



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, March 22, 2010, at the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island. Chair Frank Caprio declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

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

Absent: Kenneth Aurecchia

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE REVISED 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 March 22, 2010.

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

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

NAYS: 0

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the minutes of the January 25, 2010 meeting.

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

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

NAYS: 0

3. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Caprio thanked Provost DeHayes for his hospitality on behalf of the University and for hosting tonight's meeting.

In Dr. Dooley's absence, Chair Caprio called upon Provost DeHayes. Mr. DeHayes welcomed everyone to the University's Kingston Campus. The Provost invited everyone to Dr. Dooley's inauguration, officially welcoming him to Rhode Island and to the URI community. The inauguration will take place on April 8th, beginning at 2pm in the Ryan Center, followed by a community event beginning at 4pm.

Chair Caprio introduced Tessa Constant as the Board's student representative nominee. Ms. Constant's name has been approved by the Governor and submitted to the Senate for confirmation. She will be replacing Brandon Brown as the Board's student representative representing CCRI. Chair Caprio announced that Mr. Brown has been appointed by the Governor to remain on the Board as a full member with a three year term. Chair Caprio welcomed Ms. Constant to the Board.

5. OPEN FORUM

Fifteen individuals signed up for and spoke in open forum regarding Item 7(b) on tonight's agenda, *Approval of a System-wide Nursing Facility to Appear on the 2010 Ballot*.

Keith Macksoud, a RIC Alum, registered nurse anesthetist, and an Assistant Program Director at a School of Nurse Anesthetists spoke of the two separate and distinct nursing programs in the state at the University of Rhode Island and Rhode Island College. He believes that the education the students receive at both of these institutions is separate and distinct and he does not believe it is in the best interest of the citizens of this state to combine these institutions at one place of higher learning. As a 1983 graduate of RIC, Mr. Macksoud was educated in the biological sciences building of Rhode Island College. He believes that RIC should have its own school of nursing and that a new building in the downtown area would mostly benefit the graduates from CCRI more than it would benefit the students at RIC or URI. This new building would allow more people to be accepted, they would obtain an associate degree, which he added would not be in the best interest of patient care, and in two years these students could go back to this center for nursing and get their baccalaureate degree. He noted that the number of students getting their education and experience at the hospitals do so not only at Lifespan hospitals, but at various hospitals throughout the State. Mr. Macksoud pointed out that being closer to these hospitals does not necessitate that the students are going to be getting a better experience and a better education. He indicated that the proposal that is in front of the Board did not solicit input from faculty members or the Advisory Committee of Rhode Island College School of Nursing, of which he is a member. Mr. Macksoud stated that it was his understanding that the Commissioner not only serves as the Commissioner of the Board, but also as the President of CCRI. He suggested that the Commissioner, if he has not already done so, seek permission from the Ethics Commission as to whether or not it is proper for him to vote on this proposal.

Karen Hetzel, an Associate Professor at the Rhode Island College School of Nursing, stated that as a faculty member of the School of Nursing, she advises many students and provides guidance to students coming into RIC with nursing as their intended major. She indicated that she is very aware of the students' needs, many of whom have families to support, are athletes and many, if not most, are first generation college students. Moving the Rhode Island College School of Nursing to the "Knowledge District" will be a hardship for them. She stated the students utilize support services on the RIC campus so that they can achieve their goals of becoming nurses. Professor Hetzel believes that the commute will be a problem for the students. Although RIC is basically a commuter school, she feels the students at Rhode Island College have a sense of community and family. Ms. Hetzel believes that putting both URI and RIC students in a downtown nursing building is not in the best interest of RIC nursing students.

Jeffrey Viveiros, a Rhode Island College nursing student, stated that he chose RIC for the small class sizes. He indicated that the faculty is able to sit with the students and pinpoint some weaknesses that the students may have to improve upon whereas if they have large classes, they may not have the opportunity to do that. He feels that these are all things that add to a student's success in the nursing program and that are really going to help the students become successful nurses.

Lauren Cabral, a Rhode Island College nursing student, stated she chose RIC for the accessibility to and from her home and work. Ms. Cabral believes that with this new building, students will have difficulty with the shuttling convenience. She stated that not having her car available to her would be a great inconvenience. Ms. Cabral added that a downtown nursing building would limit her ability to access the Office of Academic Support or counseling. She asked that the Board consider these factors when making their decision.

Summer Smith, a Rhode Island College nursing student, indicated she chose RIC for reasons that are unique to the school. She would not want to be shuttled to a completely different environment, stating she chose a four year school for the social experience as well as a learning experience. She added that being with many people with different life paths and goals was important for her to grow as a person and she would not want future RIC students to miss out on that experience, especially for the last two years.

Dr. Jane Williams, Dean of the Rhode Island College School of Nursing, thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. Dr. Williams stated that this is a very important issue, not only for nursing education in Rhode Island but also for prospective nursing students and for the many citizens of Rhode Island for whom the nursing students will care. She believes the proposal for this new building is at best premature. The RIC nursing program attracts and is tailored to Rhode Island students. Ninety-six percent of the students in the program are Rhode Islanders. RIC nursing students have an excellent pass rate on the national licensure exam, a rate that is consistently over 95%, and above the state and national averages. She added that RIC's program is fully staffed with highly qualified faculty at a time when nursing programs across the country are looking for faculty and have many vacancies. Dr. Williams noted that the Veteran's Administration, in creating the VA Nursing Academy, selected Rhode Island College School of Nursing as one of the best nursing programs in the country. Dr. Williams added that the building proposal is a flawed plan that has not been vetted according to the Board's own rules. She stated that RIC spent a year preparing a proposal for their new master's program. A needs assessment, feasibility study and a cost analysis were conducted and submitted to the Board. Dr. Williams stated that this proposal has a much broader effect and many more implications than the master's program and urged the Board of Governors to go back to the drawing board and engage the nursing faculty at both URI and RIC to craft a plan that will meet the needs of nursing education in Rhode Island.

Dr. Anne Carty, a 35-year member of Rhode Island College's School of Nursing, indicated that she has seen the nursing program grow and develop. Dr. Carty added that everywhere you look you see the term cost effectiveness. She believes that cost is certainly a component, but thinks effectiveness needs to be looked at as a separate concept. She indicated that the effectiveness of the Rhode Island College School of Nursing is due to the work of the faculty while maintaining high academic standards and successfully meeting the changing needs of a diverse student body. Dr. Carty indicated that in order to meet the different styles and different needs, RIC has determined smaller section sizes. Currently, there are no more than 32 students in a class. Dr. Carty added that when she first taught, there were 75-80 students in a class. She indicated that presently, the students have a baccalaureate curriculum, not the two plus two which is proposed with the new plan. They are enrolled in general education courses throughout the four years. Dr. Carty added that significant changes to nursing education will affect the effectiveness of the nursing program and need to be carefully considered as part of a long range strategic plan that includes nursing faculty in all phases of the plan.

Dr. Denise Coppa, Director of the Nurse Practitioner Program at URI, is a graduate of the University and also received her doctorate from URI. Dr. Coppa noted that approximately 260 students graduated from the Nurse Practitioner Program. Seventy percent of these graduates work in the public health settings throughout the state. Students graduate and deliver comprehensive direct healthcare to mostly underserved and underrepresented patients in Rhode Island. Dr. Coppa indicated that she was a little taken aback by the fact that no one mentioned healthcare and the impact that these programs have on healthcare in the State. Knowing that the predominance of underserved, underrepresented and medically uninsured people live in the poor cities areas of Rhode Island, Dr. Coppa is thrilled to hear that the Board of Governors and the State of Rhode Island is considering a state-of-the-art building to be located in the "knowledge district." Dr. Coppa indicated that this would make both programs accessible to underrepresented students. She added that most of her patients are teenagers with babies who live in the inner city. Many of them want to go into careers that are healthcare related. Some become CNAs while others go into nursing. Dr. Coppa stated that when she talks about URI, these students feel it is prohibitive because they would have to commute for the most part to Kingston. She feels this proposal would give URI a presence in the City as well as in Kingston. This proposal will allow the state to be able to see all of the nursing programs in one place. Dr. Coppa thanked the Board for the opportunity to talk about the positive side of this proposal.

Mary Sullivan, a professor at URI's College of Nursing, directs the graduate program and is a clinical faculty member at Brown Medical School. Ms. Sullivan spoke in support of the proposal and the wonderful opportunities that it would make available to the University's graduate students. Ms. Sullivan stated that she is very familiar with the National Institute of Health, and indicated that they are looking forward in scientific advancements. From her own experience in Providence and from her own research, she believes that some of the future science that will evolve from neuroscience and genetics may come from that location. She stated that for nurses who are beginning their career as a nurse scientist, the ability to have ready access to many other experts in other disciplines makes for ready-made opportunities for these future scientists. In all, Ms. Sullivan stated that when talking about nursing, we are talking about clinical science which has a direct benefit to Rhode Island residents, almost a trickle down effect as we test the effectiveness of our interventions. Ms. Sullivan thanked the Board for their time.

Sheri Smith, Professor Emeriti of Philosophy at Rhode Island College, stated that she has observed the Nursing Department and RIC for many years and recognizes that the College has really developed a very effective, excellent program. Ms. Smith teaches one of the general education courses. Her area of specialization in philosophy is ethical issues and healthcare and even more specifically, some of the areas of ethical issues that arise in the context of nursing practice. Ms. Smith indicated that she has many nursing students who enroll in the course. Ms. Smith indicated that the students usually recognize this as being a very important topic for their practice, but also for them as students. The students want to learn about the ethical aspects of their practice. They want to learn about how to make the kinds of decisions that they need to make when they face these kinds of issues. Ms. Smith feels this is special for students who are enrolled in this course as juniors or first semester seniors because they have had experience in the clinical area and they have learned the kinds of examples and issues that they are going to have to deal with. Ms. Smith feels the proposal to provide the students the first two years on campus taking all the general education courses before they complete the last two years is really going to be leaving out something very important to nursing practice. Ms. Smith feels this proposal would allow for students to have their nursing education course before they are really ready and have not had the experience of the kinds of issues that they are going to need to deal with.

Cynthia Padula, a Professor at the Rhode Island College School of Nursing, thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them. She stated she was a faculty member at URI for 23 years and left the University to begin as the Program Director of the Master's Program at Rhode Island College. Ms. Padula reflected on her feelings of the proposal as well as some of the comments made earlier. She stated the process has not been a positive one. Faculty in both programs learned within a couple of weeks that a proposal had been signed by the Governor and had already gone to the legislature. Ms. Padula stated that what is being proposed is a restructuring of nursing education and should not be taken lightly. This proposal talks about reorganizing into a two plus two program which has tremendous limitations. As an academic faculty person and a clinical person, Ms. Padula feels this proposal removes academic faculty from the seat of governance of their own institutions. She feels the proposal leaves the institution a less strong place; nursing educators will lose the ability to be part of governance. This is not just an ordinary building; it is a nursing building merging two programs into one site. Ms. Padula added that although area hospitals are in the neighborhood, she noted that the RIC nursing program doesn't serve only the Providence area and the needy are not just in Providence. She added that to suggest that it is going to be better because the building will be located in the center of the city is misleading. What's clear to Ms. Padula is that the building at Rhode Island College is completely inadequate. It is about 8,000 sq. feet with one dedicated classroom for a program with over 500 undergraduates alone. She added that the nursing faculty rarely teach, nor do our students go to classes in that building. The faculty share offices, there is no lounge space, there is no meeting space. Ms. Padula noted that two building proposals were sent forward for both programs. She suggests that before a quick decision is made to relocate the two programs, she suggests the Board relook at the proposals developed by each school and do a cost analysis, examining the possibility that RIC could keep this building on its campus.

Margaret Mock, an Assistant Professor at RIC, who is also a Certified Nurse Practitioner and a full-time Ph.D. student, spoke in opposition to the current proposal. Ms. Mock indicated she is also opposed to the set up of a curriculum that would be a two plus two. At the moment, Ms. Mock is deeply engrained in the study of nursing science – understanding the philosophy, the history and the roots and the challenges that we have incurred to get to where we are. She feels that throwing away the development of a beautiful program like that at Rhode Island College and adding a two plus two negates the decisions and progress that has been made.

She believes the proposal would be going back to an area where the College might be ruled by a larger party. A hospital based system, in her opinion, is not in the College's best interest. Ms. Mock believes that we need to maintain autonomy and control of the nursing profession. She is acutely aware problems that could arise from changing the pedagogy by just stacking up students' education rather than interweaving it and allowing the students to learn to make critical decisions based on philosophy of science, psychology, sociology. She also said that she believes just to be around the campus of Rhode Island College is very important to the students. Ms. Mock thanked the Board for listening to her concerns.

Dayle Joseph, Dean of Nursing at URI, thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them. Dean Joseph began by stating that the whole idea of the building is really exciting. It is an opportunity for nursing to get on board at ground zero. She added that with respect to the two plus two programs that have been mentioned tonight, the University of Rhode Island does not have a two plus two program and is not going to have a two plus two program. She believes this opens up another door for the students. Students will get two years of a wonderful experience at the Kingston Campus, followed by two years in a brand new state-of-the-art building. She noted that although URI has laboratory space at the Kingston Campus, they do not have great space. Students are crowded in classrooms with 100 to over 120 students. There is not enough room for them to be in the same class. The current building has mold and very unpleasant odors. The faculty has consistently complained about this for a very long time. Dean Joseph stated that at the University of Rhode Island, they have a motto, *Think Big, We do*. She believes that this is thinking big and hopes the Board votes in favor of this proposal. Dean Joseph feels this is an opportunity of a lifetime and is not sure it's one that we will get again. She ended by stating that this is a doable plan, an exciting plan and she certainly embraces it 100%.

Michael Paruta, Director of Workforce Development at Women & Infants Hospital, addressed the Board on behalf of Care New England. Care New England favors the vision of a new nursing building that can be shared by the high quality baccalaureate programs led by both Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island. Mr. Paruta shared his vision as a large Rhode Island employer. Over the past decade, hospitals across the region and country have experienced severe shortages of registered nurses. We have collaborated with our partners at the College and the University to help us assure a strong supply of registered nurses, and in particular, we have had some great success with the Community College of Rhode Island. These outstanding education programs had succeeded in bringing us associate degree nurses to the labor market which help us alleviate immediate needs and shortages that we were experiencing. Chief nursing officers would like to increase the mix of baccalaureate BSNs to the mix of care givers in hospitals. Some reasons for the adjustment in additional baccalaureate nurses is the increased demand for complex care for hospital patients. The patient base and the workforce continue to age and are greatly affecting the amount of care demanded and the labor market supply over the next ten years. Registered nurses are becoming and are the managers of care for patients in complex nursing units. From a human resource point of view and employment development perspective, having more BSNs in our hospitals help us develop our future workforce. Mr. Paruta added that a strong supply of registered nurses increases the quality of patient care and helps minimize the inflation of healthcare costs. It is vital that we all work together to diminish wage spikes and upward wage pressures that are caused by labor shortages. The Rhode Island Department of Labor has predicted our state will need more than 4,300 RNs through 2016. Almost half of those RN vacancies will be due to the retirement and turnover of the current experienced staff. For our patients, we will need and will be seeking more RNs with the emphasis on bachelor prepared RNs. We are forecasting that despite our current economical malaise we will soon be returning to increased levels of hire for RNs for CNE. We predict and forecast hiring levels of 200 full

time equivalents, which is close to 250 RNs per year. In closing, Mr. Paruta stated that Care New England shares the Board's vision of a new nursing education building in the "knowledge district" close to the state's largest medical centers and very close to the new Warren Alpert Medical School for Brown University.

Brandon Melton, Senior Vice President for Human Resources with Lifespan, addressed the Board on behalf of the nursing executives at their four hospitals and also his colleague, Nancy McMahon, who is a registered nurse, a nurse practitioner and the Director of Workforce Development for Lifespan. Mr. Melton pointed out that Lifespan is the largest private employer in the State of Rhode Island with over 12,000 employees, and that 40% of the hospital workers in this state, one-third of which are Lifespan workers, are registered nurses. He added that, more importantly, Lifespan is the largest provider of acute care hospital services in Rhode Island, serving over 40% of adults admitted in our hospitals and serving over 85% of children who are admitted at Bradley and Hasbro Children's Hospitals. He indicated that Lifespan conducted a labor forecast some three years ago examining their needs through the year 2025. The forecast shows that nursing shortages which are already a decade old will continue to worsen through the year 2025 and beyond. The vacancy rates will rise from the current 13% to over 55% by 2025. Plans for a nursing building will clearly enable us to increase capacity. Mr. Melton noted that over the last five years, Lifespan has had a wonderful collaboration and working relationship with the Commissioner for Higher Education from Jack Warner to Ray Di Pasquale and with the nursing deans, Dr. Jane Williams at RIC and Dr. Dayle Joseph at URI. He stated that there are clearly multiple advantages and benefits of locating a new nursing building in the "knowledge district". Mr. Melton noted that the new nursing building would create opportunities for joint faculty appointments between hospital nursing practitioners and the baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs of RIC and URI.

6. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

Acting Commissioner Di Pasquale provided the Board with a full written report. In summary, the Commissioner began his report with the system head counts for fall 2009. The Commissioner was very pleased to announce that the fall head count was 43,412 students, the previous high was 43,275 in 1992. At Rhode Island College, the 2009 head count was 9,260. At the University it was 16,392 and at the Community College, 17,760 students. The Commissioner reported that there has been an increase in applications in all segments of higher education in the State of Rhode Island. At the University, the applications have increased to a high of 17,747. At Rhode Island College, they have increased 2.4% to a total of 5,257. Due to the economy, enrollment at community colleges across the nation has increased. The Community College of Rhode Island has seen an increase of 16.6% increase in applications. These increased enrollments along with the increase in tuition, have helped to offset the state budget cuts and are allowing the system to handle the increased enrollments as well.

The Acting Commissioner gave a brief presentation of the items highlighted in his full report:

- The RIOHE will shortly be advertising for an Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Students Affairs, a position which has been vacant for some time.
- Rhode Island has formally joined sixteen other states, including Massachusetts, Connecticut and Vermont, in the new Complete College America Alliance, which will be working to achieve significantly higher college degree attainment goals among American citizens by 2020.

- Rhode Island, in conjunction with its Race to the Top application, has committed itself to adopt and implement national common core K-12 educational standards by August 2010.
- We will be preparing for our presentation for the 2011 budget, as well as hearing on the bond package this Wednesday afternoon.
- We have had ongoing meetings with the Department of Administration and our purchasing plans are moving very nicely.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. New Discrimination Complaint Procedure for RIBGHE Employees

Anne Marie Coleman, Vice President for Human Resources, advised that last September, a risk reduction agreement was entered into with our general liability carrier, United Educators. This agreement would freeze our premiums for a three year period if we embarked in some risk reduction exercises. The first step in our risk reduction program was to promulgate a systemwide Discrimination Complaint Procedure for all three institutions and the Board of Governors for Higher Education. Ms. Coleman introduced the proposed Discrimination Complaint Procedure, and noted that the first step was to have this approved before we roll out our training program for all employees at the three institutions and the Office of Higher Education. A two and a half year training program has been planned upon approval by the Board.

On a motion duly made by Daniel Ryan and seconded by Robert Flanders it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the Discrimination Complaint Procedures as presented, and requests that the institutions and the Office of Higher Education take the necessary steps to implement these procedures immediately

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

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

NAYS: 0

Approval of a System-wide Nursing Facility to Appear on the 2010 Ballot.

Acting Commissioner Di Pasquale thanked everyone for all of the input and thoughtful responses to this proposal and the future of nursing for the State of Rhode Island. This issue, as you may know, started some time ago when a proposal from the University of Rhode Island

went forward with plans for a new \$50 million building followed by a second piece that came along more recently, a Rhode Island College building at \$30 million. When both plans reached the desk of the Governor, they were sent to Chair Caprio and Vice Chair Ryan who then suggested to convene a group of people to discuss a plan for the future of nursing. As we looked at the cost of both buildings, the Governor indicated that it would not be possible to support two buildings. Having visited the Rhode Island College program's existing facility, it was clear that based upon its size and location, it is in need of a renovation if RIC is going to grow its program. At the University it was a renovation of a building on campus. The two proposals combined had a cost of \$80 million, and the programs would expand by approximately 100 new nurses. Both URI and RIC have had new nursing buildings on their respective campuses in their capital plans for several years.

The vote tonight would indicate Board support for this project. It still needs final approval by the General Assembly before it moves to the November ballot, there will be much planning needed before any of the building can commence. Once this is passed by the voters, there will be lots of planning opportunities for all faculties. This building will be designed by nurses, the institutions and by the students who they will serve. Commissioner Di Pasquale explained that we had to come together in such a quick manner in order to make the 2010 ballot, or we would have lost the opportunity for any nursing building. Chair Caprio and Vice Chair Ryan stepped up to the plate and were able to meet with the Governor and have him listen to the potential of this proposal. Both the University and Rhode Island College did a tremendous amount of work over one weekend in putting together a very solid proposal as a business plan that was acceptable to the Governor to make the 2010 ballot or risk missing this opportunity completely.

The Acting Commissioner spoke of the serious rehabilitation necessary to Rhode Island College's art building. He stated that both he and the Chairman walked through the building. It is a health and safety issue and is a need that is critical to having that program continue. The rehabilitation to the College art building was also going to go on to the 2010 ballot. After much thought, it was realized that should this make the 2010 ballot, it would be a very difficult sell. The Governor agreed to move the rehabilitation of the College's art building to RICAP funds. This assures that a Rhode Island College Art Center will be built. This is a \$17 million dollar commitment, and is a significant attribute and commitment to Rhode Island College to make sure that their art building moves ahead.

Comments & Questions on Acting Commissioner's Report:

Governor Robert Flanders, Jr., commented that part of the opposition that was heard today was from faculty members who felt they had not been consulted and may have been quite agreeable to this idea had they been consulted. He added that the Acting Commissioner's explanation laid out the time crunch that existed. He hoped that as this goes forward and indeed is approved, efforts are made to involve the faculty to a greater extent. Going forward, Governor Flanders recommends that the expertise and input from some of the individuals who spoke tonight be sought.

Acting Commissioner Di Pasquale stated that this is the beginning of a long term planning process. He noted that back on February 22nd, the first meeting of the provosts, the presidents and the deans of both nursing programs was held to begin discussions. We were hopeful that that information was then disseminated back to the campuses. The information was put on the table that clearly the Governor was not going to accept both building proposals. Discussions began on working on alternate options and moving forward. On March 4th, with a very short window of a weekend to put together a proposal, URI and RIC did a tremendous amount of work. Everyone is in agreement that we will work very closely with the faculty. This

is the beginning of a very long process. If we can get it approved, we can work to get the voters to support it, and we will need everyone's help to make the ballot on November 2nd. If it passes, we will need everyone to work together, and then the real planning begins about how to make that building work for both programs.

On behalf of Rhode Island College, Dr. Carriuolo indicated that with any system initiative of any kind, it is the College's intention to be cooperative and to be supportive. Dr. Carriuolo thanked Judge Flanders and others for being very good listeners, stating that she feels that as long as there is consultation, whatever issues and problems that may exist can be worked out. She thanked everyone for listening so intently to the questions and concerns that were raised tonight.

Acting Commissioner Di Pasquale shared with everyone a rumor of which he had been made aware. He has been told that there have been discussions on campuses that the Commissioner had proposed that the two programs be consolidated. He stated that the two programs would retain their individual identities adding that there are no discussions on the table to consolidate them. For the future, that is not the intention of this motion. This motion is strictly to say both institutions need facilities desperately, we need to do this as a need for the State of Rhode Island, and more importantly, we think we can be successful in one building for both programs, keeping the integrity and the outstanding and extraordinary work that they have already done and acknowledging that as well.

Provost DeHayes indicated that many individuals at the URI campus were envisioning a new nursing facility on the campus. URI recognizes that this is a new time in higher education across the country. It is a time for strategic investments and partnerships. Higher Education will not be able to proceed the way it once did in America, particularly here in Rhode Island. This is an opportunity to take the lead and be a model for education across the country. In closing, Provost DeHayes stated that there have been no decisions, nor will there be, without the involvement of the faculty, in any aspect of curriculum development or delivery, or in the detail provisions of this facility if it happens.

Vice Chair Ryan appreciated everyone's comments. As someone who has served on the Board for a number of years and who has sought to get the three institutions to work more together, he feels this is a special opportunity for higher education. Sitting in the Governor's office was an opportunity to have the Governor listen to the Presidents of the University of Rhode Island and Rhode Island College coming together as a team with the Board chair and myself. At this meeting, everyone agreed that we are going to maintain the integrity of the programs. Vice Chair Ryan voiced his approval of the plan, stating he believes it is going to accrue to the benefit of Rhode Island College and to the University.

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

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the concept of a single, inter-institutional nursing sciences facility to be located in downtown Providence's "Knowledge District," and requests and authorizes the Acting Commissioner to work with the presidents of the University of Rhode Island and Rhode Island College and their staffs to further develop this proposal, and to take whatever steps are necessary to present and recommend this project to the General Assembly for presentation to the

voters of the state of Rhode Island on the November 2010 ballot.

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

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

NAYS: 0

b. Discussion and recommendation for conceptual approval of proposed use of property at the Community College of Rhode Island's Flanagan Campus for a regional dispatch communications center.

Chair Caprio introduced and welcomed Mayor Charles Lombardi of the Town of North Providence and Chief David Smith of the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency. The Chair then called on Acting Commissioner Di Pasquale to present item 7c.

Acting Commissioner DiPasquale stated that several months ago, Mayor Lombardi and Mayor Policena approached him with the idea of a collaborative dispatch center on CCRI's Lincoln campus. Mayor Lombardi has clearly been a leader in the State of Rhode Island in bringing towns and communities together for consolidation purposes. In these very difficult economic times, Mayor Lombardi has taken the lead in making these wonderful proposals that will save the State money. At the Community College, they are excited to have the opportunity to serve many communities but CCRI will also have the opportunity to be involved with the training for the dispatch center. Both the Chief and Mayor Lombardi are two outstanding leaders in our State, and it gives me great privilege this evening to be able to present this wonderful proposal that will benefit the entire state due to Mayor Lombardi's lead on this initiative.

Mayor Lombardi thanked Chair Caprio and Commissioner Di Pasquale for the opportunity to be before the Board this evening. Mayor Lombardi indicated he was before the Board tonight representing multiple mayors, administrators and town managers. These individuals developed a coalition of leaders in different communities that have put a considerable amount of time thinking about this initiative. When we came into office there were a number of issues that we were faced with. It has always been our opinion that the only thing that is going to bring us to salvation is some regionalization of services. Coming from the fire department ranks for 21 years, I realized that we needed to start off with a dispatch service. The Community College is the home of our municipal police training academy. Mayor Lombardi met with President Di Pasquale to discuss the possibility of locating the Dispatch Center at the College. This location would allow the College to add curriculum for dispatchers at the college. The coalition met with Senator Reed who has agreed to assist in making this happen. After becoming public, Mayor Lombardi was contacted by General Bray. The General stated to Mayor Lombardi what he would like to see happen, things that he would support and indicated he would do whatever he could to see this project become a reality.

Chief David Smith was also in attendance. Mayor Lombardi stated that the Chief has been a great deal of help to the coalition and has been an inspiration for the project.

Mayor Lombardi asked for the Chair's assistance in making the project happen. He believes that a regional dispatch center will be much safer and much quicker in response. As an example, in North Providence, fire dispatchers are alone at all times. They Mayor stated that should a dispatcher happen to go down, we wouldn't know that a call was being unanswered. By combining several communities, North Providence, Johnston, Smithfield, Cumberland, and Lincoln, there would be roughly a total of 53 police and fire dispatchers.

Mayor Lombardi along with Chief Smith visited Barnstable County. Their center dispatches to nine communities. Within two months, three additional communities were coming on board. At the time of the Mayor's visit, there were seven individuals in the room, making it a safer place. The Mayor added that within that room, he visualizes a large map showing the locations of the police cars, fire vehicles or rescue squads at all times. This will allow the closest vehicle to respond to the individual in need. The jurisdictional lines will disappear. On behalf of the Mayor and the coalition of Mayors, Administrators and Managers, Mayor Lombardi thanked the Board for the opportunity to present this project and asked for the Board's support. Chair Caprio thanked Mayor Lombardi for his enthusiasm, commitment to public service and innovative approach to effectuating economies in government. He thanked him for all the efforts he has put forth on behalf of the residents of the State.

Chief Smith thanked Chair Caprio for the opportunity to address the Board. Mr. Smith indicated that he has had several meetings with President Di Pasquale. He thanked President Di Pasquale for his vision and partnership. This signals that not only is this possible, but we are going to make this happen. Five years ago there were concerns over the safety of individuals in the field, as the fire service and police service were unable to talk to one another. As we have built a state-wide communication system, we see now that technology is not the hurdle or obstacle to overcome, and now we have this opportunity. In a meeting with a number of different Mayors, Managers and with President Di Pasquale, we talked about not only the utility and value of regionalization of service, but also the center's structure and its design. We see it being built with renewable energy as a resource. We applaud the efforts of CCRI as they have been leading the way in the state in designing an emergency management certificate program. This facility would be part of the dispatch function but also would have access to all the classrooms and standardization of training and complimentary service that would be provided in academia. Chief Smith asked for everyone's support.

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

- VOTED:** That the Board of Governors approves the proposed use of a parcel of land at the Flanagan Campus of the Community College of Rhode Island for the development and construction of a state-of-the-art regional dispatch communications center; and
- That the Board of Governors authorizes the Office of Higher Education to proceed with the negotiation of an agreement regarding the use of this property and facility, subject to final Board approval and the subsequent approval of the State Properties Committee.

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

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

NAYS: 0

c. Discussion and recommendation for the approval of the establishment of a Culinary Arts Assistant Certificate Program Laboratory Fee.

Associate Commissioner Susan LaPanne reported that the Administrative Office Technology Department of the Community College of Rhode Island in conjunction with the Center for Workforce and Community Education will be offering a Culinary Arts Assistant Certificate Program that will have as a total student cost \$3,284 which includes tuition, special fees, applications, books, night kits and uniforms. The new certificate is going to be a 4 credit course in order to allow the transferability of these credits to an associate in general studies or in general business studies. While this lab fee is a new item on the for-credit schedule, the Culinary Arts Assistant non-credit program has a comparable fee associated with it.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Governors approves the establishment of the Culinary Arts Assistant Certificate Program Laboratory Fee at the Community College of Rhode Island.

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

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

NAYS: 0

8. BOG COMMITTEE REPORTS and RELATED CONSENT AGENDA

a. Academic & Student Affairs

1. Approval of a Proposal from the Community College of Rhode Island to Eliminate the Mechanical Engineering Technology Program and the Electronics Technology Program.

Governor Hagan reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on Friday, March 12th. Following approval of the minutes from their last meeting on October 26th

Commissioner Ray Di Pasquale updated committee members regarding the consolidated nursing building proposal, the upcoming search for an Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, Rhode Island's new affiliation with the National Complete College America Alliance, and the PK-12 common core standards that are currently in review nationwide. Representatives from the three institutions presented excellent reports on the results of the 2009 admissions. We then were introduced to an interesting new electronic student portfolio system called Chalk and Wire that is currently being used for grading and assessment by the Feinstein School of Education at Rhode Island College.

There are two consent agenda items on tonight's agenda that were approved:

1. The Committee recommends your approval for a proposal from the Community College of Rhode Island to close two of its programs, due to persistent low enrollments and completions – The Mechanical Engineering Technology Program and the Electronics Technology Program.
2. The Committee approved actions to be taken regarding system wide outcomes assessment. The meeting concluded with reports from the Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs from each campus.

Governor Hagan expressed his appreciation to Chair Caprio for his appointment as Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. He likewise thanked Associate Commissioner for Academic Planning and Policy, Deborah Grossman-Garber for her excellent work.

On a motion duly made by Kathrin Belliveau and seconded by Brandon Brown it was

VOTED:	That	the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the elimination of the A.S. Degree Program in Mechanical Engineering Technology at the Community College of Rhode Island, and
	That	the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the elimination of the A.A.S. Degree Program in Electronics Technology at the Community College of Rhode Island.
	Vote:	10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Robert Flanders, Jr., Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau
	NAYS:	0

a. Finance

- 1. Discussion and recommendation for the approval of meal plan fees for Rhode Island College's Donovan Dining Center.**
- 2. Recommendation for the approval of the Mid-Year Review for Fiscal 2010 Higher Education Budgets and Tables of Organization.**

Vice Chair Michael Ryan reported that a meeting of the Facilities and Finance & Management Committees was held on Wednesday, March 10th. The following items were heard and discussed at the meeting and recommended for approval to the Board of Governors at this evening's meeting.

First is the recommendation for approval of a new meal plan fee for Rhode Island College's Donovan Dining Center. The College requested the Facilities and Finance & Management Committees discuss recommended changes to the meal plans for academic year 2010-2011. The proposed plans are a result of the recommendations from the Dining Services Director Vincent Fleming in consultation with current student leaders in response to student concerns. The proposed plan changes the current five plan choices for students and replaces them with a four plan array. These new four plans are priced identically which allows students easy comparison and selection according to individual needs and preferences.

In total, the revision shows a nominal reduction in total dining fees of \$6,472 annually from the old plans. This amount represents a reduction of approximately 0.1% of total receipts, making the new plans comparable to the current plans.

Second is the recommendation for the acceptance of the mid-year review of Fiscal 2010 Higher Education Budgets and Tables of Organization. Mid-year review process provides the Board of Governors with the opportunity to review the year-to-date activities, and incorporate the updated revenue data based on new enrollment figures.

This Mid-Year Review is incorporating the changes proposed by the Governor in his revised FY 2010 State Budget recommendation that was released on February 2, 2010.

Essentially, the Governor is recommending a net reduction of \$10.6 million from the originally enacted budget from last June.

The continuing decline in general revenue appropriation has yielded a significantly lower share of state support as a component of the unrestricted budgets at all three institutions over the past five years. General revenue support currently accounts for 28% of the total system-wide unrestricted budget (compared to 43% five years ago) and 16% of the total budget (compared to 27% five years ago).

The University of Rhode Island is requesting \$318.1 million in the unrestricted budget which represents a decrease of \$1.9 million from the FY 2010 allocation. Enrollment has increased by 1.8% (246 students). This increase is attributable to an increase of 246 instate undergraduate students, and a decrease of 30 out-of-state undergraduate students which is offset by an increase of 30 graduate students. This has resulted in a projected FTE of 14,202 generating an additional \$1.8 million in tuition and fee revenue. The Governor has recommended a general revenue appropriation of \$57.7 million (net of GO debt service). This represents a \$3.8 million decrease from the FY 2010 appropriation.

At Rhode Island College, the unrestricted budget is \$101.6 million for the mid-year allocation. The total enrollment has increased by 110 FTE (1.6%) from the original FY 2010 allocation generating a \$1.8 million projected increase in tuition and fee revenue. The Governor's recommended supplemental budget reflects a reduction in state appropriations of approximately \$2.9 million net of GO debt service. The restricted budget has decreased by \$6.0 million on the revenue side while expenses are increasing \$6.8 million from the original allocation. While the Bookstore, Residence Halls and Student Union project small surpluses, Donovan Dining is projecting a \$1.1 million deficit due to the planned renovation.

At the Community College of Rhode Island, the unrestricted budget is \$96.4 million. An increase in enrollment of 441 FTE (4.3%) has generated additional revenues of approximately \$1.6 million. The Governor's recommended supplemental budget reflects a reduction in state appropriations of approximately \$3.5 million. With respect to the restricted budget, revenues are increasing by \$4.9 million while expenditures are increasing by \$5.0 million over the FY 2010 allocation.

The Office of Higher Education revised state appropriation as recommended by the Governor is reduced by \$0.4 million primarily due to the distribution of personnel reduction savings enacted in the Department of Administration's budget and allocated in the Governor's recommended FY 2010 Supplemental budget.

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

VOTED:

(8b1) That the Board of Governors approves the change in the Donovan Dining Meal Plans at Rhode Island College for the academic year 2010-2011;

and further,

(8b2) That the Board of Governors approves the Mid-Year Budget adjustments for Fiscal Year 2010 as presented.

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

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

NAYS: 0

8c. Government Relations Committee

Associate Commissioner Steven Maurano reported that the Government Relations Committee had met earlier today, prior to the Board meeting. The Committee heard updates on the current legislation that the Office of Higher Education is tracking (legislation in front of the

General Assembly), as well as updates on the FY10 Supplemental Budget and the FY11 Budget. They also heard an update on the proposed bond package as well as the distance learning initiative. Although there was a quorum, no Committee votes were necessary at this meeting, and therefore no votes are necessary from the Board in relation to the Government Relations Committee.

9. ADDITIONAL CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. **Approval of Awarding of Degrees by Rhode Island College**
- b. **Approval of Awarding of Degrees by the Community College of Rhode Island**
- c. **Approval of the Awarding of Degrees by the University of Rhode Island**
- d. **Approval of the Awarding of Posthumous Degree by Rhode Island College**
- e. **Recommendations of the Personnel Review Committee**

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

VOTED:

(Item 9a) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of undergraduate and advanced degrees to the candidates who will have completed their requirements at the conclusion of the Spring 2010 semester at Rhode Island College

and further,

(Item 9b) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of appropriate degrees, diplomas and certificates to the candidates in satisfactory compliance of the prerequisites of the Community College of Rhode Island at the conclusion of the Spring 2010 semester

and further,

(Item 9c) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Rhode Island to the candidates who will have completed their requirements at the conclusion of the Spring 2010 semester and who will be approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island

and further,

(Item 9d) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the granting of the Ph.D. in Education, posthumously, to Lynn B. Benetti

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

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

NAYS: 0

and further,

(Item 9e) 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, Michael Ryan, Robert Flanders, Jr., Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett, Joseph Hagan, Daniel Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau

NAYS: 0

10. PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

a. University of Rhode Island

- 1. Notice from the University of Rhode Island of Name Changes: B.S. degree in Clinical Laboratory to the B.S. Degree in Medical Laboratory Science; and B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering to the B.S. degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering.**

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.

Provost DeHayes informed the Board that there are two notices on name changes to programs. The Bachelor's Degree in Clinical Laboratory Science will be changed to the B.S. degree in Medical Laboratory Science, simply to align the programs with the accrediting bodies that review them. Secondly, the Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering will be changed to B.S. degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering, reflecting some of the program consolidation that occurred last year.

2. President's report

In the absence of President Dooley, Provost Donald DeHayes provided the Board with a report on the University.

Provost DeHayes indicated that despite the difficult economic times, it is a new and exciting time at the University. He reflected on a few statistics which reflect the good work of many people on the URI campus:

- For the fall 2010 class, the University has a one year increase of 21% in the numbers of applications. (An additional 3,500 applications over last year.)
- Secondly, the graduate programs have an increase of applications compared to a year ago of 40%;
- The applications of students of color has a one-year increase of 47% over last year.
- Last year, URI brought in approximately \$85 million of research funding, the highest ever in URI history. This year, through February, with four more months left in the year, funding is 24% ahead of last year's research income. The number of grant awards awarded to us has increased 12% and we are on a projection to exceed the \$85 million from last year.

b. Rhode Island College

President Carriuolo provided the Board with a written report while touching on some of the highlights:

- The College has a total of 2114 enrollees, a 9.6% increase over last year and the highest in the College's history;
- RIC was named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, a federal recognition for community service;
- The Counseling Center at the College has received national accreditation;
- A RIC student won the top prize at the Northeastern Anthropological Association's 50th annual meeting, for the first time in the history of the College;
- The Boston Pops is to premiere a work by Grammy-nominated composer and RIC graduate Peter Boyer.
- The RIC Dance Company has been selected to perform at the American College Dance Festival's regional conference;
- Two wrestlers from RIC have received national recognition, not only as terrific wrestlers, but also as incredible scholars.
- Lastly, President Carriuolo congratulated Professor Thomas Cobb regarding an Oscar for best actor and an Oscar for best music award for the Movie *Crazy Heart* which was based on his novel.

c. Community College of Rhode Island

President Di Pasquale shared with the Board a written report. He highlighted a few items therein:

- o Higher Education Day at the State House will be held April 27th from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. All colleges will participate.
- o Commencement exercises will take place on Friday, May 21st.
- o All College Week, highlighting community service begins on April 9th and ends on April 18th.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Campus Security Commission Report.

Associate Commissioner Maurano reported on the status of the report. He stated that as the Board recalls, in 2008 the Board authorized the formation of a Commission to study campus security issues. That Commission met for several months beginning in June of 2008 and concluding in August of 2009. Each of the three institutions was represented on the Committee as was the Rhode Island State Police and the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office. In addition to the Committee meetings, open forums on the question of campus security were held at each of the institutions. The report has now been completed and vetted by members of the Commission and is ready for the Board's review and consideration.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Governors refer this report to the Board's Finance and Management and Facilities Committees for their analysis of this report and the issues and recommendations it presents, and for their recommendations to this Board regarding any further action that it should take in this regard.

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

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

NAYS: 0

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Caprio indicated that he would entertain a motion to enter into executive session to discuss:

- a. Update on Pending Litigation 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)(2)

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

NAYS: 0

After a short break, the Board convened in Executive Session at 7:05 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 Provost Donald DeHayes, Rhode Island College President Nancy Carriuolo, General Counsel Ronald Cavallaro, 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 Academic Planning and Policy.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:16 p.m.

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

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

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

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

NAYS: 0

13. NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, April 12, 2010, 5:00 p.m.
Rhode Island College, Alger Hall, Providence, Rhode Island

Monday, May 10, 2010, 5:00 p.m.
Community College of Rhode Island, Board Room 4090, Warwick, Rhode Island

Monday, June 28, 2010, 5:00 p.m.
University of Rhode Island, Ryan Center, Kingston, Rhode Island.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

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 adjourn.

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

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

NAYS: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Aurecchia, Secretary