



RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education was held on Monday, December 7, 2009, at the Office of Higher Education, Providence, Rhode Island. Chair Frank Caprio declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Present: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kathrin Belliveau, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan, and Pierre LaPerriere

Absent: Kenneth Aurecchia and Robert Flanders, Jr.,

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE REVISED AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Daniel Ryan and seconded by Kathrin Belliveau, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education accept the revised agenda for the meeting of December 7, 2009.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kathrin Belliveau, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the minutes of the November 9, 2009 meeting.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kathrin Belliveau, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

3. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Please see paragraph numbered 8, Item No. 14 on tonight's agenda.

5. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Maurano indicated to the Board that it would be asked to vote on a variety of items at tonight's meeting: utility easements, bonding procedures, personnel matters and residential hall fees. There may also be a discussion in executive session regarding the proposed temporary pay cuts for the remainder of fiscal 2010. These cuts are proposed in response to the Governor's request that Higher Education employees participate in the salary reduction plan that has been introduced to the remainder of state government by the Governor. The Board, if it decides to go into executive session, may be asked to vote on the temporary pay cuts when the Board returns to open session.

6. OPEN FORUM

Two individuals indicated a desire to present to the Board in open forum.

Stephen Marchand, a graduate student at the University of Rhode Island, addressed the Board with respect to the proposed approval of a change in the residential hall fees for the Gateway Apartments. Mr. Marchand stated that the Gateway Apartments are currently occupied by undergraduates. Last year the apartments were occupied by graduates and undergraduates, although they were originally constructed for graduate students and their families. Currently the only graduate student housing available is in a graduate village which is in disrepair and has many problems. Mr. Marchand asked that the Board keep in mind the graduate students and consider the lack of housing available to graduate students as it moves forward addressing the issue of housing on campus.

Ramona Skelly, addressed the Board at the request of the Executive Board of the CCRI Faculty Association. Ms. Skelly stated that the last couple of weeks at CCRI have been difficult due to proposed salary cuts for our present administrators and non-unionized staff which have demoralized the hard working members of the college community, and even more disheartening news, that the President of CCRI was a finalist for the Presidency of Suffolk Community College on Long Island, New York.

Ms. Skelly stated that it would be a wise decision on the part of the Board to appoint President Di Pasquale Acting Commissioner of Higher Education. At an executive committee meeting of the CCRI Faculty Association, the Association had indicated their desire to publicly commend President Di Pasquale at CCRI. She stated that President Di Pasquale's tenure at the school has been quite productive. His accomplishments have been many and his efforts have had a stabilizing effect on the institution.

Although it is difficult to cite all of President Di Pasquale's accomplishments, Ms. Skelly stated that his greatest accomplishment was his ability to bring CCRI to a solvent status, after having taken over as President with a deficit. Under his guidance, CCRI has undertaken a fundraising campaign, which today has reached the \$3.3 million mark. Under his stewardship, enrollment has increased and his support of the faculty and support staff does not go unrecognized.

Ms. Skelly requested that the Board consider President Di Pasquale for the position of Acting Commissioner, adding that CCRI has an excellent President, and their wish is to continue to have President Di Pasquale at their institution.

7 & 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Caprio indicated that he would entertain a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Items 7 and 13 on today's agenda:

- a. Approval of Proposed Temporary Pay Reduction pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2)
- b. Update on Collective Bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1)
- c. Update on Pending Litigation pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2)
- d. Report from the Personnel Committee on the Annual Evaluations of President Ray M. Di Pasquale and President Nancy Carriuolo pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1)
- e. Review and Discussion of Status of Commissioner Search and Interim/Acting Commissioner, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1),(a)(2).

On a motion duly made by Pierre LaPerriere 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) and (a)(2) for the reasons set forth above.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kathrin Belliveau, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

After a short break, the Board convened in Executive Session at 5:15 p.m.

All non-Board members in the audience were excused with the exception of Ronald Cavallaro, General Counsel for the Board; Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations; Louis Saccoccio, General Counsel for the University, University of Rhode Island President David M. Dooley, Rhode Island College President Nancy Carriuolo; Community College of Rhode Island President Ray Di Pasquale; Steven Maurano, Interim Commissioner, Susan LaPanne, Associate Commissioner for Finance & Management and Deborah Grossman-Garber, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Policy.

The Board reconvened in open session at 5:50 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Joseph Hagan and seconded by Kathrin Belliveau it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education seal the minutes of the executive session regarding item numbers 7 and 13 held this evening.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kathrin Belliveau, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

8. (Item 14) OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Chair Caprio indicated he would now address Item 14, Other New Business.

14a. Approval Regarding the Status of the Commissioner Search and Interim/Acting Commissioner

Chair Caprio reported on the status of the Commissioner search. As everyone knows, Steven Maurano has been Acting Commissioner since July of 2009, when Commissioner Jack Warner departed for South Dakota. Chair Caprio and all others present acknowledged the extraordinary job Steve has done as Interim Commissioner. Steve, Chair Caprio indicated, has far exceeded everyone's expectations. On behalf of the Board, the Office of Higher Education and the three institutions, Chair Caprio thanked Steve for his service.

Interim Commissioner Maurano expressed his gratitude for the trust the Board has placed in him and the support he has received from each and every member of the Board, the staff, the Office of Higher Education and especially, Chair Caprio for the confidence he placed in him.

Chair Caprio has spoken with each member of the Board as well as President Dooley and President Carriuolo regarding President Ray Di Pasquale's nomination as a finalist at Suffolk Community College in New York. Chair Caprio stated that it was a very strong conviction of his that President Di Pasquale continue serving as President of the Community College because of his excellent record. As was so well stated by Ramona Skelly, when Ray came to the Community College, he was a stabilizing influence. Ray has been a very strong force for unity, has moved a strong agenda for CCRI's role in economic development in the state, and has increased enrollment. The faculty has extraordinary confidence in his ability to lead the institution, and he has made excellent choices in his executive staff.

Chair Caprio indicated that he has had discussions with President Di Pasquale regarding whether he would consider serving in two capacities, serving in his present capacity as President of the Community College and also serving in the capacity of Commissioner of Higher Education. To do this, President Di Pasquale will need the confidence of the Board, and the Board would need courage as we are indeed navigating in uncharted waters. The Chair stated he feels President Di Pasquale can do both jobs, do them extremely well, and interact with the other institutions in an even-handed manner.

Chair Caprio explained that if the Board were required to fill the position of President of the Community College of Rhode Island, the Board would have to conduct a search for a new President, and also conduct for a new Commissioner of Higher Education. Additionally, if the Board were to hire a new Commissioner, it would be at an increased salary and additional benefits. The Board would more than likely have to increase the salary of the CCRI President in order to secure someone with President Di Pasquale's ability. Chair Caprio estimated that by assigning President Di Pasquale the duties of Commissioner, the Board would save approximately a half million dollars for the first year and \$250,000 to \$300,000 per year going forward. Chair Caprio expressed his appreciation for everyone's support and confidence in President Di Pasquale.

On a motion made by Solomon A. Solomon and seconded by Thomas Rockett, it was

VOTED:

(Item 14a) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education cancel its search for a new Commissioner of Higher Education

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kathrin Belliveau, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

On a motion made by Michael Ryan and seconded by the entire membership of the Board of Governors of Higher Education, it was

VOTED:

**(Item 14a
continued)**

THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education extend President Ray Di Pasquale's contract to June 30, 2013;

and

THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education assign President Ray M. Di Pasquale the duties of Commissioner of Higher Education and authorize him to perform said duties in an acting capacity through June 30, 2013. Said contract to become effective January 1, 2010.

and

THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve a modification of President Ray M. Di Pasquale's annual salary to \$265,000 in addition to any other benefits that he presently has effective January 1, 2010.

and

THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education authorize its Chair to take any and all action that he may deem necessary and proper to address the present and future status of the position of Commissioner of Higher Education.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kathrin Belliveau, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

9. (Item No. 8, NEW BUSINESS)

8a. Approval of Non-Classified, Non-Union Salary Adjustment for Second Half of FY 2010

Commissioner Maurano explained that this item satisfies the request of the Governor and the Department of Administration that higher education employees participate, in some way, in the Governor's proposed furlough days/salary reduction plan. The Governor's plan, as proposed for the remainder of state government, is not feasible for the system of higher

education. The Governor requested that higher education develop an alternative plan, and the proposed temporary pay reduction plan was deemed acceptable and appropriate. As such, he is requesting that the Board approve this plan.

On a motion duly made by Daniel Ryan and seconded by Brandon Brown it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approve a 1% annualized salary reduction for all non-classified, non-union employees (excluding athletic coaches) funded by unrestricted (general) revenue and under the jurisdiction of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education, commencing with the pay period on December 20, 2009 and ending at the conclusion of the fiscal year on June 30, 2010.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kathrin Belliveau, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

8b. Discussion and recommendation for acceptance of utility easements for electrical connections to 5 Fraternity Circle and 14 East Farm Road

Chair Caprio indicated that Michael Ryan will recuse himself from any consideration or voting on this item.

Associate Commissioner Susan LaPanne presented this item. The University of Rhode Island is requesting permission to enter into an agreement with National Grid to grant an easement to cover the installation of electrical utilities for properties that are located at 5 Fraternity Circle and 14 East Farm Road. The Fraternity Circle building is currently undergoing renovations for the future home of the Hillel program. The East Farm Road property is occupied by the University's aquaculture program and is also undergoing renovations. Both facilities will be receiving new electrical services as part of those renovations. The easement documents for those electrical service installations were attached to the information that was sent to the Facilities and Finance & Management Committees' meetings in November. The final form of the easement will be subject to review by the Board's legal counsel and approval by the State Properties Committee.

On a motion duly made by Kathrin Belliveau and seconded by Daniel Ryan it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the utility easements for electrical connections to 5 Fraternity Circle and 14 East Farm Road subject to review by the Board's General Counsel and approval of the State Properties Committee.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Kathrin Belliveau, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan and Pierre LaPerriere

Michael Ryan did not participate or vote.

NAYS: 0

8c. Discussion and recommendation for approval of an exemption request from the University of Rhode Island's Conflict of Interest Management Committee (CIMC) regarding Abraham Kovoor, Ph.D., in accordance with the terms of the Rhode Island Public Private Partnership Act

Associate Commissioner LaPanne stated that the University of Rhode Island's Conflict of Interest Management Committee (CIMC) has conducted a review of a proposed subcontract to the University to be included in a Small Business Innovative Research Grant (SBIR) received by Kovogen, LLC. Kovogen LLC is solely owned by Dr. Kovoor who is an assistant professor in the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences in the College of Pharmacy. Dr. Brenton DeBoef, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, will be the principal investigator on the URI subcontract. Dr. DeBoef has no financial relationship with Kovogen, LLC.

The CIMC has voted to recommend approval under the terms of the proposed management plan detailed in Appendix A, Step 3, Attachment 1 in the documents enclosed to the Board for the Facilities and Finance and Management Committees agenda. The request was subsequently reviewed and approved by Dr. Dooley at the University.

The CIMC have agreed that, based on the documentation provided, Dr. DeBoef has been appropriately designated as PI for the work proposed under the subcontract. A management plan has been developed and approved that ensures that the subcontract will not violate any of the five activities prohibited under the terms of the Rhode Island Public/Private Partnership Act.

The management plan as agreed to by the CIMC was attached to the Board mailing and is also available at the Board of Governor's website for review.

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

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approve this exception regarding Abraham Kovoor, Ph.D., in accordance with the terms of the Rhode Island Public Private Partnership Act.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kathrin Belliveau, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

8d. Discussion and recommendation for approval of resolutions of the Board for 2010 Rhode Island Health and Education Building Corporation (RIHEBC) bond Funded Projects

Associate Commissioner LaPanne presented Item 8(d).

In accordance with the approvals of the Public Debt Management Act during the 2009 General Assembly session, the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Office of Higher Education have been taking the necessary steps to continue with revenue bond financing transactions.

In September of 2009, the RIHEBC Board accepted the Board of Governors' application for revenue bond financing for the University's repaving and road construction project as well as Rhode Island College's Recreation Center renovation project.

Bond Counsel and the Financial Advisor were also appointed for the bond issuance at that meeting. RIHEBC initiated a Request for Proposal for the selection of an investment bank for the revenue bond issuance and selected Morgan Keegan as the senior manager and Janney Montgomery Scott as co-manager.

The resolutions of the Board that are necessary to move forward with the revenue bond financing for these two projects were included in the meeting packet for the Facilities and Finance & Management Committees' meeting held in November. Also included were the resolutions of the Board to guarantee that the University and the College will be reimbursed for project expenses that may be accrued during the development and implementation of the bond sale transaction.

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

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the resolutions which allow the continuation of the revenue bond financing process for University's repaving and road construction project and the College's Recreation Center Renovation.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kathrin Belliveau, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

8e. Discussion and recommendation for approval of a change in the residential hall fees for the Gateway Apartments.

Associate Commissioner LaPanne presented Item 8(e).

The University of Rhode Island is requesting that the Board approve a change in the residential hall fees for the Gateway Apartments for the spring semester 2010, per the documentation that was attached to the meeting agenda for the Facilities and Finance & Management Committee meeting on November 18, 2009.

While the University is asking for a change in these rates, it is important to note that this request is more accurately characterized as the extension of the undergraduate housing fee structure to this apartment complex whose use has been switched from graduate housing to undergraduate housing. Beginning in September, the Gateway Apartments were reassigned for undergraduate students due to the increasing demand for undergraduate housing and transfer student housing and the decrease in graduate enrollment. The configuration of these residential units allow the University to provide more residential beds for undergraduate students through the use of the Gateway Apartments.

Additionally, the new assignment to undergraduate housing provides that more students are housed on campus and the pricing is respective of that increased cost.

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

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the expansion of the undergraduate room rate structure to the Gateway Apartments based on their reassignment from graduate family housing to undergraduate student housing.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kathrin Belliveau, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

8f. Recommendation for Approval of Amendment to the Board of Governors for Higher Education Restated Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

General Counsel Ronald Cavallaro stated that in July of 2007, the IRS updated regulations regarding Section 403(b), which apply to the Board's 403(b) plan. The original effective date of these regulatory changes was January of 2009. That date was thereafter extended to December 31st of 2009. For the past two years, certain amendments have been made to various sections of the Plan based on the advice of tax counsel, and in response to those regulatory changes and the guidance that has been issued from the Internal Revenue

Service. Tax counsel has recommended certain other amendments to complete this amendment process, and has drafted language which he feels would bring the Board's 403(b) Plan into compliance with IRS regulations. These amendments are set forth in "Exhibit B" Amendment to the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education Restated Defined Contribution Retirement Plan. (All Board members were provided a copy of said Exhibit under separate cover.)

One of the key aspect of these regulatory changes is that it forces more accountability on employers. As for these amendments, the first one involves the selection of vendors and the requirement that the vendors sign service agreements. These vendors will be delegated the responsibility of performing activities required for compliance. The new regulations require that the delegation be reflected in the plan. Tax counsel has basically changed the language of the Plan to make it more specific as to what duties have been delegated to TIAA-CREF and JP Morgan Chase under the existing service agreements with the Board.

A second area in which Tax Counsel recommends some further tightening involves excluding classes of employees. The Plan currently has a definition of eligible employees and Tax Counsel feels that this definition is fine for certain employees, but wants to tighten up part of the definition that applies to the excluded staff under the 20 hour per week requirement.

Lastly, in the hardship distributions area, Tax Counsel is recommending an amendment that makes it clear that the Plan providers are now making a determination whether a withdrawal qualifies under the hardship regulations.

On a motion duly made by Kathrin Belliveau and seconded by Joseph Hagan it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education Restated Defined Contribution Retirement Plan as set forth in Exhibit B attached to Enclosure 8f, said amendment to be effective as of December 31, 2009, and applicable to Participant tax years ending on or before December 31, 2009.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kathrin Belliveau, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

Thomas Rockett stated for the record that he is a member of the Plan. Mr. Rockett did not recuse himself in that the changes to the Plan are only administrative and do not apply to the benefits received by Mr. Rockett from said Plan.

10. (Item 9, BOG COMMITTEE REPORTS and RELATED CONSENT AGENDA)

Chair Caprio indicated that the Facilities and Finance & Management Committees was scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th, at the Community College. Unfortunately, there was not a quorum. Therefore, all of the business discussed at this meeting was for discussion only. All of the agenda items from that meeting appeared as New Business items in tonight's meeting.

11. (Item 10, ADDITIONAL CONSENT AGENDA)

Chair Caprio introduced Item 10 on today's agenda. He indicated that there were several additional consent items under Item 10:

a. Recommendations of the Personnel Review Committee (PRC)

Per the University's request on November 3, 2009, the following request to establish a new position is approved pursuant to section 1.05 of the Board of Governors' Personnel Policy Rules and Regulations.

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:

Request to establish a new position, **Manager, GSO/UNOLS Technical Support**, BOG, grade 12 (\$47,717 -\$101,655)

b. Awarding of Honorary Degrees at Rhode Island College

c. Awarding of Degrees at Rhode Island College

On a motion made by Solomon A. Solomon and seconded by Pierre LaPerriere it was

VOTED:

(Item 10a) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the Personnel Review Committee's recommendations

(Item 10b) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the awarding of honorary degrees to the individuals selected by Rhode Island College

(Item 10c) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the awarding of undergraduate and advanced degrees at Rhode Island College to the candidates who meet degree requirements at the end of the Fall 2009 semester.

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

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kathrin Belliveau, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

12. (Item 11, PRESIDENTS' REPORTS)

11a. Community College of Rhode Island

Chair Caprio welcomed President Di Pasquale and introduced him as the new Acting Commissioner of Higher Education.

President Di Pasquale thanked each member of the Board and President Carriuolo and President Dooley for their overwhelming support and confidence displayed in him. President DiPasquale likewise thanked Steve Maurano for his hard work as Interim Commissioner.

President Di Pasquale reported on the amazing opportunity he was given to represent Rhode Island and CCRI at the White House Forum on Jobs and Economic Growth. He expressed his appreciation to Congressman Langevin for his nomination as Rhode Island's sole representative.

President Di Pasquale welcomed everyone to attend the two upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremonies commemorating the completed renovations of the Knight Campus Library and the Dental Health Laboratories. The library ceremony is to be held on December 8th and the dental lab event will be held on December 15th.

CCRI students Sam Greene and Ruben Frias were awarded first place (out of 600 students from across the United States and Canada who competed) in the Cisco Networking Academy NetRiders Skills Challenge. This interactive contest is designed to give technical education students the opportunity to showcase their IT and networking skills and to recognize excellence among Networking Academy students.

Lastly, President Di Pasquale proudly announced the CCRI's women's soccer team advanced to the NJCAA Division I women's soccer national championship.

11b. University of Rhode Island

President Dooley introduced and provided the Board with URI's 2010 – 2015 Academic Plan, entitled *Charting Our Path for the Future*. President Dooley highlighted the plan's Mission and Vision:

I. Enhance Academic Quality and Value

Goal: Enhance academic quality and value through focused efforts in enrollment planning and strategic investments in teaching and scholarship.

- II. Prepare Students for a Changing World
Goal: Implement a contemporary model of active and collaborative learning and achievement that prepares students for the rapidly changing world of the 21st century.
- III. Research and Innovation
Goal: Work with the Division of Research and Economic Development to promote existing and new interdisciplinary endeavors in faculty and student research, scholarship, and creative work that address major societal challenges and opportunities, add value to the human experience, and expand a new innovation-based knowledge economy.
- IV. Global Citizenry
Goal: Ensure that students and faculty are equipped with knowledge and experiences to function as responsible and inquisitive global citizens
- V. Ensure an Equitable and Inclusive Campus Community
Goal: Ensure a campus climate that celebrates differences and creates a rich learning community built upon respect, inclusion, and understanding of issues related to class, race, gender, sexual orientation, ability, religion and culture.
- VI. Institutional Effectiveness
Goal: Improve institutional effectiveness, academic quality, accountability, and performance.

11c. Rhode Island College

President Carriuolo highlighted some of the current happenings at the College:

- ❖ the College is working on a 5 year strategic plan
- ❖ a self-study with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges is being conducted
- ❖ the College recently received third party funding:
 - \$163,100 from the Champlin Foundation
 - \$44,555 for a computer information systems networking in Alger Hall
 - \$187,826 from the Davis Education Foundation for a teaching and learning center
 - \$282,000 federal appropriation for a major upgrade of the clinical lab
- ❖ President Carriuolo assured the Board that the College is doing its best to work cooperatively with Commissioner Gist on her new teacher requirements.
- ❖ The College recently hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities. The Center brings in \$5 million to the College every year while doing great work for persons with disabilities

President Carriuolo thanked everyone for their continued support of Rhode Island College.

13. (Item 12, UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

None.

14. (Item No. 13, EXECUTIVE SESSION, see paragraph numbered 7)

15. (Item No. 14, OTHER NEW BUSINESS, see paragraph numbered 8)

16. (Item No. 15, NEXT MEETINGS)

Monday, January 25, 2010, 5:00 p.m.
Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island

Monday, March 22, 2010, 5:00 p.m.
University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion duly made by Brandon Brown and seconded by Solomon A. Solomon 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, Michael Ryan, Kathrin Belliveau, Brandon
Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph
Hagan, Daniel Ryan and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Aurecchia, Secretary