added that it has been his privilege to serve this public system of higher education. He noted that the system is a good one which thrives on good leaders, our presidents, as well as a supportive board. Commissioner Warner expressed his appreciation for the support he received for the agenda he has brought to the table. He again thanked everyone for the support he received in the seven years he has been Commissioner, stating that it is with some great sense of hope and challenge that he looks to the future and it is with some sadness that he looks to the past seven years, at least for a while, until he returns to his northeast roots somewhere down the line.

Commissioner Warner thanked his senior staff, noting that you cannot do good work without good people around. He noted that his staff will continue many of the good things that are on the table. Finally, Commissioner Warner thanked Chair Caprio for his rock-solid support and for being his anchor every step along the way.

The Commissioner brought to light an article that appeared in the Providence Journal

the previous day. This article spoke of the Board's plan to either eliminate, consolidate, or suspend admission to a number of programs. These actions were triggered back in December and the institutions have been working very hard on these matters over the last six months. The Commissioner cautioned everyone that the list which appeared in the article is not a completely finished product. With respect to the programs that are listed for consolidation, there are a number of details to be worked out. The Commissioner will ask for the modification of one of these programs, which is on tonight's agenda. He stated that the exact nature of the consolidations have not been worked out in each and every case, except for the fact that they will be consolidated in one form or another.

As part of the Finance Committee report, Commissioner Warner indicated that Associate Commissioner LaPanne would report on the budget as it is presented for 2010.

With respect to the Legislature, Commissioner Warner stated there are some issues pending before the Legislature because they have not officially adjourned. A few of the pending matters that still up in the air, particularly a bill which would prevent the rehiring of retirees. There is a possibility the Legislature is going to return sometime in July.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. ***Discussion and review of FY 2010 Budget and FY 2009 Supplemental Budget approved by House Finance and discussion and recommendation for approval of mandatory fee rates for the University of Rhode Island and Rhode Island College for FY 2010***

Associate Commissioner Susan LaPanne stated that the General Assembly passed the Fiscal 2010 and the 2009 Supplemental Budgets last week. The fiscal 2009 budget of \$153.5 million system wide, a figure that is exclusive of GO debt service, included further reductions from the original supplemental passed in May. The additional reductions totaled approximately \$773,000 system wide, in the final two weeks of the fiscal year. These amounts represent additional savings distributed from the DOA budget that are related to savings in medical insurance and accessed fringe benefit charges. The approximate allocation of that reduction is as follows:

\$260,000 at the University of Rhode Island
\$193,000 at Rhode Island College
\$234,000 at the Community College of Rhode Island
\$85,000 at the Office of Higher Education

The 2009 budget also includes a reduction in the RICAP funding. The reduction primarily represents the amount of carry forward balances at Rhode Island College and CCRI. The amounts that have been reduced from RICAP for those two institutions are \$947,000 at RIC and \$2 million at CCRI. The 2010 budget of \$156.2 million represents a slight increase of \$2.7 million over the current year, but \$3.5 million less than last year fiscal 2008. There were no changes from the Governor's recommended budget other than the decrease in Rhode Island College's GO debt service line and an increase in the legislative grants for the Office of Higher Education of \$30,000, bound for Portuguese studies at Rhode Island College.

Still pending for the 2010 budget is the distribution of the \$58 million dollar reduction that is currently scheduled in the Department of Administration's budget. Commissioner Warner

advised that the OHE has been advised by House Finance that our portion of this reduction could be as high as \$7.8 million. The Legislature has also provided \$32.2 million in federal stimulus funding which is to be spent in fiscal years 2010 and 2011, approximately \$16 million in each of those two years. The Legislature has also specified that these funds must be spent on fire and safety projects at the three institutions. The allocation of these funds is currently as follows:

The University of Rhode Island	\$7.1 million
Rhode Island College	\$5.7 million
Community College of Rhode Island	\$3.2 million

A couple of minor fee changes recommended by the Finance, Facilities and Managements Committees earlier today include:

The University of Rhode Island has established a budget to provide technology services to housing and residential life at an amount that would allow the University to reduce its communication fee to students by \$90. The University currently has an approved average room rate of \$69.30, which represented a 5.5% increase over fiscal year 2009 that includes a communication fee of \$5.32 imbedded within that housing fee. With the reduction of this communication charge of \$90.00, the average room rate will be \$68.40, which represents an increase of 4.4% as opposed to the 5.5%. The reduction in the rate increase will bring the University closer to rates charged by other schools, and thereby allow the University to be more competitive with its peers. The original fiscal budget at the University assumed that the Terrace Apartments were going to be demolished in fiscal 2010; however that is not going to take place. Therefore, the revenue and the rates relative to those apartments were not included in the fiscal 2010 budget request that was approved by the Board last September. The apartments will remain open in 2010, and the University is requesting a 6% increase over the 2009 rates.

Rhode Island College is requesting adjustment to four fees: The College has obtained permission from the Legislature to seek RIBEC funding to support the renovations to be made at the Recreation Center at Rhode Island College. As a result, the College is requesting a \$90 increase in the recreation fee to pay for the debt service requirements. It is important to note that it has been longer than 15 years since that recreation fee has been adjusted. The College has also not increased the orientation fee that is charged to freshman in approximately 15 years; however, the costs that are relative to freshman orientation have increased significantly. The College is currently charging \$85.00, and is now requesting an increase of \$150 for freshman and \$65 for transfer students, re-admitted students and for second degree students. The laboratory and studio art fee has also not been adjusted since 1985. The College is requesting that there be an increase from \$10 to \$20 for laboratory and studio art fees. The last increase is in regard to the nursing testing fee. The College is requesting an increase in the fee from \$55 per semester to \$70 per semester in order to cover the costs of the Assessment Technology Institute's testing program. This particular fee increase is a direct pass through from students. The increase in the price of that test to the College is effective July 1st.

b. ***Approval of the Henry Barnard School Tuition Rates for 2009-2010***

Associate Commissioner Susan LaPanne indicated that President Carriuolo has requested the Board of Higher Education establish the tuition rates for the Henry Barnard School for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The rates recommended by the President are:

\$7,140 part-time Pre School students
\$8,917 for full time Pre School students
\$6,802 for Kindergarten tuition
\$6,690 grades 1 through 5

These fee increases were presented by the Henry Barnard School Tuition Rate Setting Committee and represent a 5% increase.

c. ***Approval of Resolution Regarding URI's Facility Clearance***

President Carothers informed the Board that the University has for many years provided student interns and workers to the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) in Newport, RI. Each of the students as well as the Board itself and the officers of the University are required to get security clearance. In the past, what we've been able to do is operate under a regulation with the National Security Board, and that allows the Board to delegate responsibility for this contract to the executive officers of the institution.

On a motion made by Pierre LaPerriere and seconded by Brandon Brown it was:

VOTED:

- (Item 7a)*** That the Facilities and Finance and Management Committees recommend that the Board of Governors approves the revision in fee adjustments at the University of Rhode Island and Rhode Island College.
- (Item 7b)*** That the Board of Governors approve the 2009-2010 tuition rates for Henry Barnard School as presented.
- (Item 7c)*** That the Board of Governors adopt the following resolution which delegates authority over user agency contracts to a managerial team at the University of Rhode Island:

RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY OVER USER
AGENCY CONTRACTS TO THE MANAGERIAL GROUP
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Board of Governors for Higher Education of the State of Rhode Island with its principal office and place of business at The Shepard Building, 80 Washington Street, Suite 450, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 that in connection with a facility security clearance, the chief executive officer of the University of Rhode Island, those other officers or officials, who are specifically and properly designated by action of the Board of Governors in accordance with the institution's requirements, as the managerial group having the authority and responsibility for the negotiation, execution and administration of user agency contracts and all members of the Board of Governors are required by the Department of Defense unless the board has seen fit to delegate all of its duties and responsibilities pertaining to the protection of classified information to a managerial group comprised of officers or officials of the University, and if because of this delegation the board will not be in a position to affect adversely the performance of classified contracts; and

WHEREAS, other officers or governors who shall not require access to classified information in the conduct of the University's business and who do not occupy positions that would enable them to affect adversely the University's

policies or practices in performance of classified contracts, are not required to be cleared, provided the Board of Governors by formal action affirms and makes a matter of record in the organization's minutes of that executive body, that

RESOLVED: Such officers, other than those required to be cleared and all governors shall not require, shall not have, and can be effectively excluded from, access to all classified information in the possession of the University and do not occupy positions that would enable them to affect adversely the University's policies or practices in the performance of classified contracts or programs for the user agencies: Kenneth Aurecchia, Kathrin Belliveau, Brandon F. Brown, Brenda Dann-Messier, Robert Flanders, Jr., Joseph Hagan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Michael Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon; Jack R. Warner, Commissioner.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That Dr. David M. Dooley, President, Robert A. Weygand, Vice President for Administration, and Dr. Thomas J. Kim, Facility Security Officer, are hereby specifically designated as the managerial group, having the authority and responsibility for the negotiation, execution and administration of user agency contracts, and delegated all of the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Governors pertaining to the protection of classified information.

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

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

NAYS: 0

8. BOG COMMITTEE REPORTS and RELATED CONSENT AGENDA

a. Academic and Student Affairs

Item 8a1 Approval of a Proposal from the University of Rhode Island to offer a Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree Program (DNP)

Governor Brenda Dann-Messier reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on June 24, 2009. Following approval of the ASAC minutes for May 4, 2009, Associate Commissioner Deborah Grossman-Garber discussed the recent move of the Office of Higher Education to the Shepard Building at 80 Washington Street in Providence. At that meeting, Associate Commissioner Steven Maurano reviewed the status of the 2010 state budget for Higher Education. Governor Dann-Messier stated that the Committee then heard a fine presentation from URI's Dean of Nursing, Dayle Joseph, on the University's request to offer a Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree. The Academic and Student Affairs committee requests that the Board approve this request.

Item 8a2 Approval of a Proposal from the University of Rhode Island to Eliminate the B.S. Degree Program in Human Science and Services and two B.S. Degree Programs in Dental Hygiene

Governor Dann-Messier indicated that URI's Provost Donald DeHayes introduced URI's request to eliminate three suspended degree programs: the B.S. Degree Program in Human Science and Services, the B.S. Program in Dental Hygiene and the B.S. Completion Program in Dental Hygiene. The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends closure of these programs.

Item 8a3 Elimination of Non-Traditional Academic Units at Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee heard from Associate Commissioner Deborah Grossman-Garber who reviewed actions proposed on the campuses in response to the Board of Governors directives to review the programmatic operations of all traditional and non-traditional academic units of the institutions. Three centers and institutes at Rhode Island College and one institute at the University of Rhode Island are being recommended for closure.

Item 8a4 Approval of Actions to be Taken in Response to the RIBGHE's Directive To Review Low-Completion Programs and Recommend their Possible Consolidation or Elimination

Governor Dann-Messier indicated that Associate Commissioner Grossman-Garber reviewed actions proposed on the campuses in response to the Board of Governors' directive to review under enrolled programs and recommend their possible consolidation or elimination. On this date, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommended action on 82 different programs at the institutions. Governor Dann-Messier added that as Commissioner Warner indicated, some of the changes in item 8a4 are still being processed.

Item 8a5 Approval of Actions to be Taken Regarding System-Wide Outcomes Assessment

Governor Dann-Messier added that Associate Commissioner Deborah Grossman-Garber introduced and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommended that the Board approve two further outcome assessment reports submitted by the Community College of Rhode Island.

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

VOTED:

(Item 8a1) That the Board of Governors for Higher Education (RIBGHE) approve the University of Rhode Island's Proposal to Offer a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

(Item 8a2) That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the elimination of the B.S. degree program in Human Science and Services at the University of Rhode Island; and further

That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the elimination of the B.S. degree in Dental Hygiene and the B.S. in Dental Hygiene Degree-Completion Program at the University of Rhode Island.

(Item 8a3) That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve Rhode Island College's proposal to eliminate the following non-traditional academic units:

- Case Management Institute
- Center for Management and Technology
- Center for Industrial Technology;

and further

that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the University of Rhode Island's proposal to eliminate the:

- Institute for International Business

(Item a4) That See Recommendation to Amend 8a4 below

(Item 8a5) That the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education recommends –

That the following programs' outcomes assessment be accepted, pending completion of a full cycle and accompanying report no later than November 15, 2009, with assistance, if needed. The institution is commended for its 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 (see assessment reports as attached to item 8a5 which are incorporated herein):

CCRI	1. Developmental Education: English
	2. Developmental Education: Reading

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

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

NAYS: 0

As to 8a3, Governor Pierre LaPerriere inquired what role the Case Management Institute, the Center for Management and Technology and the Center for Industrial Technology played at the College.

President Carriuolo explained that the Centers and Institutes that are being recommended for elimination are ones that have not been really active and are not self-supporting. She added that the Center for Industrial Technology has been relatively inactive for a number of years.

Governor Brandon Brown asked whether anyone could clarify the significance of the Institute for International Business on the URI campus. A member of the audience explained that it has been inactive for several years and has no educational relevance.

Governor Brenda Dann-Messier, on behalf of the committee, expressed her appreciation to all three institutions for all of their work and for abiding by the directive of the Board of Governors. She thanked everyone at the three institutions for taking this work so seriously, for meeting the deadline and for making some tough decisions.

Recommendation to Amend 8a4

Commissioner Warner recommended an amendment to move the BA in Classical Studies from the consolidation list to the provisional retention list. He noted that it may ultimately be that some form of consolidation is made in that regard, but this would allow more time for that to be vetted. Commissioner Warner indicated he has consulted with President Carothers, Provost DeHayes as well as Dean Brownell.

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

VOTED:

As to the amendment to
(Item 8a4) That

the Board of Governors for Higher Education (RIBGHE) approve the motion to move the BA in Classical Studies from the consolidation category to the provisional retention category.

b. Facilities

1. Discussion and Recommendation for approval to obtain property from the Rhode Island College Foundation pursuant to option to purchase in a lease agreement of February 15, 1989.

The Facilities Committee recommended one item for Board approval on tonight's agenda: the obtainment of property on Hennessey Street in North Providence from the Rhode Island College Foundation pursuant to the option to purchase in a lease agreement the Board entered into on February 15, 1989.

Pursuant to the terms of this agreement, Rhode Island College has paid the Foundation an annual rental for the use of this property for a term of 20 years, at which time the Board would have an option to re-purchase the property at the end of that term which was February, 2009. All lease payments, pursuant to this agreement, have been credited towards the purchase price of the property and the balance of the purchase price owed is one dollar (\$1.00).

Rhode Island College has requested that the Board exercise its option to purchase this property in order to have the title conveyed back to the Board of Governors.

On a motion made by Joseph Hagan and seconded by Brandon Brown it was:

VOTED:

- (Item 8b1)** That the Board of Governors approves the exercise of its option to purchase the property on Hennessey Street in Providence, pursuant to that lease agreement dated February 15, 1989, subject to review by the Board's General Counsel and approval of the State Properties Committee; and
- That the Board of Governors authorized Associate Commissioner Susan LaPanne to sign any and all documents required to complete this transaction and conveyance
- Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
- YEAS: Frank Caprio, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Robert Flanders, Jr., Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere, Daniel Ryan and Joseph Hagan
- NAYS: 0

c. Finance

1. Recommendation for Approval of Supplemental Plan 401(a) for the new President of the University of Rhode Island

Enclosed in the meeting packet for today was a proposed supplemental plan (401(a) Plan) for the new President of the University of Rhode Island.

As you know, the Board presently has supplemental plans for President Carothers, President Di Pasquale, President Carriuolo and the Commissioner.

The proposed plan, which is in draft form pending approval and modification by TIAA-CREF, parallels the plans that are in effect for Presidents Di Pasquale and Carriuolo. This new plan, like the others, reflects those benefits that are established by the individual employment contract that will be executed between President Dooley and the Board. Its approval is conditional upon the actual execution of that agreement by those parties.

In addition, this version of the supplemental plan also incorporates those amendments to the existing supplemental plans that the Board approved last year.

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

VOTED:

(Item 8c1) That the Board of Governors approves the adoption of the proposed supplemental plan – Qualified Money Purchase Pension Plan and Trust for the President of the University of Rhode Island, in a form substantially similar to that draft attached hereto, but which incorporates any language changes provided by TIAA-CREF; to be effective July 1, 2009; subject to the execution of that employment agreement between Dr. Dooley and the Board; and subject to approval by the Board's General Counsel, as well as its Tax Counsel.

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

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

NAYS: 0

9. ADDITIONAL CONSENT AGENDA

a. Personnel Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations

Chair Caprio advised that the Personnel Review Committee met on June 12, 2009 and received three requests for action consistent with the Board of Governors Personnel Policy Manual.

As a result of that review process, the Personnel Review Committee is recommending that the Board approve the following:

At the University of Rhode Island:

1. Request to reclassify the position, Athletic Therapist, PSA, grade 12 (\$53,055-\$66,960) to Associate Director, Athletics/Health & Performance, BOG, grade 14, (\$53,877-\$66,960)
2. Request to reclassify the position, Associate Director, Athletics/Finance, BOG, grade 13 (\$50,002 - \$106,522) to Associate Director, Athletics/Business & Finance and Senior Women Administrator, BOG, grade 14 (\$53,877-\$115,341).
3. Request to reclassify the position, Assistant Director, Athletic/Rec Programs & Services, PSA, grade 13 (\$57,155-\$72,151) to Director, Student Affairs/Rec Programs & Services, BOG, grade 14 (\$53,877-\$115,341).

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

VOTED:

That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the Personnel Review Committee's recommendations.

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

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

NAYS: 0

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

a. University of Rhode Island

President Carothers again thanked Commissioner Warner for his service and his friendship. He expressed his appreciation for Commissioner Warner's work, adding that higher education has been greatly advanced by his work.

President Carothers welcomed everyone to a groundbreaking taking place on Tuesday, June 30th for the Hellenic Studies Center at 3 p.m.

As a summer reading challenge given to all students attending the University in the fall, a copy of the book *Interpreter of Maladies* was given to all students. President Carothers provided everyone present with a complimentary copy of the book as well.

b. Rhode Island College

President Carriuolo thanked Commissioner Warner for all of his assistance and friendship. She likewise expressed her gratitude to President Carothers.

President Carriuolo outlined the new programs to be offered by Rhode Island College beginning in the fall. Plans are in place for a radiology/technology program to be offered at the College. The College is also working this summer on two green certificates and some on-line work with faculty which will hopefully result in some certificates as well.

President Carriuolo announced a ceremony and reception in renovated building number 3 to be held at the College on July 1st at 10:00 a.m. The building will house two classrooms, the financial aid staff and a new café.

The President announced that as of June 19th, the total number of applications are up 4.5% from this time last year, and the residence halls are filled to overflowing.

c. Community College of Rhode Island

President DiPasquale thanked President Carothers for all his support and wished him well. He likewise expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Warner for his friendship and support and wished him much success.

CCRI hosted an education expo on Saturday, June 27th. Approximately 300 adults attended the expo looking to find their way to possibly a different career, looking for advice or counsel. The expo gave the unemployed hope and an opportunity to network with others.

President DiPasquale indicated that the College is in its final stages of their Dean for Institutional Advancement search. There are two outstanding finalists to be interviewed within the next two of days.

President DiPasquale stated CCRI had received a \$50,000 grant for wireless technology and laptops from the Alletta Morris McBean Charitable Trust. The Capital Campaign is now over the \$3 million mark.

President DiPasquale thanked everyone who participated in the Changing Lives Celebration honoring Nancy Roberts, Robert DiMuccio and Karen Adams for their outstanding work. The event raised \$56,000 last month towards the Capital Campaign.

President DiPasquale indicated the College has received a 16.1% increase in applications. He estimates that should the number of applications continue to rise, the College will see somewhere between 18,500 to 19,000 students in the fall.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Carothers announced that Dean Jeffrey Seeman's last day is tomorrow at the University. Dr. Nancy Fey-Yensan has been appointed Interim Dean of the College of Environment and Life Sciences.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- a. report on pending litigation
- b. report on collective bargaining

On a motion duly made by Brenda Dann-Messier and seconded by Brandon Brown 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: 10 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

After a short break, the Board convened into Executive Session at 6:16 p.m.

Non-Board members in the audience were excused with the exception of Commissioner Jack Warner, Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations; Louis Saccoccio, General Counsel for the University, University of Rhode Island President Robert Carothers; Rhode Island College President Nancy Carriuolo; Community College of Rhode Island President Ray Di Pasquale; Associate Commissioner Susan LaPanne, Associate Commissioner Steven Maurano, and Deborah Grossman-Garber, Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Policy.

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:38 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Brenda Dann-Messier 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: 10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

15. NEXT MEETINGS

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

Monday, September 28, 2009, 4:30 p.m., Community College of Rhode Island
Board Room 4090, Knight Campus, Warwick

16. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion duly made by Joseph Hagen and seconded by Brandon Brown 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: Frank Caprio, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Robert Flanders, Jr., Thomas Rockett, Brenda Dann-Messier, Pierre LaPerriere, Daniel Ryan and Joseph Hagan

NAYS: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Aurecchia, Secretary