



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, January 25, 2010, at Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island. Vice Chair Michael Ryan declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Present: Michael Ryan, Robert Flanders, Jr., Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan, and Pierre LaPerriere

Absent: Frank Caprio, Kenneth Aurecchia and Kathrin Belliveau

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Joseph Hagan and seconded by Solomon A. Solomon, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education accept the revised agenda for the meeting of January 25, 2010.

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

YEAS: Michael Ryan, Robert Flanders, Jr., 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 Daniel Ryan and seconded by Robert Flanders, Jr. it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the minutes of the December 7, 2009 meeting.

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

YEAS: Michael Ryan, Robert Flanders, Jr., Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

3. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

4. REPORT OF THE VICE CHAIR

Vice Chair Ryan indicated that Chair Caprio requested both himself and Pierre LaPerriere oversee the inauguration of the University of Rhode Island's new President, Dr. David M. Dooley. Vice Chair Ryan asked Governor LaPerriere to fill everyone in on what they are currently doing in this regard.

Governor LaPerriere stated that both he and Vice Chair Ryan are assisting in the planning of President Dooley's inauguration scheduled for April 8th, 2010. There will be a number of activities scheduled for the week. They are both working on the fundraising efforts, looking to underwrite the event entirely through private funds. Anyone interested in sponsoring the event, please see either Vice Chair Ryan or himself.

Vice Chair Ryan thanked President Carriuolo for hosting tonight's meeting and extended a special thank you to the food service department for an outstanding dinner.

He then turned the meeting over to President Carriuolo for an introduction of Dr. Thomas Cobb, a Professor in the English Department at Rhode Island College. Dr. Cobb is the author of the novel *Crazy Heart*. This was Dr. Cobb's earliest novel, upon which the film *Crazy Heart* was based. The film has already received a Golden Globe Award for best actor and best music. A short clip of the film was shown.

Dr. Cobb spoke on how *Crazy Heart* had been under option for a number of years, was sold to Paramount who initially decided to send it directly to DVD, where it would never see the screen. Paramount eventually sold it to Fox who has released it, where it is doing very well.

5. OPEN FORUM

Three individuals signed up for open forum.

Richard Olsen of the Rhode Island College Foundation addressed the Board in support of the recommendation that President Carriuolo will be making tonight for the appointment of the Vice President of College Advancement and Executive Director of the Foundation at Rhode Island College, Mr. James Salmo. As Secretary for the Foundation, Mr. Olsen attended all of the interviews for this position along with the President and Vice President of the Foundation. Unfortunately, the President and Vice President were not available to be at tonight's meeting, but on behalf of all three of them, Mr. Olsen added that the person being recommended tonight is outstanding. The Foundation officers are very pleased with this recommendation and they look forward to the leadership Mr. Salmo will provide.

Thomas Cahir, who was also a part of the finalist selection on behalf of the Rhode Island College Alumni Association, echoed Mr. Olsen's remarks. The Alumni Association recommends Mr. Salmo as well and welcomes him to Rhode Island College. The Association felt that Mr. Salmo, coming from an academic background, was the strongest candidate.

Major Stephen Baker of the URI Police Department addressed the Board with respect to Item No. 11 on the Agenda, the Conveyance of the Campus Security Commission Report. Major Baker thanked the Board for putting together the Campus Security Commission, in which he participated. The Commission worked very hard over several months, holding its last meeting in June of 2009. Major Baker stated the Police Department has been waiting a long time to hear the results of the report and requests that the Board hold a special meeting before the next scheduled meeting on March 22nd.

6. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

Before turning the meeting over to Acting Commissioner Di Pasquale, Vice Chair Ryan was pleased to announce that Kathrin Belliveau and Joseph Hagan have been re-appointed by Governor Carcieri to another 3 years on the Board of Governors for Higher Education, subject to advice and consent of the Rhode Island Senate. Brandon Brown, a current student member of the Board, has likewise been nominated to a three year term, subject to advice and consent of the Rhode Island Senate.

Acting Commissioner Di Pasquale thanked the members of the Board of Governor's staff for their report sharing updates on bills, resolutions, policies, etc. The Commissioner's goal is to continuously update the Board as to where issues stand and what work is currently being performed. At tonight's meeting, the Acting Commissioner updated the Board on the following:

Acting Commissioner Di Pasquale stated he has had extensive meetings with Gary Sasse, the Director of Administration, regarding the OHE's request to have delegated purchasing authority. Although OHE has not attained purchasing authority, progress has been made with the release of purchase and personnel orders. The three presidents and their staff have met privately as a system to talk about each college's issues. The higher education system is implementing positive changes to move purchase orders forward as well as bonding issues and all issues involving personnel, which for the last six months have been stagnant.

The other classified unions voted to go along with Council 94, agreeing to be furloughed. Should the vote have gone another way, the Commissioner indicated that URI would have sustained 65 layoffs and the Community College would have sustained 33 layoffs. OHE will now be allowed to go forward with classified positions that have been frozen for some time.

We have a pledge from Gary Sasse and his team to work with us and come up with a process so that we can track our purchasing and bids through the state system. This would allow each college to understand where their projects are located within the purchasing process.

We are moving forward with the bond packages. For the University, that means a new chemistry building, at Rhode Island College, a new art center. These bond packages are now moving forward from the Governor's office to the legislative session. We will then have to lobby as a group and talk about a plan. These bonds will be a very big ballot issue for the November ballot, \$61 million for the University's project, \$17 million for Rhode Island College's new art center and \$11 million for infrastructure at Rhode Island College. As we prepare for this bond

issue to go before the voters in November, we will have to make a very strong argument, as a unified higher education system, of the importance of this for quality education for all of our students in Rhode Island.

Acting Commissioner Di Pasquale indicated that nursing has continually come up at legislative sessions, finance committee meetings, and throughout all of the meetings with Gary Sasse and his staff. Nursing is a very big item in terms of growth. Do we as a Board and as a higher education system want to grow nursing programs? We currently have nursing programs at both URI's and RIC's campuses as well as at the Community College. Is it pertinent to build a facility from which two or more schools could operate? Is it important to repair and renovate the buildings that are existing at the University and at Rhode Island College? They are both outdated, too small and by no means accommodate the nurses that need to be trained today. We are going to come forward with the recommendations on nursing that the Governor's Office is requesting. The Governor wants to know where the Board stands on this issue. A special meeting may be held to discuss the issue of nursing in the State of Rhode Island and the impact that the University, the College and the Community College have on it.

Acting Commissioner Di Pasquale thanked the Board for the privilege of addressing it this evening. He looks forward to unifying higher education so that as we go forward the three presidents will be working very closely, and will be engaged in bringing these issues forward.

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Creation of the Board of Governors Student Advisory Committee

Brandon Brown moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education establish a Student Advisory Committee, which would serve the Board to:

1. Ensure a more comprehensive and adequate representation of diverse student interests and voices to the RIBGHE, and
2. Provide a formal, bilateral conduit for communication between the RIBGHE and student government bodies at URI, RIC and CCRI.

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

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education establish a Student Advisory Committee, to serve the Board by:

1. Ensuring a more comprehensive and adequate representation of diverse student interests and voices to the RIBGHE, and
2. Providing a formal, bilateral conduit for communication between the RIBGHE and student government bodies at URI, RIC and CCRI.

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members
voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

b. Appointment of the Vice President, College Advancement and Executive Director of the Foundation at Rhode Island College.

President Carriuolo introduced James Salmo and his wife, Lisa. Lisa has been an elementary school teacher for over twenty years. Mr. & Mrs. Salmo have a son, David, who currently attends Emerson College in Boston.

Mr. Salmo is a native of St. Louis. His education was a Bachelor of Arts in Theater from St. Louis University and a Master of Arts in Media/Communication from Webster University. Mr. Salmo has over twenty-five years experience in professional fundraising. Most recently, he was Associate Vice Chancellor for Development at the University of Missouri (2003-2010), Vice President for Advancement at St. Louis College of Pharmacy (1997-2003), Director of Development at the University of Missouri (1991-1995), Director of Annual Giving at Southeast Missouri State University (1988-1991) and prior to that he was the Director of the Parents Program at Saint Louis University (1984-1987).

Mr. Salmo thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak to it this evening. He spoke of his attraction to Rhode Island College and what he promises to do for the College should his appointment be approved. Mr. Salmo expressed his belief in higher education, and in having a sound public education available to all students. Secondly, he added that he was attracted to the programs at the College – education, arts, nursing, etc. The third and last thing that attracted him to the College was the people. He commented on the great faculty and staff members at the College, and the alumni who are extremely loyal and dedicated. If given the opportunity, Mr. Salmo promises that the advancement programs will be transparent. He stated that “we will let people know what we are doing, how we are doing it and why we are doing it.” Although Mr. Salmo will have a strong advancement team, he would like to invite all faculty, staff, students and people in the community to join in to keep pushing the mission of the College forward. Lastly, Mr. Salmo promises to be accountable by setting goals at the beginning of the year and letting people know what is being worked on and whether or not the goals have been achieved. He looks forward to raising a lot of money and strengthening relationships both with the alumni and in the community.

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

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the appointment of James Salmo as the Vice President for College Advancement at Rhode Island College and Executive Director of the Rhode Island College Foundation.

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

8. BOG COMMITTEE REPORTS and RELATED CONSENT AGENDA

a. Finance

1. Approval of the 2010 Rhode Island Health and Education Building Corporation (RIHEBC) Bond Funded Projects

Vice Chair Ryan reported that the Facilities and Finance and Management Committees met on Wednesday, January 13, 2010. There are two items on today's agenda that the Facilities and Finance Committees are recommending for approval of the Board.

8a1 - Approval of the 2010 Rhode Island Health and Education Building Corporation (RIHEBC) Bond Funded URI Residence Hall

In accordance with the approvals of the Public Debt Management Act during the 2008 General Assembly session, Executive and Legislative authorization was received to issue revenue bonds totaling \$42,695,000 in support of the construction of a new residence hall on the site of the present Terrace Apartments. Housing and Residential Life (HRL) was to contribute \$1,000,000 in budgetary resources as well.

This project has been contained in the University's Capital Improvement Program for the past three years. It has come to be known as the "Hillside Suites Project" and is a residence facility that is targeting freshman and sophomore students. While the original plan called for 350 beds, the increase to 400 beds provides the residence with an improved business plan and projected housing rates.

The University elected not to proceed with the project in FY 2009 because of bond market concerns. However, it did select the architectural firm of Lerner, Ladds, and Bartels with Mackey Mitchell to proceed with the design for the project using HRL resources. It is now essential that HRL increase its funding support from current revenues in order to complete the design by March 2010, capitalizing on construction market conditions, as well as to meet the September 2012 opening schedule for the fall semester.

A resolution from the Board of Governors will enable HRL to be reimbursed for these additional design expenses from bond proceeds. In addition, approval will also allow the two-year construction schedule to attain the September 2012 opening of the building that corresponds to the first debt service payment on the bond issue. Design reimbursement and construction funding support calls for bond proceeds to be available no later than June 2010.

Bond counsel has reviewed the draft "Resolution of the Board".

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

VOTED:

(Item 8a1) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the resolutions, cited in Enclosure 8a1, to approve the continuation of the RIHEBC bond financing process for University of Rhode Island's Hillside Suites Project.

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

b. Facilities

1. Recommendation for acceptance of lease agreement for laboratory space for Kovogen, LLC

Vice Chair Ryan reported that the University of Rhode Island is requesting permission to enter into a lease agreement for laboratory space in Ranger Hall in connection with the University's research collaboration with Kovogen, LLC.

At the December 7th, 2009 meeting of the Board of Governors, the request for exemption from the University on behalf of Dr. Kovoov in accordance with the terms of the Rhode Island Public Private Partnership Act was approved. The exemption was in regard to an SBIR grant which included a proposed subcontract to the University for the synthesis of molecular probes to be used in magnetic resonance imaging of brain injury. The final step for this exemption is the review by the State Ethics Commission.

This lease provides Kovogen with approximately 127 square feet of laboratory space in Room 007 of Ranger Hall for work on this project. The annual rent for this space is \$2,160.00. The lease has been approved by the University's General Counsel.

On a motion made by Daniel Ryan and seconded by Thomas Rockett it was

VOTED:

(Item 8b1) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the lease between the University of Rhode Island and Kovogen, LLC, in regard to laboratory space located in Ranger Hall. The Agreement's final execution will also be subject to the approval of the State Properties Committee.

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members
voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

8c. Government Relations Committee

The Government Relations Committee report was presented by Associate Commissioner Steven Maurano. The Committee met earlier this afternoon in an information session. No formal votes were required of the committee. The Committee recapped the 2009 legislative session and focused on a discussion of the final FY budget as well as some of the legislation that passed in the last session. The most significant was the legislation asking the Board to develop a pilot program known as *bachelor's degree in three* which would allow high school students across the state to take college level courses such that they could accumulate enough college credits while they are still in high school to be able to graduate in three years. That legislation passed at the special session in late October and we are now beginning work on developing that pilot program. The Committee also previewed the 2010 legislative session, talked about some of the issues that the legislature and the state government are facing as well as some of the potential legislation that will be discussed and submitted over the ensuing weeks.

9. ADDITIONAL CONSENT AGENDA

a. Recommendations of the Personnel Review Committee (PRC)

b. Approval of Awarding Honorary Degrees at the University of Rhode Island

Vice Chair Ryan introduced Item 9 on today's agenda. He indicated that there were two consent items under Item 9. The consent items on today's agenda are:

- a. Recommendations of the Personnel Review Committee (PRC)
- b. Awarding of Honorary Degrees at the University of Rhode Island

On a motion made by Thomas Rockett and seconded by Pierre LaPerriere, it was

VOTED:

(Item 9a) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the
Personnel Review Committees recommendations,

and further,

(Item 9b)	THAT	the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of honorary degrees to the individuals selected by the University of Rhode Island.
	Vote:	7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Michael Ryan, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan and Pierre LaPerriere
	NAYS:	0

10. PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

a. Rhode Island College

President Carriuolo provided the Board with a written report on many of the things ongoing at Rhode Island College. She briefly touched on a few of the items:

The Feinstein School of Education and Human Development developed a new Certificate of Graduate Study in Autism Education. The rising incidence of autism, now up to 1% of all children in the U.S. ages 3-17, has created the need to extend the knowledge and skills of school professionals in this area.

The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges has voted to accept the college's new bachelor's degree in Radiologic Technology within the institution's accreditation.

This month PBS premiered a TV series entitled "This Emotional Life." Dr. Rick Reamer, Professor of Social Work in the College's MSW program, was one of the authorities on the topic of adolescence.

RIC is collaborating with the Brown University AIDS Program of the Alpert Medical School as the two co-sponsors of an international HIV prevention conference in Quito, Ecuador on March 18-19, 2009.

Some of the current athletic highlights at RIC:

- Wrestling – Head Coach Jay Jones' team is undefeated
- Men's Basketball – the Anchorman are now in first place
- Last year's softball team was selected by the Rhode Island Sportswriters Organization as "Team of the Year."
- Athletic Director Tom Tencher will be receiving the Amby Smith Award at the Annual Words Unlimited Banquet on February 21st. Words Unlimited is an organization made up of the state's sports writers and publicists. Mr. Tencher is

being recognized for his excellence in leading collegiate athletics in Rhode Island.

Lastly, President Carriuolo proudly announced that *The Providence Journal* ran an article entitled "10 People to Watch in 2010 in Rhode Island." Four of the ten are alumni of Rhode Island College.

b. Community College of Rhode Island

President Di Pasquale announced the Community College of Rhode Island's Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony honoring John S. "Jack" Renza, Jr., managing director of Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co., Ltd. and CCRI faculty member and Laurie White, president of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce. The Hall of Fame award is presented to Rhode Island leaders who have made substantial contributions to the mission of CCRI. The event will be held on Sunday, April 18th, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza at the Crossings in Warwick.

Once again, the Community College is seeing record enrollments. Over 16,000 students appeared at the four campuses today. In addition to the enrollment, there will likely be record credits as well as a record number of students attending this spring. There has been a total of \$8.2 million dollars in Pell Grants processed, \$1.6 million on Stafford Loans, \$4.2 in unsubsidized loans and \$1.9 million in state programs. The Community College received 17,026 applications for financial aid, an all time high.

President Di Pasquale reported that CCRI will be presenting to the Board fairly soon, a new engineering associate degree program. The Community College received a wonderful report from NEASC on distance learning. President Di Pasquale congratulated Dr. Lela Morgan and her team for an outstanding job on moving forward the distance learning agenda.

Finally, President Di Pasquale announced that just four years ago there was a waiting list of more than 1,000 nursing students. Today there is no longer a waiting list, and enrollment is all based by merit.

c. University of Rhode Island

1. Notice of Change; Name Change of the B.S. Major and B.S. Degree in Clinical Laboratory Science to Medical Laboratory Science.

The University submits to the Board of Governors for Higher Education the following Notice of Change: Name Change of the B.S. Major and B.S. Degree in Clinical Laboratory Science to Medical Laboratory Science.

2. President's report

President Dooley announced a new entity at URI, the Strategic Planning and Budget Council, representing a new approach to budgeting and planning. The Council consists of 20 individuals and is led by the Provost and the Vice President for Administration and Finance, who will serve as the Vice Chair. It is composed of deans, faculty, students, staff and members of the community. This Council will be charged with developing all of the recommendations for the

University's budget and the linkages between the priorities and plans of the institution and the budget. The Council will conduct all of its meetings publicly, including participation from the campus and outside the campus. The Council will begin their work with a review of the 2011 budget followed by preparation of the University's 2012 budget and beyond.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Conveyance of Campus Security Commission Report.

In 2008, legislation was proposed that would have mandated that the Board arm the campus police at all three state institutions. The Board testified against that legislation because it believed that its authority to make that decision was being taken away through the proposed statute. They also opposed the legislation because it laid out a series of training and other initiatives, but did not provide any funding stream. In our testimony to oppose the legislation, the Board told the legislature that it had been about eight and a half years since the Board had last studied the issue of arming campus police. The Board told them that they would form a commission to look at the issue in depth, and then report back to the legislature. A commission was formed and met 9 times over the last several months, the last meeting being in June of 2009. A draft report of the commission has now been circulated to all commission members. They have indicated their comments and changes to be made. The Office of Higher Education is still waiting for one or two of them to come back and expect to receive those last draft reports within the next day or so. By the end of the week, the report will be finalized and it will be sent to all members for review and consideration. OHE will then await the Chairman's call as to how to proceed on the issue from there.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chair Ryan indicated that he would entertain a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Item No. 12 on today's agenda:

- a. Update on Collective Bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2)
- b. Update on Pending Litigation pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2)

On a motion duly made by Daniel Ryan and seconded by Thomas Rockett, 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: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Ryan, 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 5:59 p.m.

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

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:09 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Joseph Hagan and seconded by Daniel Ryan it was

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

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

13. NEXT MEETINGS

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

Monday, April 12, 2010, 5:00 p.m.
Office of Higher Education, Room 242, Providence, Rhode Island

14. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Aurecchia, Secretary