



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, November 8, 2010, at Rhode Island College, Student Ballroom, Providence, Rhode Island. Chair Caprio declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

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

Absent: Kathrin Belliveau, Kenneth Aurecchia and Daniel Ryan

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Solomon A. Solomon and seconded by Robert Flanders, Jr., it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education accept the agenda for the meeting of November 8, 2010.

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

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

NAYS: 0

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion duly made by Joseph Hagan and seconded by Pierre LaPerriere it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the minutes of the October 15, 2010 meeting.

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

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

NAYS: 0

3. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None made.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Caprio did not provide a report.

5. OPEN FORUM

Mr. Stuart Mundy of the CCRI Liston Campus addressed the Board on several issues relative to the Providence campus.

He spoke regarding an increase that was to be implemented today on a transportation fee of \$22.00 to subsidize the RIPTA discount pass program at the campus. Mr. Mundy stated that there is not adequate parking at the Liston Campus. Mr. Mundy has had several meetings with Dr. Crocker on this issue and he is asking the Board to approve funds to construct parking lot number 6 in the back of the campus.

Mr. Mundy asked the Board to consider initiating a pre-registration for upper-level courses for people who are taking courses or transferring to Rhode Island College or the University. He indicated that CCRI students are restricted from taking several different courses because they are not open at all due to the number of students from RIC and URI who register for these courses.

Lastly, Mr. Mundy brought to light issues regarding the RIPTA schedule. He stated that RIPTA has decided to change the routing of their buses and will no longer stop at the CCRI Liston Campus. As the Board is aware, the majority of the students at the Liston Campus have low incomes, and rely on RIPTA. Students are now forced to walk to the back of the campus to Prairie Avenue to catch the bus. Mr. Mundy asked that the Board work with the Campus to try to resolve this issue with RIPTA.

He thanked the Board for their support in resolving the issue with the RIPTA subsidy.

6. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Di Pasquale highlighted this evening's Agenda: there is a proposal from Rhode Island College to establish a B.S. Degree in Biology; uniform license agreements for a fraternity and a sorority at the University, and the awarding of tenure at the Community College.

The Commissioner addressed enrollment for the system as a whole. The fall 2010 headcount enrollment data reported by URI, RIC and CCRI indicates that 43,224 students are currently enrolled in the system. This is the third highest total in system history behind last year's record-breaking enrollment of 43,412. Minority students account for 8,590 of the total fall headcount enrollment, 19.9% of the system total.

Based on data reported by the institutions, there are 16,294 students enrolled at URI (10,182 in-state and 6,112 out-of-state students), 9,155 enrolled at RIC (7,929 in-state and 1,226 out-of-state) and 17,775 students at CCR1 (17,026 in-state and 749 out-of-state). This is a decrease of 188 students over the headcount from fall 2009 when 43,412 students were enrolled in the system, the highest fall headcount in system history.

Minority enrollment in the system increased substantially this year, and is up 1,011 students from fall 2009. As the Commissioner noted earlier, the total number of minorities enrolled in the system for fall 2010 is 8,590 (19.9%) vs. 7,579 (17.5%) last year. CCR1 saw the biggest increase, and their minority enrollment is now up to 4,594 students (25.9% of total headcount enrollment) vs. 4,166 (23.5%) in 2009. This increase in enrollment shows the tremendous investment that we continue to need to support the numbers of students that attend the institutions.

Commissioner Di Pasquale noted that one of the best signs we can acknowledge is the approval of last week's ballot question, Question No. 2, which will provide URI with a \$61 million new chemistry building at the University's Kingston Campus as well as a \$17 million renovation of the Arts Center at Rhode Island College. Commissioner Di Pasquale congratulated Dr. Dooley, Dr. Carriuolo and Mr. Maurano for putting forth a tremendous effort in getting the voters to respond positively.

Commissioner Di Pasquale reminded the Board members that The Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council's (RIPEC's) Higher Education Forum will take place at Fidelity Investments in Smithfield this Friday, November 12th from 8:00-11:30 a.m. President Dooley will be representing public higher education and will be joined by Jeff Stanley, Associate Vice President of State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO), who will give a national perspective. Ron Machtley, Bryant University President will represent the private colleges, and there will also be representatives from independent colleges and universities across the United States. This will be a public forum and discussion on higher education, where it is today and where we see it going for the future, and what we need to do to continue to support it.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Recommendation for the approval of the Uniform Real Estate License Agreements between the Board of Governors for Higher Education/ University of Rhode Island and Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority and Sigma Chi Fraternity**

Associate Commissioner LaPanne reported that the Gamma Zeta Chapter of Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority is planning the construction of its first chapter house on the main campus on land that is located in Fraternity Circle at the University of Rhode Island. The construction of this new building will be funded by the sorority organization.

The Sigma Chi Fraternity, which is located on Upper College Road in a building that is currently the International Engineering Program, will also be constructing a new chapter house on land that is located on Fraternity Circle. The construction of this building will be funded by that fraternity organization as well.

The Uniform License Agreements that were forwarded were developed some years ago to standardize the arrangements made with the fraternities and sororities on campus and to provide increased protections for the Board of Governors and for the University of Rhode Island.

These agreements include required insurance and indemnification provisions. The use of a license agreement as opposed to a ground lease ensures that the Board and the University are giving permission to use the land but not granting an estate or interest in the land to these entities. This license agreement was developed as a template to be used with all fraternity and sorority houses going forward instead of ground leases as used in recent years.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the Real Estate License Agreement between the Board of Governors for Higher Education/University of Rhode Island and Phi Sigma Sigma sorority subject to review and approval by legal counsel and the State Properties Committee, and

That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the Real Estate License Agreement between the Board of Governors for Higher Education/University of Rhode Island and Sigma Chi Fraternity subject to review and approval by legal counsel and the State Properties Committee

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

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

NAYS: 0

Chair Caprio indicated he would turn the meeting over to Dr. Carriuolo for a presentation on behalf of the College.

President Carriuolo introduced Dr. Alexander (Sasha) Sidorkin, the new Dean of the Feinstein School of Education at Rhode Island College. Dr. Sidorkin came to RIC from the University of Northern Colorado where he had been a professor and director of the School of Teacher Education since 2006. He holds a Ph.D. in education from the University of Washington, with a major in philosophy of education as well as a Ph.D. in history of education from the Research Institute for Theory and History of Education in Moscow, Russia.

The Board joined President Carriuolo in welcoming Dr. Sidorkin to Rhode Island College.

8. BOG COMMITTEE REPORTS and RELATED CONSENT AGENDA

a. Academic and Student Affairs

1. Approval of RIC's Proposal to Establish a B.S. Degree in Biology and Eliminate the B.A. Degree in biology

Governor Hagan reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on Thursday, November 4, 2010. The ASAC committee recommends the Board's approval of a proposal from Rhode Island College to establish a B.S. Degree in Biology and eliminate the B.A. Degree in biology. In addition, the Committee heard substantive reports from the three institutions on the assessment of student learning outcomes and graduate programs at URI and RIC as well as reports on each institutions enrollment trends and highlights.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the Rhode Island College proposal to establish a B.S. degree in Biology, and

That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the Rhode Island College proposal to eliminate the current B.A. degree in Biology.

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

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

NAYS: 0

9. ADDITIONAL CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of the Awarding of Tenure by the Community College of Rhode Island

The Community College of Rhode Island is requesting approval for the awarding of tenure to the seven faculty members that have met the criteria identified in the NEA/CCRIFA Contract under the sections and qualifications that are necessary to attain tenure.

On a motion moved by Thomas Rockett and seconded by Joseph Hagan it was

VOTED:
(Item 9a) That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of tenure effective January 1, 2011 to:

Linda Cross, Assistant Professor, Mathematics
Paula Domenico, Assistant Professor, English
Helen Gomes, Assistant Professor, Nursing
Paula Marcello, Assistant Professor, Human Services
Rita Price, Assistant Professor, Human Services
Ruth Pulver, Assistant Professor, Nursing
Laura Ryan, Assistant Professor, Library

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

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

NAYS: 0

10. PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

a. Rhode Island College

President Carriuolo provided highlights of the written report she provided to the Board:

Rhode Island College hereby notifies the Board of Governors of the following title changes: the program in "African and African American Studies" will change to "Africana Studies"; the B.A. in "African and African American Studies" will become a B.A. in "Africana Studies." Over the past two decades, most departments and programs nationwide have adopted the change from "Black Studies," "African-American Studies," or other titles to "Africana Studies." This name change embodies the programmatic goal of educating students about the breadth of experiences of black people in the Americas, Caribbean, Africa, and other parts of the world. "Africana Studies" is the preferred term of the National Council for Black Studies, the leading professional organization of Black Studies.

Rhode Island College has joined the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) as a Partner Institution. RIC is the first institution in the state to become a member of HACU, which represents nearly 450 colleges and universities committed to Hispanic higher education success in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Latin America, Spain and Portugal. HACU's mission is to improve access to and the quality of post-secondary educational opportunities for Hispanic students. Given the expected 32% increase in the number of Hispanic high school graduates by 2022, serving the Hispanic population is critical to meeting the state's educational needs and promoting its economic development.

President Carriuolo welcomed everyone to stop at the College to view the Anthony Quinn Exhibit in RIC's Bannister Gallery from November 4th through the 24th.

President Carriuolo provided the Board with a copy of Rhode Island College's 2010-2020 Master Plan. She indicated that the College has not engaged in master planning for over a decade. The purpose of this planning initiative is to determine the best use of the College's space to meet future needs and to prepare for fundraising. The process involved 300-400 people, the entire campus community, as well as neighbors and a representative from the Rhode Island Board of Governors, Ken Aurecchia.

The proposed facilities enhancements were slotted into 3 phases:

- 2010-2016 at a cost of \$125M (minus \$17M for art center = \$108M); improvements to be made primarily to general classroom buildings
- 2017-2020 at a cost of \$163M (improvements to buildings)
- Beyond 2020 – the planners slotted in a few items they anticipate needing to be done, but with no cost estimate because it is too far out to be accurate

Dr. Carriuolo thanked the Board of Governors and Chair Caprio for taking an interest in the Art Center. The College is very grateful for the Board's support.

Dr. Carriuolo quickly ran through the key findings as they appear in the executive summary of the Master Plan:

38% of the College's existing buildings were designated as poor;
57% of all seats in instructional space are in buildings considered to be in poor condition;
41% of the seats are in two classroom buildings (Craig-Lee and Gaige Hall), both of which were designated on the CIP plan as needing to be renovated first.

The un-renovated buildings have 1960's standards for labs and classroom standards.

The planners labeled the traffic circulation as inefficient and not safe. The main college road is two-way until it reaches the college, at which point it becomes one-way and routes all traffic in front of the college's administration, art, and K-5 buildings.

The planner also indicated that College needs to develop a digitized space inventory. Funds from ARRA are being used to pay for this work, which is being done by Urban Design Group from Bristol, RI. It should be completed in the spring and will provide the College with a sense of the space that will be useful to our room rental system, as a planning tool, and also provide us with safety in case of an emergency such as fire because we will be able to provide detailed information on the room's shape, exits, and how to reach the room quickly to rescue someone.

This year-long study was completed on time despite the passing of Dr. Ivy Locke. President Carriuolo feels that the plan will guide the College in bringing an aged campus to 21st century standards through creative renovations that will entail relatively modest expense.

Chair Caprio thanked Dr. Carriuolo for her hospitality and for the wonderful dinner. He also thanked Dr. Carriuolo for acknowledging the Board's interest in the Art Center.

b. Community College of Rhode Island

President Di Pasquale, before giving his president's report, and in his Commissioner's role, noted that the last meeting of the PK-16 Council was last Friday. Besides Judge Caprio being recognized for representing higher education throughout the entire process, Annie Messier was particularly recognized by Governor Carcieri. Commissioner Di Pasquale personally thanked Annie for the amount of work that she has put into the PK-16 Council. The

Commissioner and the Board joined the Governor in congratulating Annie for all her efforts on behalf of the Council.

As President of the College, he introduced CCRI's new Director of Marketing and Communications. After an extensive search with over 200 applications from all over the country, CCRI found the best candidate internally, Mr. Richard Coren. President Di Pasquale added that Mr. Coren has not skipped a beat and stressed how delighted he is that the College has found someone so capable.

President Di Pasquale brought to everyone's attention that through the Changing Lives Celebration and the Fall Classic Golf Tournament, the College raised over \$80,000 for scholarship programs. As part of the Changing Lives Celebration, President Di Pasquale acknowledged the support of U.S. Sen. Jack Reed, the Honeywell Corporation which has supported the College for 43 years, and Roberta Winters, who has provided a tremendous amount of volunteer work for the school.

Under the leadership of Mr. Coren, the Marketing and Communications Department has won two more prestigious Medallion Awards for a variety of publications that continue to set the pace in marketing throughout New England.

Finally, when looking at the Community College's report in enrollment, you will see a tremendous shift in adult population, and a shift in full-time to part-time. With that increase, the College will be holding a grand information session at the Liston Campus on November 16th that will be strictly for adults, to help them transition from wherever they are in life to hopefully complete their degree.

c. University of Rhode Island

President Dooley conveyed his thanks to the leadership of the Board of Governors and especially Commissioner Di Pasquale and Associate Commissioner Maurano for the terrific work and leadership that they showed during the most recent campaign on behalf of Question 2. He noted that the 10 point margin in this fiscal climate was remarkable. This represents a lot of effort from the individuals at Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island in getting the word out, and promoting both the necessity and the return on investment potential for the State of Rhode Island and the people of Rhode Island who are investing in these particular facilities. Dr. Dooley stated that the funds will be put to good use. He advised that the design for the chemistry building at the University of Rhode Island is well under way and proceeding well. The University looks forward to wrapping that up in the next few months and moving forward with the construction phase of it.

At the same time, the University is also making excellent progress on another major construction project on the campus. Dr. Dooley invited everyone to the topping off ceremony for the new College of Pharmacy building which will occur on November 10th at 11:00 a.m.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Caprio indicated that he would entertain a motion to enter into executive session to discuss an update on pending litigation pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) and an update on collective bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2);

On a motion duly made by Pierre LaPerriere and seconded by Joseph Hagan it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education convene in executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) for the reasons set forth above.

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

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

NAYS: 0

After a short break, the Board convened in Executive Session at 5:55 p.m.

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

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:00 p.m.

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

NAYS: 0

13. NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, December 6, 2010, 5:00 p.m. at Community College of Rhode Island, Board Room 4090, Warwick, Rhode Island.

Monday, January 25, 2011, 5:00 p.m. at Rhode Island College, Student Ballroom, Providence, Rhode Island.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

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

NAYS: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Aurecchia, Secretary