



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, May 10, 2010, at the Community College of Rhode Island, Warwick, Rhode Island. Chair Frank Caprio declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:21p.m.

Present: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett and Daniel Ryan

Absent: Robert Flanders, Jr., Joseph Hagan, Pierre LaPerriere and Kathrin Belliveau

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE REVISED AGENDA

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

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education accept the revised agenda for the meeting of May 10, 2010.

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

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

NAYS: 0

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion duly made by Daniel Ryan and seconded by Kenneth Aurecchia it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the minutes of the March 22, 2010 meeting.

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

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

NAYS: 0

3. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Caprio did not present a formal report.

5. OPEN FORUM

Jim Curry, former Student Body President for the University of Rhode Island (1992-1993) stated he had spent last year in the hospital, due to diverticulitis. He believes this disease to be a major epidemic which is being found in younger and younger individuals every year. He believes there is a lot of money that URI needs to consider going after regarding diseases of the lower GI. Mr. Curry would like to see URI do research to find out what causes diverticulitis so that the University can design medicines to address the disease. Mr. Curry stated that GI diseases are the number one healthcare drain in the United States.

He indicated that at the time he contracted diverticulitis, he was working on a special project. He was completing a provisional patent on a small plastic injection molded item. Mr. Curry explained that "basically what I was going to do, is had the business gone well with the former alum from URI that I tried to contact, I would have immediately donated 20% of any and all profits up front to URI, built right into it. I think this is something that URI needs to consider, especially since it has rebranded, it wants to *think big*, well, this is thinking big. What I am trying to say is we have got to try and get our students now to think about the success they are going to have in the future, and if you are really, really successful, you have write-offs, you want write-offs. Why not build URI right into your future success? When I brought this up to somebody else, he thought it was funny because he said finally, this is a great way to give, you don't have to die first to give to the University...he was joking, it was a joke, but it was a good point, because it means that we can get money up front and hopefully use the URI alumni base for marketing and outreach."

On a last note, Mr. Curry stated that if he obtains enough signatures, he will run for Representative Patrick Kennedy's seat. Mr. Curry stated that he was unable to obtain funding to get his business off the ground, adding that this was before bail outs were given to the banks and the economy went into the dumpster.

6. REPORT OF THE ACTING COMMISSIONER

Acting Commissioner Di Pasquale reported that the Community College has received a grant from the United States Department of Energy in the amount of \$745,841 to develop and implement a new energy utility technology certificate program at the College. In addition, the Department of Human Services most recently received a \$240,000 continuation grant for the college's early childhood specialist program.

The Acting Commissioner introduced Peter Woodberry and Department Chair Jerry Hatfield to report on these very exciting programs and the grants the college has received.

Dean Woodberry explained that last November, a grant was submitted to the United States Department of Energy. This grant will support a 30 credit certificate program aimed at green jobs and probable employment with National Grid. The certificate is modeled after a program developed at three community colleges in Massachusetts. The certificate is a work-based learning opportunity for students. Students will have a real world experience in the energy utility field when they graduate. The money from this grant will help the certificate be the first step in an integrated energy systems technology associate degree which will be brought to the Board for approval in the very near future. The Associate Degree is being based on the National Science Foundation research and recommendations that the best approach to study technology is from a systems approach.

Department Chair Jerry Hatfield introduced Ms. Lynne M. Trudel, Coordinator-Childcare Apprenticeship for Human Resources. Mr. Hatfield indicated that he is very happy to report that with the receipt of this continuation grant there is a lot more money to do some really good things. Part of their mission is to serve the community. Another part of their mission is to make education available to people that typically and historically have not been able to access education. They are recruiting early childcare workers from existing agencies, home based as well as center based. This grant supports individuals to successfully complete 18 credit hours at CCRI and the agencies for whom they work agree that when they have successfully completed the required hours, they will get a paid wage increase.

The Department of Education and the State Department of Children, Youth and Families are both in the process of raising the bar for people who work in early childhood. Mr. Hatfield pointed out that individuals who are employed in early childhood do not earn enough money to go to school to earn the formal credentials. This is a grant which is about 5 years old, has provided a total of almost \$1.7 million from the State Department of Human Services, and there have been 188 participants who successfully completed the program and who have become gainfully employed workers. These individuals are now working in early childcare and are allowing lots of other folks to go to work and become active members of the workforce.

The Acting Commissioner gave a brief presentation and highlighted a few of the topics in his full written report that was provided to the Board:

- This evening's agenda begins with a purchasing agreement between the Board and the Department of Administration that will hopefully help the system speed up the purchasing process.
- Rhode Island College will seek approval to permanently establish the Child Welfare and begin to move it forward, as well as establish tuition rates for the 2010-2011 school year at the Henry Barnard School.
- The University will seek permission to demolish buildings in conjunction with its Hillside Residence Hall project.
- Board members will be asked to approve the awarding of tenure at the University, Rhode Island College and CCRI as well as approving and studying system-wide outcomes assessment. There has been tremendous interest in the nursing education programs across Rhode Island and the Office of Higher Education along with the State Board of Nursing are working collaboratively on an approach that will continue interest in their nursing programs.

- This spring, 428 CCRI students have attended a JAA event either to meet with a RIC or URI JAA advisor or to learn more about the JAA program. This represents a 13% increase over spring 2009. To date, 87 students have filed paperwork indicating their intent to enroll at RIC or URI for fall 2010.
- The annual system-wide meeting to discuss transfer articulation issues among the three public institutions took place on May 10th. URI Provost Don DeHayes, RIC Vice President of Academic Affairs Ron Pitt, CCRI Vice President of Academic Affairs Lela Morgan and Associate Commissioner Deborah Grossman-Garber were invited to make brief statements concerning transfer. There is much work being done to make sure all of our programs in Higher Education parallel one another.
- The Acting Commissioner thanked Associate Commissioner Steven Maurano and staff for coordinating “Higher Education Day” which was another very successful day at the State House on April 27th. There were over 50 tables being displayed from the University, Rhode Island College, and the Community College.
- Since the Board’s last meeting, there have been hearings on our budget. Chair Caprio was present at the hearings and made a very strong pitch for Higher Education. He requested that Higher Education remain untouched, and he reminded everyone that over the past few years cuts to Higher Education have totaled \$36 million.
- Regarding flood damage incurred by the institutions, the Acting Commissioner indicated that the University sustained roughly \$2.1 million in damage; Rhode Island College sustained about \$175,000 and, fortunately, the Community College of Rhode Island did not have any damage.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. BOG COMMITTEE REPORTS and RELATED CONSENT AGENDA

a. Academic & Student Affairs

Associate Commissioner Deborah Grossman-Garber presented to the Board a report on the Academic & Student Affairs Committee. The Committee met on Friday, April 23rd. Following approval of the minutes of March 12, 2010, Acting Commissioner Di Pasquale updated committee members regarding pertinent news. The Committee, based upon its discussions at the April 23rd meeting, presented the following two recommendations for action and one informational item:

1. Approval of Rhode Island College's Proposal to Permanently Establish the Child Welfare Institute.

The Committee recommends the approval of a proposal from Rhode Island College for the long-term establishment of the Child Welfare Institute. This appears as consent item 8(a)1 on the agenda.

2. Approval of Actions to be Taken Regarding System-wide Outcomes Assessment.

The Committee approved actions to be taken regarding system-wide outcomes assessment. These recommended actions appear as Consent Item 8(a)2 on the Agenda.

Associate Commissioner Grossman-Garber explained that Item 8(a)2, the system-wide outcomes assessment, is a long term project of the Board that started in 2004 to begin to guide the institutions through the process of assessing student learning in terms of expected outcomes – what we expect of students, what we expect students to know and be able to do by the time they graduate from their institution. We are well into this process, and most programs at the institutions are completing a second cycle of outcomes assessment. What we are beginning to see is refinement of assessment processes of real involvement from faculty about what actually should be the outcomes that we are expecting from student learning at the three institutions. Associate Commissioner Grossman-Garber stated that at today's articulation meeting, there was a discussion regarding how programs might articulate one to the other, in terms of outcomes. What are the outcomes expected of a CCRI education that would then transfer or articulate over to RIC or URI? The intention of the Statewide Assessment Committee is to bring forward to the Board a policy which will be vetted over the next several months, and which will inculcate outcomes assessments in the way that we do higher education at the state level.

3. Student Access, Retention and Completion in Rhode Island's Public Higher Education Institutions

(Informational item only, does not require Board approval.)

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee heard an excellent presentation by Dr. Neeta Fogg, Senior Economist at the Northeastern University Center for Labor Market Studies, about Rhode Island's Higher Education Data Warehouse capabilities and the opportunities for system-wide analysis relating to students' success in higher education. The presentation was intended as preparation for Rhode Island's participation in the National Complete College America Alliance. Dr. Fogg's power point is included as an informational item in today's Board packet as item 8(a)3.

The meeting concluded with reports from CCRI and RIC on highlights regarding each institution's student affairs division.

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

VOTED:

(8a1) That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal from Rhode Island College to permanently establish the Child Welfare Institute at the College;

and further,

(8a2) That 1. That the following programs' successful completion of a cycle(s) of student outcomes assessment be accepted, and the departments commended for their efforts.

URI	1.	Anthropology, B.A.	11.	Nursing, B.S.
	2.	Art History & Art Studio, B.A. & B.F.A.	12.	Nutrition & Dietetics, B.S.
	3.	Business Administration, B.S.	13.	Pharmacy, Pharm.D.
	4.	Clinical Laboratory Science, B.S.	14.	Philosophy, B.A.
	5.	Communicative Disorders, B.S.	15.	Physics, B.A. & B.S.
	6.	Education (early childhood, elementary, secondary, physical & music) B.A.	16.	Physics & Physical Oceanography, B.S.
	7.	English, B.A.	17.	Psychology, B.A.
	8.	History, B.A.	18.	Theatre, B.F.A.
	9.	Kinesiology, B.S.	19.	Women's Studies, B.A.
	10.	Mathematics, B.A. & B.S.	20.	Writing & Rhetoric, B.A.
CCRI	1.	Microcomputing Systems & Networking, A.S.		

2. That the following programs' outcomes assessment be accepted, pending completion of a full cycle with assistance, if needed. The departments are also commended for their efforts. All these programs have made excellent progress and given much thought about this commitment. They do need the additional time, however, to either gather data, evaluate a capstone course, or assess proposed methods. Some need to interpret and use results in the assessment cycle, identify methods to assess student achievement or the program achievement has yet to be completed.

URI	1.	African & African-American Studies, B.A.	5.	Computer Science, B.A. & B.S.
	2.	Biology, B.A. & B.S.	6.	General Education
	3.	Marine Biology, B.S.	7.	Music, B.A.
	4.	Biomedical Engineering, B.S.		

3. That the following programs' outcomes assessment be acknowledged as being in the beginning phase only. Assistance in completing the cycle is required in order for the department to complete the review.

URI	1.	Economics, B.A. & B.S.
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Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

b. Finance

Vice Chair Ryan presented the report of the Finance Committee. The Committee met on April 28th, 2010 and presents five recommendations to the Board:

1. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Governors for Higher Education and the Department of Administration Regarding State Purchasing.

For many months, the Board discussed obtaining delegated purchasing authority due to some of the delays in the procurement of goods and services for which the State Purchasing Department is responsible. At this time, the new Director of Administration is reluctant to delegate authority to the Board. Instead, she has proposed that these procurements would be better addressed at the State Purchasing Department but with the assignment of two full-time employees attending exclusively to the Board's purchasing needs.

This Memorandum of Understanding recommends the addition of two full-time employees. These employees will be housed at the State Purchasing Department and would work with the three institutions and the Associate Commissioner of Finance and Management. The memorandum also requires certain reporting and other duties.

The Board of Governors, pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding, will provide \$180,000 annually to reimburse the State for the salaries and benefits of these employees. This amount will be shared by the three institutions and the Office of Higher Education.

2. Approval of a Nursing Program Fee and a School of Management Program Fee at Rhode Island College for the 2010-211 Academic Year.

Rhode Island College requests the establishment of a Nursing Program fee, beginning in fall 2010, for all undergraduate and graduate students who are majoring in and who have been

accepted by the School of Nursing. This fee will allow the School of Nursing to accomplish two objectives that are critical to the current and future quality of its programs: the maintenance of CCNR accreditation as well as the maintenance of up-to-date simulation resources and pedagogy. The requested fee will be \$5.00 per credit hour up to a maximum of \$50.00 per registration period.

The College also requests the establishment of a School of Management Program fee, beginning fall 2010, for all students majoring in the School of Management's programs: Accounting, Computer Information Systems, Economics, Finance, Management, and Marketing. This fee will allow the School of Management (SOM) to raise the quality of its programs and services to students to increase the capacity of the school to accommodate the growth it has experienced over the last ten years. As with the Nursing program fee, the requested School of Management fee is \$5.00 per credit hour, up to a maximum of \$50 per registration period.

3. Approval of the 2010-2011 Henry Barnard School Tuition Rates

President Carriuolo is requesting that the Board of Governors for Higher Education establish the tuition rates for the Henry Barnard School for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The rates presented by President Carriuolo as recommended by the Henry Barnard School Tuition Rate Setting Committee are:

Grade	Proposed Rate	Percent Increase
Pre-School, part time	\$7,783	9%
Pre-School	\$9,720	9%
Kindergarten	\$7,414	9%
Grades 1 through 5	\$7,293	9%

4. Approval of a Data Sharing Agreement between the Board of Governors for Higher Education and the Rhode Island Department of Education.

Among the priorities established by the Governor's PK-16 Council is the creation of a unified data system to connect information between our K-12 education system, post secondary institutions, and workforce development programs.

The Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education ("RIDE") applied for and has been awarded a Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant to address that objective. This three-year, \$4.7 million dollar federal grant contains provisions for the connection and data sharing between RIDE and the Board of Governors' data warehouse, which is the subject of the agenda item. The Board, through the Office of Higher Education, is in discussions with RIDE regarding a data sharing agreement as well as an accompanying agreement regarding research that will be performed on this shared data. The Associate Commissioner for Academic Planning and Policy and the Board's General Counsel have been negotiating the terms of these agreements with representatives of RIDE. The final form of the data sharing and research agreement will be subject to those negotiations and final review and acceptance by Board's General Counsel prior to execution by the Chairman.

5. Approval of the Proposed Plans to Address the Board of Governors for Higher Education's Fiduciary Duties to Its Pension Plans.

The Board of Governors presently maintains several retirement plans. While these plans are not subject to ERISA or its fiduciary duties provisions (they are exempt as governmental plans), there are, nevertheless, provisions in the Board's existing Custodial Agreements executed with JP Morgan, Chase Bank, NA and in the Rhode Island General Laws that appear to indicate that the Board is considered a fiduciary, and subject to general fiduciary duties regarding these plans.

Regarding the liability issues associated with this fiduciary duty, the Board's insurance advisor/agent has raised a question as to whether the Board's present Director and Officer (D&O) insurance coverage would specifically cover the Board and its members in such fiduciary capacity. The Board's insurance advisor/agent has suggested that the Board obtain, through an endorsement to its existing policy, additional insurance coverage to specifically address its fiduciary status regarding its pension plans.

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

VOTED:

- (8b1) That the Board of Governors approves this Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Governors for Higher Education and the Department of Administration regarding State Purchasing;
- and further,
- (8b2) That the Board of Governors approves a Nursing Program fee and a School of Management Program fee for Rhode Island College for the academic year 2010-2011;
- and further,
- (8b3) That the Board of Governors approves the tuition rates for the Henry Barnard School for the 2010-2011 academic year as presented;
- and further,
- (8b4) That the Board of Governors for Higher Education:
- a) Approves the Data Sharing Agreement between the Board of Governors and the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and
 - b) Authorizes the Office of Higher Education to negotiate an adjunct research agreement with RIDE and an additional adjunct agreement with the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University to perform the research tasks described in the proposal. These agreements will be subsequently submitted to the Facilities and Finance and Management Committees for review and recommendation to the Board for its final approval.

and further,

- (8b5) That the Board of Governors authorizes the Office of Higher Education to take all the steps necessary to engage the services of a pension plan consultant to perform periodic reviews of the Board's pension plans, and to recommend future action regarding the same; and
- That the Board of Governors authorizes the Office of Higher Education to obtain additional Directors & Officers insurance coverage to specifically address the Board's and its staff's fiduciary duties regarding its pension plans.
- Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
- YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett and Daniel Ryan
- NAYS: 0

Chair Caprio made a few observations regarding Vice Chair Ryan's report of the Finance Committee.

First, regarding the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board and the Department of Administration addressing state purchasing, the Office of Higher Education was on the threshold of getting delegated purchasing authority. An agreement had been negotiated and approved, in principle, by the prior Director of Administration. Prior to the Director leaving the department, he thought it would be better to have his successor sign the Memorandum of Agreement. His successor, however, decided not to sign the memorandum. Although this is a step in the right direction, it is not what the Board was looking for. We were seeking full delegated authority in purchasing which we think would have been in our best interest and would have saved a lot of money.

As to Item 8(b)4, the \$4.7 million dollar grant that has been awarded is very important. The grant will give an opportunity to track students' progress from Pre-K through 16 all the way through college (if they attend a public college).

c. Facilities

Chair Caprio indicated that the Facilities Committee met on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 and recommended the following items for consideration by the Board of Governors for Higher Education:

- 1. Approval of a License Agreement between the Board of Governors for Higher Education Acting on Behalf of Rhode Island College and Cox TMI Wireless, L.L.C., for the Placement of Telecommunication Antennae.**

Rhode Island College wishes to enter into a license agreement allowing Cox TMI Wireless, L.L.C., to place cell phone antennae on the roof of the new residence hall. This agreement indicates that the license is for an initial term of five years with three five-year renewal options. Rhode Island College will receive from this agreement rental income of \$2,600 per month with an annual escalator of 3%. The agreement has been reviewed by the Rhode Island College General Counsel, Nicholas Long, and the Board of Governors' General Counsel, Ronald Cavallaro.

Upon acceptance of this license agreement by the Board of Governors for Higher Education, it will be forwarded to the State Properties Committee for its review and approval.

2. Approval of a License Agreement between the Board of Governors for Higher Education Acting on Behalf of the Community College of Rhode Island and Cox TMI Wireless, Inc. for the Placement of Telecommunication Antennae.

The Community College of Rhode Island wishes to enter into a license agreement allowing Cox TMI Wireless, L.L.C., to place cell phone antennae on the roof of the Knight Campus/Warwick megastructure. This agreement indicates that the license is for an initial term of five years with three five-year renewal options. The rental income that the Community College of Rhode Island will receive from this agreement will be \$2,600 per month with an annual escalator of 3%. Said agreement has been reviewed by the Board of Governors' General Counsel, Ronald Cavallaro.

Upon acceptance of this license agreement by the Board of Governors for Higher Education, it will be forwarded to the State Properties Committee for its review and approval.

3. Acceptance to Demolish Buildings at the University of Rhode Island in Conjunction with the Development of the Hillside Residence Hall Project.

Hillside Hall will be constructed on the current site of the "Terrace Apartment Complex" which was built in 1959. This project is being financed through the sale of bonds scheduled to occur in May or June 2010 with construction started shortly thereafter. In order to prepare for the construction phase of this project, the four two-story brick structures that are currently on this site are ready for removal as of the end of May 2010. The University's ability to clear the site will ensure the prompt start of the construction of the new residence hall.

Along with the construction of Hillside Hall, a new roadway connection is being made from the intersection of Campus Avenue and Lower College Road to Fraternity Circle. Recently issued bonds for repaving and road construction will fund this construction with the goal of facilitating better traffic flow and emergency access. In order for this new roadway to align with Campus Avenue at its intersection at Lower College Road, a two-story residential structure, the Weldin House, must also be removed.

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission will be notified by the University of the intended removal of these buildings upon the Board's approval of this request. Additionally, the University, on behalf of the Board of Governors for Higher Education, will seek approval from the State Properties Committee.

On a motion duly made by Kenneth Aurecchia and seconded by Dan Ryan it was

VOTED:

(8c1) That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves this License Agreement between the Board of Governors acting on behalf of Rhode Island College and Cox TMI Wireless, L.L.C., subject to the review and approval of the State Properties Committee;

and further,

(8c2) That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves this License Agreement between the Board of Governors acting on behalf of the Community College of Rhode Island and Cox TMI Wireless, L.L.C., subject to the review and approval of the State Properties Committee;

and further,

(8c3) That the Board of Governors approves the removal of these selected buildings on the Kingston Campus of the University of Rhode Island in conjunction with the development of the Hillside Residence Hall Project.

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

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

NAYS: 0

8d. Government Relations Committee

Governor Aurecchia reported that the Government Relations Committee met earlier this afternoon before the Board meeting. The Committee heard brief updates on the 2010 supplemental budget and the 2011 fiscal year budget hearing which took place last week. They met to discuss seven bills pending before the General Assembly as well as some new federal legislation that would provide funds for jobs in higher education. They voted to support two bills, one to provide matching funds for URI's research grants and one which would change the mission of CCRI as described in statute to include more language related to workforce development.

Chair Caprio indicated that Mr. Aurecchia's report was informational only and does not require a vote.

9. ADDITIONAL CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. **Approval of the Awarding of Tenure by Rhode Island College**
- b. **Approval of the Awarding of Tenure by the University of Rhode Island**
- c. **Approval of the Awarding of Tenure by the Community College of Rhode Island**

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

VOTED:

(Item 9a) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of tenure to:

At Rhode Island College:

Effective July 1, 2010 (Consequent to Promotion)

Susan Abbotson, Assistant Professor of English
Mary Baker, Assistant Professor of Anthropology
Wendy Becker, Assistant Professor of Social Work
Stephanie Costa, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science
Monica Darcy, Assistant Professor of Counseling, Ed. Leadership & School Psychology
John Eagle, Assistant Professor of Counseling, Ed. Leadership & School Psychology
Quenby Hughes, Assistant Professor of History
Janet Johnson, Assistant Professor of Educational Studies
George Ladd, Assistant Professor of Psychology
Marie Lynch, Assistant Professor of Special Education
Rebeka Merson, Assistant Professor of Biology
Eric Roberts, Assistant Professor of Biology

Effective July 1, 2011 (Tenure Only)

Linda Capalbo, Assistant Professor of Elementary Education
Karen Capraro, Assistant Professor at the Henry Barnard School
Walter Gall, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science

and further,

(Item 9b)

THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of tenure to:

At the University of Rhode Island;

Effective July 1, 2010 (Tenure Only)

Cornelis De Groot, Associate Professor of Education
Kathleen Donohue, Associate Professor of Oceanography
Tracey Taveira, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice

Effective July 1, 2010 (Consequent to Promotion)

Eliane Aberdam, Associate Professor of Music
Cynthia Blanthorne, Associate Professor of Accounting
Kathleen Davis, Associate Professor of English
Brenton Deboef, Associate Professor of Chemistry
Jeremiah Dyehouse, Associate Professor of Writing & Rhetoric
Megan Echevarria, Associate Professor of Languages
Kathryn Jervis, Associate Professor of Accounting
Kerry Laplante, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice
Araceli Medina-Bonifant, Associate Professor of Mathematics
Damon Rarick, Associate Professor of Languages
Yan Sun, Associate Professor of Electrical, Computer & Biomedical Engineering
Carol Thornber, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences
Anthony Wheeler, Associate Professor of Entrepreneurial Management
and the Charles T. Schmidt Labor Research Center

and further,

(Item 9c)

THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of
tenure to:

At the Community College of Rhode Island

Effective July 1, 2010

Joseph Amante y Zapata, Assistant Professor of Music
Linda A. Ethier, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Kathleen Kappler, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Geraldine L. S. Levitre, Assistant Professor of English
Patricia Lucas, Assistant Professor of Allied Health
Jeanne McColl, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Michele Seyler, Assistant Professor of English
Elaine Amato-Vealey, Associate Professor of Nursing

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

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

NAYS: 0

10. PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

a. Community College of Rhode Island

President Di Pasquale invited everyone to CCRI's 45th commencement on Friday, May 21, 2010, followed by Rhode Island College's commencement on the 22nd and the University on the 23rd.

This year the Community College will not have a traditional commencement speaker. Instead, the College will focus on several stories of student success.

The Community College of Rhode Island recently was selected as a national Gold Award winner in the 25th annual Education Advertising Awards in Atlanta, Georgia. The College received the Gold Award for the creative design of its fundraising kit, which was part of our Imagine Campaign that has now raised over \$4.1 million dollars.

The Educational Advertising Awards is the largest educational advertising awards competition in the country for both two- and four-year colleges. More than 2,000 entries were received from more than 1,000 colleges, universities and secondary schools from all 50 states. CCRI was the only Rhode Island institution of higher education to receive a Gold Award in any category of the competition along with winning other merit awards as well.

Lastly, President Di Pasquale sadly announced the retirement of Dennis Moore from the Community College effective the end of June. He congratulated Mr. Moore and his team on an outstanding achievement and for providing outstanding marketing for the College.

b. University of Rhode Island

1. Notice of Name Change: Master Degree and Master Program in Clinical Laboratory Sciences to Medical Laboratory Sciences

President Dooley noted the following name change:

Master Degree and Master Program in Clinical Laboratory Sciences to Medical Laboratory Sciences.

2. President's report

President Dooley welcomed everyone to the University's Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 23rd, as well as the University's graduate commencement ceremony on Saturday the 22nd of May. The University's commencement speaker is Mr. John King of CNN, a URI alumnus. Mr. King is a very distinguished journalist with a great record of achievement, and he is very highly regarded internationally and nationally for his objectivity, thoroughness and fairness in presenting both the news and special reports.

President Dooley indicated he had occasion to see the impact of University's international engineering program first hand with regard to its expansion from the current language set to include Chinese. This has resonated extremely well and will create amazing opportunities for students at the University of Rhode Island who wish to pursue a degree in engineering together with language study in Chinese. Dr. Dooley added that there are a number of multi-national corporations in China that have agreed to provide paid internships to students while they are on study in China. We have three first class Chinese universities all of whom are certainly in the 10 ten, perhaps the top 5 institutions in that nation, who will be partnering with URI on this program for study in Chinese, study in engineering and studying in a number of other disciplines. Dr. Dooley stated that the University of Rhode Island is one of eight universities in the United States for which funding has been provided by the federal government to begin Chinese language instruction because of its strategic importance to the long-term interests of the United States. This award reflects the high regard of the programs at the University of Rhode Island and especially the importance of educating scientists and engineers in foreign languages.

c. Rhode Island College

President Carriuolo gave a quick run-down of the written summary she provided the Board with that evening:

- The College has begun a memorial fund for Dr. Ivy Locke. The fund currently has \$18,200. The College hopes to build a terrace adjacent to the Recreation Center as a memorial to Dr. Locke.
- The spring production of *Pippin* at the College has been nominated for performance at the 43rd American College Theatre Festival in January, 2011. There are a number of merit awards that the students at the College have been singled out to receive.
- The career development center has been revamped by adding a staff member who was formerly in the alumni office. This will allow the College to get more alumni involved in the career development center, with the hope of getting more students employed.
- The American Democracy Project at the College will be the exclusive campaign partner with NBC-10 for this fall's election season – hosting 3 candidates' debates on campus as well as response dialing research and findings.
- The Donovan Dining Grab and Go renovation and the Recreation Center project are on schedule.
- The College had a very successful Science Olympiad sponsored by Raytheon. Teams of promising high school science students were brought to RIC to compete in various science competitions.
- RIC is applying for a \$400,000 grant that deals with emergency management. If awarded, this grant will fund the human and material resources necessary to construct an emergency management plan.

- The College's graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremonies will be held on May 20th and 22nd. President Carriuolo welcomed everyone to the ceremonies.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Update on Pending Litigation
- Update on Collective Bargaining
- Contract Extensions for the Following Bargaining Units:
AAUP
PSA/NEA
PTAA
Maritime Professional Association
URI Physicians Association
CCRI/PSA
RIC/AFT
PSA@RIC
AFT, Local 2012
- Discussion of a naming opportunity at the University of Rhode Island pursuant to Board Policy B 6.0 and R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(5)

On a motion duly made by Solomon A. Solomon 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) and R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(5) for the reasons set forth above.

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

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

NAYS: 0

After a short break, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:21 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, 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 6:43 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Michael Ryan 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: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett and Daniel Ryan

NAYS: 0

On a motion duly made by Thomas Rockett and seconded by Kenneth Aurecchia it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approval the contract extensions for the:

AAUP
PSA/NEA
PTAA
Maritime Professional Association
URI Physicians Association
CCRIFA
CCRI/PSA
PSA at Rhode Island College
AFT, Local 2012

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

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

NAYS: 0

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

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the naming opportunity at the University of Rhode Island 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: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett and Daniel Ryan

NAYS: 0

13. NEXT MEETINGS

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

Monday, August 16, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
University of Rhode Island, Coastal Institute, Narragansett, Rhode Island.

Monday, October 4, 2010, 5:00 p.m.
Community College of Rhode Island, Board Room 4090, Warwick, Rhode Island

14. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion duly made by Kenneth Aurecchia and seconded by Daniel Ryan, 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: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett and Daniel Ryan

NAYS: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Aurecchia, Secretary