



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
November 1, 2011**

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

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A regular meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at the Community College of Rhode Island, Warwick, Rhode Island. Chair Lorne Adrain declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

**Present:** Lorne Adrain, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia\*, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Thomas Rockett, Michael Tikoian, and Joseph White (\*Governor Maaia arrived after the start of the meeting.)

**Absent:** Joan Abrams, George Caruolo and John Walsh

**1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

On a motion duly made by Michael Tikoian and seconded by Eva Marie-Mancuso it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education accept the agenda for the meeting of November 1, 2011.

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

**YEAS:** Lorne Adrain, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Thomas Rockett, Michael Tikoian, and Joseph White

**NAYS:** 0

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Michael Tikoian it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the minutes of the September 26, 2011 meeting.

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

**YEAS:** Lorne Adrain, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Thomas Rockett, Michael Tikoian, and Joseph White

**NAYS:** 0

### **3. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. 2012 Board of Governors Meeting Calendar

### **4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Adrain welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting. He welcomed Director of Administration Richard Licht and thanked him and his staff for joining us tonight. He likewise thanked President Di Pasquale for hosting this evening's meeting.

Over the past several months, Director Licht and his team have gathered insights and information from a wide variety of stakeholders in RI higher education with the objective of developing a set of governance and administrative recommendations that could help the Board advance its mission of access, affordability and effectiveness of our system.

I appreciate Director Licht's leadership in taking on this work and I also appreciate the cooperation and assistance that members of the Board, OHE staff and representatives of the colleges have lent to this work.

Commissioner DiPasquale and I have met with and discussed a summary of the findings with Director Licht. I believe that the findings we are about to hear are consistent with issues, ideas and initiatives that the Board has been and is considering and/or already has underway, while also setting the bar higher and offering new thinking in a number of areas.

I would ask that the Board listen carefully to the details of his report and that we make it a priority to consider how the recommendations might be most helpful to our work, and how they might be most appropriately pursued. This is a solid step forward in helping us advance the Board's mission.

Chair Adrain again thanked Director Licht for his attendance at this evening's meeting.

Director Licht thanked the Board for the opportunity to present his report. The General Assembly, charged the Director of Administration to report by November 1<sup>st</sup> on the governance, organization, and structure of higher education in our State. The Director believes this emanated from a piece of legislation that dealt with how Higher Education as well as Elementary and Secondary Education be governed in Rhode Island. There was a bill that would have combined the two boards. Director Licht, Governor Mancuso and other individuals from both Higher Education and Elementary and Secondary Education testified in opposition to this legislation.

Director Licht's report highlights eight recommendations:

1. Empower the Commissioner of Higher Education to be the leader for higher education that is authorized in Rhode Island General Laws 16-59-6 and prohibit the current arrangement that allows a President of a public higher education institution in Rhode Island to serve a dual role as Commissioner;
2. Restore the authority that was repealed by Public Law 2004, Chapter 595, Article 34, Section 1 of the Board of Governors to allocate appropriations among the three public higher education institutions and remove the Full Time Employee cap that has been enacted in the State budget since the mid-1990's;

3. Establish a Joint PK-20+ Advisory Committee between the Board of Governors and the Board of Regents. Membership of the Advisory Committee should include two current members of the Board of Regents, two current members of the Board of Governors, the Commissioner of Higher Education, the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, one member of the Governor's Workforce Board (Human Resources Investment Council R.I.G.L. 42-102), the Governor's Policy Director or his designee, and one member of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation's Board;
4. Require the Commissioner of Higher Education to present to the Board of Governors no later than November 1, 2012 an implementation plan for the administrative recommendations proposed below;
5. Transfer the powers and duties of the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority to the Office of Higher Education and eliminate the governing board of RIHEAA; maintain and support the role of the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority;
6. Authorize the Office of Higher Education to develop a shared services agreement between the three public higher education institutions and the Department of Administration for capital project management that would increase the expertise and staff available at Division of Purchases to manage the volume of capital projects on the horizon for the three public higher education institutions.
7. Require the Office of Higher Education to develop and present to the Board of Governors no later than November 1, 2012 a strategic plan for information technology that includes but is not limited to the following elements:
  - a. A "migration plan" to one functional computer system for administrative activities; and,
  - b. A common course management system for distance learning; and
8. Require the Commissioner of Higher Education to study and provide recommendations to the Board of Governors no later than July 1, 2012 for the transfer of duties regarding the review and approval of Proprietary Schools from OHE to the Department of Business Regulation.

Chair Adrain thanked Director Licht for his report and opened the meeting for questions/comments.

Vice Chair Tikoian and Governor Mancuso thanked Director Licht for his report and offered the Director their support to get his recommendations enacted with the legislature.

Director Licht thanked everyone for their comments. He reiterated his support to the Board, the Office of Higher Education and its three institutions of higher learning.

In closing, Chair Adrain reported that with respect to the in-state tuition or undocumented students that was approved by the Board at its last meeting, there has been a great deal of public comment. He appreciates and respects those who are challenging the Board's decision. Over the coming days and weeks we will see a number of efforts on the part of the media to understand the tuition matter more deeply, but also to begin to understanding the broader questions, some of which were alluded to in Director Licht's report, some of which has been taken on by the committees and the Board in thinking about how innovations around the world may help the Board in its mission of increasing affordability of the services of our schools.

## **5. OPEN FORUM**

Susan Korber, MSRN, Director of Cancer Services and Ambulatory Care at the Miriam Hospital spoke in Support of Item 8a on tonight's agenda. In her role as a Director at the Miriam hospital, she has accountability for the care of patients in multiple settings and is responsible for cancer services, in-patient and out-patient. She has very much advocated and implemented the advance practice nurse role in cancer care both inpatient and out-patient, and is supportive of both programs because the need is changing, there is a distinctive need that the advanced practice nurse brings to our patient care experience into which we have integrated nurses.

David Coates, President of the URI Student Senate spoke in opposition to the proposed tuition increases. He addressed the Board on behalf of all concerned URI students to ask that the Board not vote to raise tuition. He would like to see the Board press the state to rearrange its priorities by demanding more state appropriation and no longer continue to break the backs of middle class families with consistent tuition increases. He reminded the Board that by raising tuition, once again, it is not fulfilling its mission "to provide an efficient, accessible and affordable system of higher education...". He asked that the Board look into other possible options such as demanding more state appropriation or cutting costs by consolidating but not raise tuition for both Rhode Island and out-of-state students.

Steve Forleo, Professor at the Community College of Rhode Island, addressed the board on a personal outreach and also as the representative of the AAUP Chapter at CCRI. Professor Forleo asked that the Board please find as many alternatives as possible to no longer raise tuition on students and have the students share these increases alone. Everyone, administration, faculty and staff all share this burden, not just the students. He asked that the Board come to the respected faculties at the three institutions, to gain more insight and more consensus which will hopefully will bring action to help the students. Mr. Forleo thanked the board for the opportunity to address the Board this evening, and provided the board with written statement signed by himself, Jocelyn Leasca and Debra Lilli on behalf of the AAUP CCRI. Said statement is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

## **6. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Di Pasquale provided the Board with a written report and highlighting the following:

### **Finance and Management**

With respect to the 2013 Operating Budget Process, the Facilities, Finance, and Management Committee received a report of these budgets and will be recommending them for acceptance by the full Board this evening. This request was submitted to the State Budget office pending Board approval in draft form by the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline so that executive and legislative staffs could begin their analytical work.

The audits at each of the three institutions for FY 2011 were completed with review and comment by the Auditor General's Office and finalized by the three institutions at September 30<sup>th</sup> per the state's mandate. The reports have gone to the Facilities, Finance and Management Committee for review and will be brought before the Board this evening for approval.

The Federal Education Stabilization Funds are being used for Fire Safety upgrades to all three institutions. The work began over the summer and is anticipated to be completed this fall.

### **External Affairs**

In anticipation of the 2012 General Assembly Session, the Government Relations Committee will begin to meet monthly. The Committee will pre-review the legislative proposals of all three institutions in an effort to achieve better coordination and avoid duplication.

### **Academic and Student Affairs**

The Office of Higher Education, through its administration of the federal College Access Challenge Grant program in Rhode Island, has designated a significant portion of the grant funds to support a competitive sub-grant program called the Rhode Island College Access Challenge Grant, Post-Secondary Student Access & Persistence Program (RI PSSAPP). The goal of this program is to provide a network of services designed to support college access and persistence of low-income, underrepresented, and/or at-risk Rhode Island students to enroll in Rhode Island higher education institutions.

A team of five educational policy stakeholders including Chair Adrain, Governor Mancuso and Associate Commissioner Grossman-Garber represented Rhode Island and the recent Complete College America Convention on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Complete College America represents states ready to take bold actions to significantly increase the number of students successfully completing college and achieving degrees and credentials with value in the labor market and to close attainment gaps for traditionally underrepresented populations.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **8. BOG COMMITTEE REPORTS and RELATED CONSENT AGENDA**

### **a. Academic and Student Affairs**

1. Approval of a Proposal from the University of Rhode Island to Offer the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Track within the Master of Science in Nursing Degree

Associate Commissioner Deborah Grossman-Garber reported that the ASAC Committee last met on October 14, 2011. The primary two agenda items for this meeting concerned applications from Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island to offer Acute Care Nurse Practitioner "tracks" or areas of emphasis within each institution's Master of Science in Nursing degree.

In Rhode Island and indeed nationally, there is an urgent need within healthcare communities for nurse practitioners to work in advanced, acute care hospital settings due to the reduction in the number of hours that medical interns and residents are permitted to be on call. The current shortage of trained expertise adds to the strain of caring for acutely ill and technologically dependent patients in hospitals, emergency rooms and critical care settings. As we heard earlier, there is presently a dearth of Acute Care Nurse Practitioners in the national marketplace, and particularly in Rhode Island. We can attribute this in part to the lack of Acute Care NP training programs. In New England, only five out of thirty-one MSN programs offer the ACNP.

In Rhode Island, only 10 of the 651 individuals currently licensed as nurse practitioners in our state are certified as ACNPs. As a result, hospitals have been forced to utilize Family Nurse Practitioners in acute care settings even though they do not have the knowledge to sit for ACNP certifying exams. Since graduate training programs require certified ACNPs to serve as preceptors and faculty, Rhode Island and other states will need to pay attention to growing the ranks of ACNPs who will in turn serve as clinical faculty preceptors.

Four OHE staff members and two external peer reviewers have each evaluated the individual proposals from RIC and from URI. Reviewers concur on the following:

- There is sufficient economic and social need in Rhode Island to introduce the ACNP track at both URI and RIC.
- The tracks reinforce institutional and program missions.
- The RIC and URI ACNP curricula – while each educationally unique -- are consistent with national trends in nursing education.
- There is abundant Health industry support for the two ACNP programs.
- Given the lack of previous training venues within New England, there is pent-up student demand for this preparation.
- Both institutions currently have the available faculty and instructional resources to maintain a quality program

For these reasons, ASAC unanimously voted to send these two programs forward for Board approval at tonight's meeting. However, the committee introduced a caveat into each of the two motions:

- The committee learned that at this time, there are relatively few licensed ACNPs in Rhode Island who are available to serve as clinical preceptors for students. In consultation with the two institutions, the committee determined that in fairness to all ACNP students, both institutional nursing Deans and program leaders will convene quarterly in conjunction with staff at the Office of Higher Education to identify and vet available clinical placements for students in each program. Program enrollments will be capped in relation to the number of available clinical placements at any given time.

On a motion duly made by Michael Tikoian and seconded by Jane Sherman it was

- VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal to offer the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Track within the Master of Science in Nursing Degree at the University of Rhode Island; and
- That the Office of Higher Education convene joint quarterly meetings with leaders from the nursing programs at URI and RIC to facilitate information sharing and program and placement efficiencies with periodic updates to the Board of Governors.
- Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
- YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Thomas Rockett, Michael Tikoian, and Joseph White
- NAYS: 0

2. Approval of a Proposal from Rhode Island College to Change the Title of the Rhode Island College Acute Care/Critical Care Track within the Master of Science in Nursing Degree program and to Expand the Program to Include the Nurse Practitioner Role for the Adult/Acute Care Track

On a motion duly made by Michael Tikoian and seconded by Eva-Marie Mancuso it was

- VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve a Proposal to Change the Title of the Rhode Island College Acute Care/Critical Care Track within the Master of Science in Nursing Degree program and to Expand the Program to Include the Nurse Practitioner Role for the Adult/Acute Care track; and
- That the Office of Higher Education convene joint quarterly meetings with leaders from the nursing programs at URI and RIC to facilitate information sharing and program and placement efficiencies with periodic updates to the Board of Governors.
- Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
- YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Thomas Rockett, Michael Tikoian, and Joseph White
- NAYS: 0

**b. Facilities, Finance and Management**

1. Discussion and recommendation for acceptance for the audited financial statements for URI, RIC and CCRI for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

Before presentation of Item 8b1, Vice Chair Tikoian thanked Sharon Bell (URI), Paul Forte (RIC) and Carl Toft (CCRI) for all their hard work associated with the annual audit. The auditing firm of O'Connor & Drew have rendered their audited reports for the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

Vice Chair Tikoian introduced Mr. David Dilulis, principal with O'Connor and Drew. Mr. Dilulis thanked the Board for the opportunity to conduct the audit. He indicated that the draft financial statements were submitted to the State Controller's Office in mid September. After addressing their comments, the statements were filed by the deadline of September 30<sup>th</sup>. As part of their responsibility to governing bodies, Mr. Dilulis provided the Board with two audit reports, one on the financial statements themselves, and the other on the internal control environment. He thanked the institutional staff for their cooperation in meeting the deadlines.

On a motion duly made by Michael Tikoian and seconded by Jane Sherman it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education accepts the Audited Financial Statements for the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Thomas Rockett, Michael Tikoian, and Joseph White

NAYS: 0

2. Recommendation on the Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Requests, Tuition and Fee Rates and Tables of Organization for FY 2013, Budget Estimate for FY 2014 and the Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Allocation for FY 2012

Vice Chair Tikoian thanked the Finance Committee members for their hard work. It is with great difficulty that the Finance Committee presents this budget to the Board. On the onset, the Committee does not wish, desire or agree to raise tuition. In the Finance Committee meeting, the members of the Committee clearly indicated that they also wish to send a strong message to the Governor with regard to our budget and with respect to the related increases in tuition rates. The Committee concurs with URI's Student Senate President, David Coates' reasons for demanding additional state support, cost cutting and consolidation measures. He stated that not only the three institutions but also the Office of Higher Education have done their best in this regard but will continue to do so.

Vice Chair Tikoian provided the Board with a brief summary of the FY 2013 budget request as reflected on Enclosure 8b2:

The unrestricted budget request for FY 2013 totals \$591.6 million, an increase of \$20.4 million or 3.6% over the current year budget. As presented to the Committee, state appropriations of \$170.3 million (including GO debt service of \$21.0 million) would comprise 28.8% of the total. Institutional revenues with increases in student paid tuition and fees would fund the remaining \$421.3 million.

The State Budget Office (SBO) has provided current service level state appropriation targets for FY 2013. The total system-wide appropriation is \$149,226,884 (exclusive of GO debt service). The enclosed FY 2013 budget is requesting \$149,307,748 (exclusive of GO debt service) in state appropriation. The difference of \$80,864 is relative to the Rhode Island State Crime Laboratory request of \$869,793 which is more than the SBO target of \$788,929.

The restricted budget, including the RI Capital Fund, auxiliaries, research, federal and financial aid totals \$456.4 million, a decrease of \$200,000 primarily due to the ending of federal stimulus funding.

The tuition and mandatory fee rates for in-state undergraduate students at the University are requested to increase by \$1,084 (9.5%) while out-of-state tuition and mandatory fee rates are requested to increase by \$562 (2%). The College requested increases for in-state undergraduate students of \$290 (4%) and out-of-state undergraduate increases of \$702 (4%). The Community College has requested a \$274 (7.5%) increase in the tuition and mandatory fees for in-state students and \$766 (7.8%) for out-of state students.

The FY 2012 allocation submitted by all of the institutions is based upon the FY 2012 enacted state appropriation and is reflective of updated enrollment information.

[Governor Beretta left the meeting at approx. 7:30 p.m.]

Vice Chair Tikoian turned the meeting over to Associate Commissioner Susan LaPanne for a slide show presentation which included a brief overview for the current budgets with additional data as context:

In 2012, she explained, the total operating budget for the public higher education system is \$1.0 billion all-funds (net of GO debt), of which \$147.7 million is appropriated to higher education, which comprises only 4.7% of the state's general revenue budget. This amount covers 4,214.6 FTE positions, which is 28.2% of the state total of all funds. Dr. LaPanne added that this has added to some confusion when the state has made cuts: do they cut the public higher education system 28.2% because of its percentage of FTEs or 4.7% which is its percentage of total allocated state funds?

Next, Associate Commissioner LaPanne described the process. The enacted budget for the current year is passed in late June (with a start date of 7/1), and the next fiscal year's budget is traditionally based on the enacted budget with direction from the State Budget Office. This year, the RIBGHE was directed to increase to an appropriation of \$170 million including GO debt of \$21 million. The institutions submit their packages to the Office of Higher Education for presentation to this Committee and to the RIBGHE. She stressed that this work is done throughout the year, not just at the end, and thanked

Linda Barrett from URI, Roxann Johnson-Nance from Rhode Island College, Ruth Barrington from CCRI, and Robin Beaupre from the Office of Higher Education, whose communications have been tightly woven since the beginning of June on this budget and on the Capital Improvement Plan.

The **unrestricted budget**, Dr. LaPanne explained, contains state-funded, education and general purpose funds, such as state general revenues (25% of operating revenue), tuition and fees (68% of the system's revenue), and sponsored research overhead. The 2013 state appropriation request by institution is 39% by URI, 26% by RIC, 31% by CCRI, and 4% by the Office of Higher Education.

The **restricted budget**, she explained, consists of funds generally considered restricted receipts or enterprise funds, such as residence & dining halls, sponsored research, fund sources that are limited to use for a specific purpose, and federal funds and RICAP. She noted that other states (including neighboring Massachusetts) have pushed some of these types of funds into unrestricted funds and are now facing big problems. The system's restricted budget is composed of scholarships and fellowships (37%), auxiliaries (25%), sponsored research (24%), RI capital fund (7%), department overhead (4%), and enterprise funds (3%).

Rhode Island is ranked 48<sup>th</sup> in the United States for public higher education funding, according to a University of Illinois study. Personal income support in FY 2011 was only slightly better; we were 47<sup>th</sup> in the nation, paying \$3.66 per \$1,000 compared to a U.S. average of \$6.15. Rhode Island's state support per capita is \$151.69, compared to a national average of \$243.95 (and Connecticut's \$302.56), ranking us 46<sup>th</sup> in the nation in that category. Rhode Island's state appropriations as a percent of total revenue have decreased every year for the past decade, plummeting from 29.1% in 2003 to just 14.6% in 2012, with 14.5% projected for FY 2013.

The 2013 **tuition and fees request** asked for a 9.5% increase at URI (from \$11,366 this year to \$12,450 next year); a 4.0% increase at RIC (from \$7,268 and \$7,558); and a 7.5% increase at CCRI (from \$3,676 to \$3,950). Dr. LaPanne's chart tracked the increases for the 2010-2011, 2011-2012, and 2012-2013 academic year, including dollar amounts and percentages, showing that although CCRI had no tuition increase in the past two years, all three institutions are requesting an increase this year—which always comes with the danger of putting enrollment numbers at risk. A PowerPoint chart compared tuition and fees of each institution to its New England peers for 2012. URI is dead center of its peers after swapping places with UMass Boston (which recently enacted a steep tuition hike). Rhode Island College is at the very bottom of the cost chart for its peers, remaining the most affordable local public college. CCRI moved down below center after Massachusetts increased fees at many of its own community colleges, placing as the 10<sup>th</sup> most affordable of the 28<sup>th</sup> peer New England community colleges.

The institutions are also requesting **student aid increases for the 2012 and 2013 academic years**. URI is requesting a 9.2% increase; 1.7% at RIC; and 9.3% at CCRI. Dr. LaPanne highlighted this area of the budget to illustrate that, although tuition and fee requests are up, institutional financial aid plans a significant increase as well in order to assist students.

An FTE history of staff from 2007-2013 shows a vast difference between the FTE cap and actual FTEs. For the past several years, and continuing into the near future, the public higher education institutions have had to fund shortfalls by keeping open positions vacant.

**In summary**, the institutions are asking for \$148,437,955 in state support (which is net of GO debt and the State Crime Lab request of \$869,000). This represents an increase of \$1.6 million over the 2012 enacted budget. By institution, this means a \$376,197 increase for URI over the prior year; a \$552,787 increase for RIC; a \$567,846 increase for CCR; a \$47,616 increase for OHE; and a \$94,793 increase for the crime lab. Associate Commissioner LaPanne added that OHE's budget has been cut \$835,000, which is approximately 30% of its total budget. OHE employees have dropped from 24.4 FTEs in 2001 to 14.4 FTEs in present year.

Mr. Tikoian again stated that the Finance Committee was reluctant on passing this budget with tuition increases and voted at the same time to send the Governor a strong message that we are requesting additional funds so tuition increases will not be as severe as proposed.

At this time, the Board discussed its intentions in the event State appropriation is increased and their intentions of reducing tuition. All three Presidents agreed that should the State appropriation increase, the institutions will consider the tuition being charged and reduce it appropriately.

Governor White, voiced his opposition and shared his concerns on the tuition rate increase. Governors Mancuso, Maaia, Sherman as well as Chair Adrain agreed that although it is painful, they were reluctantly in agreement with passing the budget.

Vice Chair Tikoian, Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee stated that the Committee would gladly accept the Licht report to review and perhaps review implementations of that report and work in conjunction with various administrations in an attempt to save the money that they are requesting.

Lastly, Governor White moved that the motion be amended by adding that the Board task the Finance and Facilities Committee with putting forth a set of proposals to effectuate a cost savings plan that would then be approved by the Commissioner and presented to this Committee with the sole effort of helping to reduce the expense side of the budget for 2013 and thus avoid having tuition increases in 2013.

On a motion duly made by Joseph White and seconded by Michael Tikoian it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education amend the motion to include:  
*“that the Finance and Facilities Committee put forth a set of proposals to effectuate a cost savings plan to be approved by the Commissioner and presented to the Board with the sole effort of helping reduce the expense side of the 2013 budget and thus avoid having tuition increases in 2013.”*

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Thomas Rockett, Michael Tikoian, and Joseph White

NAYS: 0

After offering an opportunity for any further questions or comments, Chair Adrain called for a roll call vote on item 8b2 as amended:

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by William Maaia it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors approve the Public Higher Education System's budget request for the 2013 fiscal year as presented, and further

That the Board of Governors approved the Public Higher Education System's Tuition, mandatory fees, and auxiliary enterprise fees for the 2013 fiscal year as presented, and further

That The Board of Governors approves the Public Higher Education System's Tables of Organization for the 2013 fiscal year as presented, and further

That the Board of Governors approves the Public Higher Education's System's budget allocation for the FY 2012 fiscal year as presented, and further

That the Board of Governors approves the revised Pass through Budget Request for the Children's Crusade included in the FY 2013 Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Requests for the System of Public Higher Education; and further

That an accompanying letter to the budget submitted stresses that the Facilities, Finance and Management Committee suggested that increased support would allow the public higher education institutions to avoid tuition increases, and further

That that the Finance and Facilities Committee put forth a set of proposals to effectuate a cost savings plan to be approved by the Commissioner and presented to the Board with the sole effort of helping reduce the expense side of the 2013 budget and thus avoid having tuition increases in 2013.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 1 member voted in the negative as follows:

Governor Barajas: aye  
Governor Sherman: aye  
Governor Maaia: aye  
Governor Mancuso: aye  
Governor Tikoian: aye  
Governor Rockett: aye  
Governor White: aye  
Governor Adrain: aye  
Governor Constant: nay

Chair Adrain stated "the ayes have it and the motion, as amended, passes."

3. Recommendation for approval of Rhode Island College's Intellectual Property Policy

Associate Commissioner Susan LaPanne presented item 8b3. She stated that Rhode Island College recognizes the importance of the protection gained by patent, copyright, trademark, and trade secret laws. In light of this recognition, the College has proposed the Intellectual Property Policy which has been reviewed by both Finance and Management as well as the Board's legal counsel.

The policy defined the language, the types of intellectual property that is covered, the ownership of research results and teaching materials, procedures for commercialization and distribution of any income.

On a motion duly made by Michael Tikoian and seconded by Jane Sherman it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves and adopts this proposed Rhode Island College Intellectual Property Policy.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Thomas Rockett, Michael Tikoian, and Joseph White

NAYS: 0

**c. Government Relations**

Chair Mancuso reported that the Committee is going to begin monthly meetings in anticipation of the legislative session. She has briefly reviewed the report of Director Licht and will work on its implementation and continue to educate legislators on the Board's mission.

**d. Personnel**

Chair White stated that the Committee is finishing up annual evaluations. With regard to President Dooley, the Committee has begun an extensive contract renewal evaluation process. There will be a final report to the Board at the December meeting.

**e. Quality, Continuous Improvement and Innovation**

Governor Sherman provided a brief report on behalf of Chair Beretta. The Committee is working on the metrics and process formulation for the Board. The Committee will meet again on Friday, November 4, 2011.

**f. Student Advisory**

Chair Constant indicated she did not have a report this evening.

**9. ADDITIONAL CONSENT AGENDA**

**a. Approval of the Awarding of Degrees at the University of Rhode Island**

Provost Donald DeHayes indicated that the University requests that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees to the candidates who will have completed their requirements at the conclusion of the Summer 2011 semester and who will be approved by the faculty of the University for those degrees.

On a motion duly made by Jane Sherman and seconded by Thomas Rockett it was

<b>VOTED:</b>	That	the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees to the candidates who will have completed their requirements at the conclusion of the Summer 2011 semester and who will be approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island.
	Vote:	9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Lorne Adrain, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, William Maia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Thomas Rockett, Michael Tikoian, and Joseph White
	NAYS:	0

**b. Request of Personnel Review Committee (URI)**

Anne Marie Coleman presented the Committee's request from the University to change a title only at the Director Level in the Controller's Office as the result of reorganization. It involves no change in compensation and no change in pay rate.

On a motion duly made by William Maaia and seconded by Joseph White it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the change in Title only, from Director, Sponsored and Cost Accounting to Director, Financial Compliance.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Thomas Rockett, Michael Tikoian, and Joseph White

NAYS: 0

c. Approval of Awarding Honorary Degrees at Rhode Island College

President Carriuolo is requesting the approval of the Board for the awarding of honorary degrees to the individuals selected by Rhode Island College. In response to an inquiry by Governor Mancuso, President Carriuolo elaborated on the selection process of selecting potential honorary degree recipients.

On a motion duly made by Jane Sherman and seconded by Thomas Rockett it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of honorary degrees to the individuals selected by Rhode Island College.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Thomas Rockett, Michael Tikoian, and Joseph White

NAYS: 0

## 10. PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

### a. Rhode Island College

President Carriuolo thanked all who participated in the 10-year comprehensive NEASC visit. She provided the Board with a written report outlining many of the day-to-day activities of the College and its status.

### b. Community College of Rhode Island

President Di Pasquale highlighted a few of the items outlined in his written report. He stated that the college and its Student Organization will honor service members with a special Armed Forces Recognition Day on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Special House Education Commission will be meeting at the College to continue their work on studying the affordability and accessibility of higher education.

c. University of Rhode Island

President Dooley distributed a copy of the University's Transformational Goals for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. These goals were framed in light of the University's academic plan and in fact use the academic plan developed by the faculty in the academic leadership of the University as the foundation, emphasizing undergraduate education, graduate education and research, internationalization, globalization and building community as the critical goals of the institution going forward. We believe that each of these represents an opportunity for the University to distinguish itself as a leader nationally, to set for itself a new and higher set of expectations and to succeed in meeting those expectations to the benefit of our students and the people of Rhode Island.

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Lorne 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).

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Antonio Barajas it was

<b>VOTED:</b>	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 reason set forth above.
	Vote:	9 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Lorne Adrain, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Thomas Rockett, Michael Tikoian, and Joseph White
	NAYS:	0

After a short break, the Board convened in Executive Session at 8:25 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; Michael Trainor, Special Assistant to the Commissioner; Susan LaPanne, Associate Commissioner for Finance & Management; and Deborah Grossman-Garber, Associate Commissioner for Academic Planning & Policy.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:50 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Michael Tikoian it was

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

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Thomas Rockett, Michael Tikoian, and Joseph White

NAYS: 0

**13. NEXT MEETINGS**

Monday, December 5, 2011, 5:30 p.m. at Rhode Island College,  
Student Ballroom, Providence

Monday, January 23, 2012, 5:30 p.m. at Rhode Island College,  
Student Ballroom, Providence

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion duly made by Jane Sherman and seconded by Thomas Rockett it was

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

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Thomas Rockett, Michael Tikoian, and Joseph White

NAYS: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Jane Sherman, Secretary***