



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, June 25, 2012, at Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island. Chair Lorne Adrain declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Present: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh

Absent: Amy Beretta, George Caruolo, William Maaia, Michael Tikoian and Joseph White

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Joan Abrams and seconded by Tessa Constant it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education accepts the revised agenda for the June 25, 2012 meeting.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Meeting of May 7, 2012

On a motion duly made by John Walsh and seconded by Joan Abrams it was

VOTED: THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the minutes of the May 7, 2012 meeting.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

b. Special Meeting of May 31, 2012

On a motion duly made by Antonio Barajas and seconded by Jane Sherman it was

VOTED:

THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the minutes of the May 31, 2012 special meeting.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

3. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Later in the meeting, Governor Mancuso, on behalf of the Board of Governors and in her position as a member of the Board, wished best wishes to Vice President Beagle on his retirement. The University held a wonderful event at the Ryan Center honoring Vice President Beagle. She stated that Mr. Beagle is truly a gold star in terms of what this state had, and he really did raise the level of professionalism, having served with us (with Chair Adrain) on the Executive Board of the Alumni Association. Dr. Dooley you were blessed to take over an organization that you did when you came in, and a lot of it from the external affairs standpoint was because of Vice President Beagle.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Adrain thanked President Carriuolo and the College for hosting tonight's meeting.

On a special note, Chair Adrain congratulated Gina Macris of the Providence Journal on her upcoming retirement after more than four decades at the Providence Journal. The Board has enjoyed working with Gina on articles relating to higher education for a long time, and we are sorry to see her go. Chair Adrain added that for the past year, it has been a wonderful learning experience in many ways, and one of the things that he has enjoyed quite a lot is Ms. Macris' work. Raising questions, comments, issues and perspectives, fulfills the highest and best role that the media was designed to serve in this society. Chair Adrain read a brief statement the BOG staff put together. The Chair and the BOG congratulate Gina on her imminent retirement and wish her health happiness, fulfillment and many adventures in the years to come.

Chair Adrain provided an update on the budget bill that was recently passed. The amendment to the budget bill which restructures the governance of education in Rhode Island provided that, effective December 31st of this year, the Board of Governors and the Board of Regents as we know them will cease to exist. On January 1, 2013 a single Board of Education will begin operation. For the remaining six months, this Board will continue to do their work, to take on the regular order of business and to do everything we can to facilitate an affective transition to this new governance model.

At the Chair's request, Commissioner Di Pasquale is working with his staff and staff at the three institutions to put together a comprehensive punch list of issues and ideas and work that has to take place to have an effective transition. As we all know, there are many difficult and challenging issues associated with such a transition and we probably do not understand completely how challenging some of them may be. Chair Adrain has asked Commissioner Di Pasquale to begin work on that so that the Governor might be assisted in his executive branch role of executing that transition, and that the Board might be as supportive as we can.

Chair Adrain acknowledged that this Board has worked extremely hard in the past year and the good-will and the positive spirit that each of the people on the Board has brought to their work has served us well and will serve the state and the new Board in the months and the years to come. He thanked the Board for their good work and their continuing good will over the next six months.

5. OPEN FORUM

Four individuals requested an opportunity to address the Board. Chair Adrain reminded everyone who signed up to speak that there is a limit of five minutes per speaker. The following individuals spoke:

Thomas Clegg, a CCRI nursing student addressed the Board to share his concerns with the nursing program at the Community College for which is believes the grievance process for nursing students is completely broken. Mr. Clegg read from a statement that he provided the Board with which stated in part:

Honesty, integrity, advocacy, and support of other health care professionals are values drilled into every nursing student in the world. While voicing such values, leaders in the College's nursing program do not live up to those standards.

Mr. Clegg stated that he has seen leaders in the program knowingly make false statements about both faculty and student performance, dismiss abilities and efforts, target those who stand up for themselves and others, and has also seen actions by leaders that demonstrate a complete, and deplorable lack of integrity.

While he has been enrolled in the nursing program, Mr. Clegg stated that he had observed student honesty on exams questioned at a time when it was well known that there was no misconduct by the student on the exam and in fact, it was the electronic testing system that had failed. It has been shown by students, and admitted by leaders in the program, that exam questions were incorrectly marked or questions were beyond content covered on the exam.

Mr. Clegg stated that he has observed, and suffered, false accusations of unprofessional conduct made by staff based on a misconception of what is, and nothing is done with the statement except to file it in a student's folder. Clinical evaluations are misused, used to reprimand students who are not liked by administration, or who advocate for others.

Mr. Clegg stated that he has suffered when a teacher is unable to present content in a clear manner, according to the course outline, and using the material from the textbook in use at the time. Despite multiple events like this, the students have been told that it is the student's responsibility to pick up the slack and learn the material. Clinical faculty have been instructed never to review theoretical material in clinical or to access exams to assess students' testing problems and help the students learn from their mistakes.

Vocal students have been targeted by staff, in one instance stating that student is a ticking time bomb. Stating such comments to a student's upcoming clinical instructor, places a negative impression of the student in the mind of another staff member who the student has not even met. The nursing program is one in which a hostile environment is very present, accepted, and fostered, by the leaders of the program and the Vice President of Academic Affairs. This hostile state is used to keep both vocal faculty and vocal students in check.

Mr. Clegg stated that he has personally suffered a great deal at the hands of the leaders of the program. He believes it is because he is male, gay, and has Cerebral Palsy. He added that he has watched others suffer as well and has tried to use the system available to him at the College to address the deplorable state of the program.

In his written statement, Mr. Clegg asked that the College conduct a complete review of the nursing program, including the quality of leadership, the qualifications of the current leaders of the program, the length of the program, the electronic examination process and the entire program.

Dr. Joslin B. Leasca, is an inaugural graduate of the DNP program at the university of Rhode Island, she is also the nurse practitioner representative on the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Education and served as the President for three years, and for the last six years has been a faculty member in the Department of Nursing at CCRI. She is a career ladder graduate. She attended St. Joseph's, finished her bachelor's in Albany, and her Family Nurse Practitioner at URI with an MSN. Her combined 35 years of practice, state service on her regulatory board and her advanced education give her the experience to provide the culture at the Department of Nursing at the Community College. The culture in the department where she worked, is as toxic and destructive as she has ever seen to both faculty and students, and she resigned her position in May. The Community College Department of Nursing is one of the largest programs in the northeast. The program has gone so far astray from the program she was hired to teach in that she had to resign because of moral and ethical incongruity. She knew it was time to leave when she could no longer look into her students' eyes and tell them that they would be getting a great education with a bright and promising career ladder.

How did the program get there? The College changed the way it felt about leadership. Leadership use to be about ideas, great examples and doing the right thing. Right now there is an electronic testing of nursing students that is unsubstantiated; it does not accurately test

students' responses. I know you are already aware of this. We have human experimentation without IRB approval at the Community College.

The program has failed to articulate with our sister schools in the state so the students can move seamlessly throughout the entry at CCRI to advanced degrees. The Dean and the Academic Vice President participated in the feasibility study in Rhode Island and are more than aware of the drive to move nursing education towards the baccalaureate level and yet the program has not yet been articulated thoroughly and completely.

As you consider your restructuring under the new budget bill, she hopes the Board will consider that kind of articulation for Community College students. Unfortunately, at the Community College, faculty who are vocal in their concerns, and she has been very vocal, from chairs to deans, to vice presidents to presidents, she has made her feelings with her experience well known and very clear. This was the last stop. She is before the Board tonight to support her former student. Mr. Clegg has been an excellent nursing student and he carries with him credentials that should support his statements to you.

The Department of Nursing at the Community College has taken a lot of short cuts and put a lot of students at risk. Students who had failed electronic examinations and failed their courses have had their lives changed by a testing system that has got absolutely no quantitative studies to validate if student's responses are being recorded accurately.

When she recently heard that the College was contemplating spending about \$4 million dollars for faculty swipe cards, new doors and security cameras despite a Summit Report on school security that mentions none of these things, she knew she did the right thing to leave. The Summit Report mentions automatic external defibrillator batteries, the last time she checked, they were still dead. She thinks the school should spend their money on student learning and on students.

She came before the Board this evening to support her former student's petition and hopes the Board will consider his request for a thorough investigation. Dr. Leasca thanked the Board for their patience.

Anna Buggy, a 2010 graduate of the CCRI nursing program. Ms. Buggy is before the Board tonight to show her support for fellow students. When she was in the program there was the fear, and it saddens her to say that as a student, you would fear your professors. They held the students' future and careers in their hands. The students were the guinea pigs, we started in Nursing I with computerized testing, Nursing II we went to anytime/anyplace testing, but if we studied and took our test at home, they were not going to support us if we had something wrong with our computers. Nursing IV, the students went back to computerized testing, and Nursing V we were bumped from campus to campus. The students in Newport ended up taking exams at all different hours at the Warwick campus.

There is a lot of bullying within nursing. She did not want to believe it, but as she looks back she believes it started actually at the campus with some of the professors and it saddens her that some of the professors that she had that are going through some very difficult times at the school, Dr. Leasca was her Nursing I professor, and she can honestly say she believed in her when she did not believe in herself in Nursing I. She is here because of professors like her

that do not teach as a dictatorship, they look at us as individuals, we are adults. The bullying is very real at the College and she would like the Board to look into it further.

Lisa Jencks, Ms. Jencks is an emergency room nurse and also “embarrassed to say a former CCRI nursing student.” She signed on as a mother of three expecting to do a lot of work. She loves learning and has a passion for learning. She has been in the nursing field since she was 16 years old and had always wanted to be a nurse. She reiterated what the previous speakers said. The bullying that we were told also while we had the computerized testing we went the anytime/anywhere testing. As we verbalized our opinions, our fears and the problems we came across with the anytime/anywhere testing, we were told “this not a democracy, it is a dictatorship, and I am a dictator and you have to get over it.” That is not what we are supposed to be as nurses. The fact that we had two separate med-surge books in one of our semesters; part of the class was following through one med-surge book and the other part through another. There was no consistency. Trying to discuss this with your professors you were terrified – terrified to make a mistake, terrified that you would be held above other people, pinpointed. It was very scary for her. She would love to go back to school and further her education and is scared to death to have to go through what she had to go through then. It saddens her. She would like to be a nurse just like Dr. Leasca, she practices what she preaches. She added that these are the nurses that are going to be taking care of your parents some day and we are not able to go over our exams. She is currently in the nursing field taking care of people, and wonders how she knows if she did the right thing if she was not given the opportunity to review her test. She hopes the Board will look into the nursing program and fix some of the things that were wrong then and hopefully maybe the nursing profession and be professionalism again.

6. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Di Pasquale thanked all of the individuals who spoke during open forum and assured them that the Board will be looking into the nursing program and he will ask the Nursing Department to prepare a response as well.

Commissioner Di Pasquale’s report centered on a couple of items. The 2013 budget has been approved and although it is basically a flat line budget for the three institutions, the Office of Higher Education has been cut another \$200,000. In the legislation that passed, the structure now reads that the Board of Governors and the Board of Regents will cease to exist on January 1, 2013 and that the Office of Higher Education remains in place until June 30 of 2014. There is an executive board that has been established in the legislation as well, which will be made up of the three college presidents and the two commissioners and chaired by the Commissioner of Higher Education.

The 2014 capital budgets have been submitted by the three institutions and we will be presenting that to you sometime soon as the first piece will be brought to you at the Facilities, Finance & Management meeting on July 26th, where you will have an opportunity to discuss capital improvements at the three institutions.

In terms of academics, on Friday, June 8th, ninety-five leaders within Rhode Island, pre-K through 20 came together and discussed a new data hub policy and procedure.

Associate Commissioner Deborah Grossman-Garber added that the Rhode Island Data Hub is a new resource for the State of Rhode Island and for all of us as educators, as leaders, as policy makers to be able to look at large data sets and analyze them from different perspectives. The data hub is available at ri.datahub.org. It is run through the Providence Plan and provides us with aggregated data sets that have been matched between DCYF, Department of Health, Rhode Island Department of Education and Department of Higher Education. Last week another \$4 million was received from the United States Department of Education to build a state-of-the-art data warehouse for higher education in the state which is separate from the data hub but will allow us to connect more easily on particular data points. The Department of Labor and Training received \$1 million last week to create the same kind of connections and utility in its data warehouse systems. This is for the public and for all of us to enhance our knowledge about student pathways through education and what are the most effective means of educating our students.

Commissioner Di Pasquale continued with additional issues he wanted to bring to the Board's attention. Regarding the annual renewal of the 18 proprietary schools in the state, Governor Sherman and Governor Walsh have asked that we look at the policies overseeing the 18 proprietary schools to make sure that they are up to date. We will begin doing that once we have direction of how the Board would like that in a time frame. The report regulates the 18 schools and is pretty significant, appropriately so. An update will be given at the next meeting.

Commissioner Di Pasquale informed the Board that they are the Rhode Island state approving agency for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The Office of Higher Education monitors 29 different post-secondary schools and colleges in Rhode Island to ensure quality education and training programs under the Veterans Affairs Act.

Lastly, the Commissioner mentioned state authorization for distance learning. On October 29, 2010, the U.S. Department of Education published regulations that require institutions participating in Title IV financial aid programs must have obtained formal state authorization or exception to operate in the state in which the student is located. Since that time, the Office has responded to over 750 inquiries from other states about obtaining approval to operate distance learning in the State of Rhode Island.

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 suspend admission to the Bachelor of Science in Microbiology and to establish the Bachelor of Science in Cell and Molecular Biology

Governor Walsh stated that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee reviewed and approved at its May 2012 meeting a proposal from the University that concurrently seeks the suspension of admission to the Bachelor of Science in Microbiology degree and establishment

of a new Bachelor of Science in Cell and Molecular Biology. The new major will have tracks in microbiology, biotechnology, and biochemistry.

The Committee's review found that the University provided a clear rationale for the benefits of offering the new degree program and determined that the new major is likely to attract additional students to attend the University. Academic and Student Affairs Committee members recommend that the Board approve this program.

On a motion made by John Walsh and seconded by Jane Sherman it was

VOTED:

(Item 8a1)	THAT	the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the suspension of admission to the Bachelor of Science in Microbiology at the University of Rhode Island; and
	THAT	the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the establishment of a B.S. degree at the University of Rhode Island in Cell and Molecular Biology (CMB) with tracks in Microbiology, Biotechnology, and Biochemistry.
	Vote:	8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh
	NAYS:	0

2. Approval of a Proposal from Rhode Island College to establish the Bachelor of Arts in Youth Development

Governor Walsh indicated that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee reviewed, discussed and approved at its June 2012 meeting a proposal to offer a Bachelor of Arts degree in Youth Development at Rhode Island College. The new degree is intended to develop and educate youth workers in a variety of centers, including community centers, after school programs, community education programs and faith based programs. This proposed interdisciplinary program includes four academic areas: 1) education; 2) social work; 3) non-profit studies and 4) a minor selected by the student. The RIC proposal establishes that there is a clear need for educational programs that will prepare youth development workers. It also makes a persuasive case that the education of affected youth workers will have a positive impact on the pool of professionals, the youth being served and society as a whole. The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends Board approval of this proposal from Rhode Island College.

On a motion made by John Walsh and seconded by Tessa Constant it was

VOTED:

(Item 8a2) THAT the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Youth Development at Rhode Island College.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

3. Approval of a Proposal from Rhode Island College to establish the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education

Governor Walsh presented Item 8a3, a proposal from Rhode Island College to establish a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. The Committee reviewed and approved a proposal from Rhode Island College to offer a BS in Early Childhood Education. RIC has written that its current B.A./B.S. in Early Childhood Education, which is an option under the B.A./B.S. Elementary Education, requires revision because the program is no longer meeting the needs of the field of early childhood education. The proposed B.S. in Early Childhood Education better reflects the field of early childhood education and will create a stronger articulation with CCRI once the new JAA and transfer credits have been satisfactorily completed by the end of October, 2012. In addition, the new program will meet the new RIDE requirements for early childhood teacher certification by providing coursework for all early childhood teacher candidates and special education and teaching English as a second language. The new major will also provide a fifth year option to pursue dual certification and early childhood special education. The development of this new program appears to have been thoughtfully guided by an external advisory committee and also by the National Association for the Education of Young Children Professional Preparation Standards.

On a motion made by John Walsh and seconded by Antonio Barajas it was

VOTED:

(Item 8a3) THAT the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal to offer the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education at Rhode Island College, pending satisfactory completion of Early Childhood Education JAA and transfer plans no later than October 2012.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

4. Approval of a Proposal from Rhode Island College to establish the Bachelor of Science in Community Health and Wellness

Governor Walsh indicated that the Committee, at its June meeting, heard and approved a proposal from Rhode Island College to convert Rhode Island College's curricular option and community wellness to a standalone B.S. degree in Community Health and Wellness. The program's revised design, taking it from an option to a degree, reflects current theories and best practices in community health and wellness promotion. The proposed degree will include five areas of concentration: Community and Public Health Education, Health in Aging, Women's Health, Wellness and Movement Studies, and Recreation and Leisure Studies. RIC notes that the competencies required by the National Commission on Health Education credentialing for the Certified Health Education Specialist exam, are the foundation of the learning goals and objectives of the core courses in the proposed major.

On a motion made by John Walsh and seconded by Thomas Rockett it was

VOTED:

(Item 8a4) THAT the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal to offer the Bachelor of Science in Community Health and Wellness at Rhode Island College.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

5. Approval of a Proposal from the University of Rhode Island to offer a Redesigned Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

Governor Walsh presented the proposal from the University to offer a Redesigned full-time one-year Master of Business Administration program at URI's Providence Campus in the Shepard Building, which the Committee reviewed and approved in June. This proposal is

coming from the faculty at the College of Business Administration who have reviewed the current MBA program against the current market demands and also in response to URI's strategic academic plan. The redesigned MBA will draw students from any major. It is expected to be attractive to students who come from a wide variety of backgrounds and who desire business skills as they enter or continue on a career path in any industry. This redesign program will be delivered by a five faculty cohort which will amount to FTE faculty workload time. Current Kingston Campus faculty members will be assigned to teach in Providence. No additional faculty or staff will be required to run this program.

On a motion made by John Walsh and seconded by Jane Sherman it was

VOTED:

(Item 8a5) THAT the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the redesigned M.B.A. at the University of Rhode Island.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

b. Facilities, Finance and Management

1. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Governors/URI-Graduate School of Oceanography and Montauk Point Lighthouse Museum.

Chair Tikoian is away on business this evening. Chair Adrain called on Associate Commissioner for Finance and Management, Susan LaPanne, to present Item 8b1.

Associate Commissioner LaPanne indicated that Item 8b1 involves the URI's Graduate School of Oceanography's request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding in regard to the Montauk Point Lighthouse Museum as it relates to providing the maintenance facility for scientific equipment that is used in connection with the research project. The research is an ongoing project that involves the deployment of a mapping system which is entitled CODAR and it provides maps of the surface ocean currents. The Montauk Point Lighthouse Museum will not be charging the University for the use of this site for that storage and maintenance facility. However, it does require a certificate of insurance.

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

VOTED:

(Item 8b1) THAT the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Governors/URI-Graduate School of Oceanography and the Montauk Point Lighthouse Museum subject to review and approval by the State Properties Committee thereafter.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

2. Approval of the Henry Barnard School Tuition Rates for the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

Associate Commissioner LaPanne presented Item 8b2, the approval of the Henry Barnard School Tuition rates for the upcoming year, 2012-2013. President Carriuolo is requesting that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the tuition rates for the Henry Barnard School for this upcoming academic year. The rates recommended by President Carriuolo represent a 10% increase over current rates and have been vetted and approved by the Henry Barnard School Tuition Rate Setting Committee.

The Facilities, Finance & Management Committee reviewed the tuition increase request last year and at that time Vice President, William Gearhart of Rhode Island College, had indicated that business plan at RIC is looking to make the Henry Barnard School financially self-sufficient within the upcoming five years. The Committee had significant discussion at its meeting on May 31st, and in regard to that discussion subsequently resolved to bring to the Board for consideration the approval of the tuition rates for the Henry Barnard School for the 2012-2013 academic year as presented, with the condition that they elongate the plan of self-sustainability for the institution.

The following motion was made by Thomas Rockett and seconded by Jane Sherman:

(Item 8b2) THAT the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the tuition rates for the Henry Barnard School for the 2012-2013 academic year as presented, with the condition that they elongate the plan of self-sustainability for the institution.

Discussion continued on the approval of the tuition rate for the Henry Barnard School. Chair Adrain asked why tuition for the lower grades was in excess of the amount the school charged for the higher grades? President of the Henry Barnard School, Dr. Lou Lloyd-Zannini, responded that the higher rate at the lower levels is simply in response to staffing. To maintain appropriate child to faculty ratios more personnel is required in the lower grades.

Governor Walsh asked for clarification on the motion as it reads "with the condition that *they* elongate the plan of self-sustainability for the institution." He asked, "Who is the *they* in the motion?"

Associate Commissioner Susan LaPanne answered Rhode College; Governor Mancuso's answer was the Henry Barnard School.

Associate Commissioner LaPanne stated that the business plan was promoted by the College and the Henry Barnard School entered into that business plan, as Rhode Island College had originally given the directive to the School.

Chair Adrain asked whether the idea behind the school being a teaching laboratory for Rhode Island College was also that it be a financially independent and self-supporting entity. Associate Commissioner LaPanne responded that that was correct.

Governor Walsh asked who is writing the plan, the College or the School? Vice President Gearhart responded that the responsibility ultimately lies with the College, but is it done in conjunction with the Henry Barnard School.

Governor Mancuso suggested that the motion be amended. Her understanding from the Facility, Finance & Management Committee, where substantial debate was had, was that the Henry Barnard School was going to articulate how they would be self-sufficient without raising tuition from year to year and then bring that to the College.

Vice President Gearhart indicated that his recollection was somewhat different. He believed that what the College was looking to mitigate what looked to be ongoing higher tuition rate increases, so in order to do that, rather than have a five year plan to self-sufficiency, the request was to move that plan out longer than five years, maybe to ten years and that would then allow for smaller tuition rate increases.

Governor Mancuso stated that her understanding was that it was starting with Henry Barnard, but starting at the College is fine. Whoever is going to do it, we need to have it very clear as to who is responsible.

Chair Adrain inquired as to the degree of subsidy of the college and Vice President Gearhart responded that last year the operating shortfall was in excess of \$1 million dollars. Last year's tuition increase was about seven percent. That increase along with some cost containment activity by the College and looking forward, brought the shortfall down to below \$1 million dollars. At a ten percent increase per year, we would be looking at about five years to break even. With a smaller percentage rate increase, the plan would stretch out beyond five years.

On the motion, as amended, made by Governor Walsh and seconded by Governor Mancuso it was

VOTED:

(Item 8b2) THAT the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the tuition rates for the Henry Barnard School for the 2012-2013 academic year as presented, with the condition that Rhode Island College and Henry Barnard School together elongate the plan of self-sustainability for the institution.

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 1 member voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh

NAYS: Tessa Constant

3. Approval of the establishment of a Revenue Credit Account and the conversion of the RIBGHE's Retirement Plan assets in TIAA-CREF mutual funds from the Retirement Share Class to the Institutional Share Class.

Associate Commissioner LaPanne indicated that as the Board of Governors are aware, the Board maintains its own 403(b) retirement plan for its employees. There are currently three vendors who supply investment portfolios for participants and who do significant work with the employees to ensure that they have advice, guidance, and investment opportunity with their portfolios. The three vendors include TIAA-CREF, MetLife and Valic. Of these three vendors, TIAA-CREF maintains the largest amount of employee assets at approximately \$1.2 billion as of December 31, 2011.

Because of the highly competitive market for such vendors, TIAA-CREF has been engaged in significant transformational change. As part of this process, they implemented a new plan based recordkeeping system and pricing approach in 2011 that is responsive to both the changing needs of their client base and the regulatory environment. The change in plan will assign the costs of running the individual plan programs to the individual plan itself. In the past, TIAA-CREF maintained all of its expenditures companywide in a single data base. Now they are identifying them to the individual plans. Because of that and because we are a significant plan within their institution, if we change our record keeping process, we are going to enjoy, significant savings and expenditures which will give all of our participants an increased revenue credit which will go for the payment of plan expenses or will go to the direct credit of our individual participants. By understanding our plan's specific costs, we will receive our exact credit as opposed to a blended rate credit which has been the way TIAA-CREF did business in the past. With the proper authorization from the Board of Governors, this revenue credit will be established as an account in the appropriate plans and funded with the applicable dollar amounts per plan. For the 2011 calendar year, this revenue credit is approximately \$840,000, because of our plan expenses being properly identified to our specific plan.

The second part of the change to our TIAA-CREF account is the conversion of our mutual funds from a retirement share class to an institutional share class and in essence, in mutual fund terms, this means that we will enjoy savings at the time mutual funds are purchased on behalf of participants.

Both of the changes being requested will provide our participants with additional revenue without any decrease in service. We need to have documentation to have our record keeping services agreement in order to open our revenue credit account for the benefit of our participants and then to make the change from the retirement share class to the institutional classification.

On a motion made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Jane Sherman it was

VOTED:

(Item 8b3) THAT the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the establishment of a Revenue Credit Account and the conversation of the TIAA-CREF mutual funds from a Retirement Share Class structure to an Institutional Share Class Structure.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

4. Approval of updates to the Board of Governors' 403(b) plan with a report of the financial impact.

Associate Commissioner LaPanne stated that at the Facilities, Finance & Management Committee meeting of January 12, 2012, General Counsel Cavallaro and Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations, reported on a legal opinion that they had requested from the Board's tax counsel in regard to the universal application for the Board's 403(b) defined contribution plan. Specifically, what they inquired about was whether the General Laws of Rhode Island in any way violate state or federal law with a request for the revisions that might be advisable to be compliant with federal law mandating that our 403(b) is administered universally. RI General Law §16-17.1-2 requires that participation in a program such as the RIBGHE 403(b) plan is mandatory upon reaching eligibility. Our attorney, David Morganelli, analyzed the Rhode Island law, the federal law as well as the language of our 403(b) Defined Contribution Plan and amended certain language in the current plan in order to strengthen it. The reason for the delay between the January 12th meeting of the Facilities, Finance & Management Committee, was because the committee members had asked for all three institutions to perform an analysis of the financial impact that those language changes might have in costs. It was discovered that system wide there would be an approximate \$150,000 increase in costs related to those language changes.

On a motion made by Jane Sherman and seconded by Antonio Barajas it was

VOTED:

(Item 8b4) THAT the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approves and adopts Exhibit C amending certain language in its Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education Defined Contribution Retirement 403(b) Plan.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

c. Government Relations

Governor Mancuso reiterated Commissioner Di Pasquale's earlier update that the Board will cease to exist as of January, 2013. We don't know yet what integration of the two boards is, although it has to be completed by January 1st. Governor Mancuso suggested that any member of the Board that is interested in being considered by the Governor to the 11 member board make your interest known to Steve Hourahan at the Governor's Office for reappointment.

Unfortunately, the approval of the bond referendum for the proposed Joint Nursing School did not occur, but Governor Mancuso was happy to report that the URI, RIC and CCRI's budgets survived virtually intact. However, the office of Higher Education was cut again and the funding for the College Crusade was cut going forward.

On a good note, no action was taken on legislation to reverse the Board's decision on in-state tuition for undocumented students. No action was taken in the legislature to make it actual legislation going forward. During particularly this legislative season, as compared to last year, the Committee spent between 20 and 25 hours a week working on different legislative issues and responding as needed. Government Relations has another significant issue which is the issue of arming campus police which has also been on our agenda. With a volunteer board, there truly is just so much that can be done. Governor Mancuso wanted to point out that as Chairman of the Committee, she has personally met with all of the stakeholders in the issue of arming campus police. She does not expect that Government Relations Committee is going to make a recommendation to this Board. She anticipates on submitting a report as to the findings to update the report of 2010. At this point, she would see the issue of arming campus police held up because of the significant financial aspect of what it is going to take to properly arm going forward.

Chair Adrain took this opportunity to clarify for the Board the budget amendments by the Legislature with respect to the nursing building facility. As Chair Adrain understands it, there

were two alternative financing scenarios – a bond financing as a backup and a private-public partnership as the lead idea. The legislature did not feel confident enough in the details of a bond financing structure for the nursing education center, so they dropped that from the budget. They did, however, accommodate the maintenance and improvement items that had been identified by URI and RIC in their nursing programs. With respect to URI, it was accommodated in capital expenditure portion of the budget, and in the case of RIC, it was accommodated in their overall bond package proposal.

Governor Mancuso stated that in her opinion, the joint nursing facility was voted down based on the non-funding of it. There were improvements in the budget for the facilities at Rhode Island College and at URI, but there is not going to be a new nursing building at RIC and there is no joint nursing building that is going to happen as was proposed in the feasibility study.

Commissioner Di Pasquale explained that the bond issue is off the table. RIC received \$50 million for renovations, which include renovating the current nursing facility. URI has also been allocated, through a different funding mechanism, renovation money for White Hall. There have been comments that have been made in the paper that the public-private partnership is potentially still on the table.

Vice President at Rhode Island College, Ronald Pitt added that RIC is on the ballot for a \$50 million dollar referendum. Ninety percent of that money goes to Craig Lee and Gaike Hall renovations, the College's two largest classroom buildings. These buildings do not house nursing. The other \$6 million dollars goes for improvements to the Fogarty Life Sciences building which houses biology, nursing and other allied health programs. Unfortunately, RIC does not get a new nursing building.

d. Personnel

Governor Mancuso reported that the Personnel Committee met on June 12, 2012. The upcoming annual evaluations of Presidents Dooley and Carriolo were discussed, as well as the contract renewal evaluation of President/Commissioner Di Pasquale. The Committee will begin the evaluation process in late summer, early fall. The Committee also discussed and reviewed the outstanding terms of President Dooley's contract, the negotiations of which are ongoing. The Committee will continue to monitor and review this matter as it proceeds.

e. Quality, Continuous Improvement and Innovation

No report given.

f. Student Advisory

Chair Constant reported that the Student Advisory Committee met on April 18th. An informal meeting was also held on May 16th with the various campus CCRI presidents.

President Seagal at URI reported that the University hosted a press conference for US Senator Reed who is opposing the proposed doubling of Stafford Loan interest rates effective in

July. President Seagal and other students testified in opposition and started a letter writing campaign. URI also reported that more than 2,000 URI students have signed a petition opposing tuition increases.

Mr. Martin from the Graduate Assistants United reported on their behalf. The GAU's primary concern is their contract. Mr. Martin stated that unlike other collective bargaining units, GAU's funding comes out of URI's budget, not state. He hopes that that their contract will be approved separately. The GAU act as a liaison between faculty and students providing vital and valuable mentoring and research to the University.

CCRI – Providence, President Lewis reported on HR 4170, the Student Loan Forgiveness Act. Members were encouraged to contact their senators and representatives in support of that bill.

CCRI – Lincoln, reported that the Police Academy was taking up a huge amount of space in the cafeteria. It was recommended that the concerns of the Student Advisory Committee be conveyed to President Di Pasquale, Colonel O'Donnell and Chief Silva so to make them aware of the tensions arising from the students. Representative student leaders Lombardi and Patano reported that CCRI Warwick is the only campus that has a student union. Bylaws for policies and procedures for the area were recently adopted. The Student Union Committee is working on the development and is speaking with administrators about the proposed expansion recently adopted by-laws for policies and procedures for the area.

All members agreed to sit down with the deans and vice presidents as well as incoming students to inform them of their appointments to the committee and their important role on it. There was a motion made and unanimously passed to create a Facebook and Twitter presence for the Student Advisory Committee. The Advisory Group decided to have a summer planning meeting around mid-August. This meeting would lay out the Student Advisory Committee's goals for the 2012/2013 academic year.

Lastly, Governor Constant expressed her distain at the egregious decision made by the members of the General Assembly on the night of June 7th, 2012, in voting to change the face of all public education in Rhode Island. This change in governance is irresponsible and reprehensible. In addition to the elimination of the Board and the extraordinary and hard-working people at the Office of Higher Education, to add insult to injury, this immediate change in governance leaves no student voice.

9. ADDITIONAL CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Adrain indicated that there are two items on today's consent agenda:

- a. Approval of Awarding of Tenure by the University of Rhode Island

President Dooley stated that this item reflects the University's request that the Board approve the recommendations made by the University of Rhode Island in regard to faculty who have gone through a very rigorous review process and have been recommended for tenure at the University of Rhode Island. The Board has received the names of the individuals, Dr. Dooley believes that each and every name has demonstrated the qualities in teaching, research

and service which more than justifies their promotion and award of tenure.

Governor Rockett noted that the information provided to the Board on the individuals to receive tenure was incredibly impressive.

On a motion made by Jane Sherman and seconded by John Walsh it was

VOTED:

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

Effective July 1, 2012 (Consequent to Promotion)

Kristine M. Bovy, Associate Professor, Sociology and Anthropology
Rebecca N. Brown, Associate Professor, Plant Science and Entomology
Lisa Cohen, Associate Professor, Pharmacy
Mark Comerford, Associate Professor, Mathematics
Peter Covino, Associate Professor, English
Haibo He, Asso. Professor, Electrical, Computer, and Biomedical Engineering
Niall Howlett, Department of Cell and Molecular Biology
Helen Huang, Asso. Professor, Electrical, Computer, and Biomedical Engineering
Mary Healey Jamiel, Associate Professor, Film Media & Communication Studies
Kate Jelinek, Associate Professor, Accounting & Information Systems
Bethany D. Jenkins, Associate Professor, Cell and Molecular Biology
Tiffani S. Kisler, Associate Professor, Human Development & Family Studies
Zahra Meghani, Associate Professor, Philosophy
Suzanne Menden-Deuer, Associate Professor, Oceanography
Evan Preisser, Associate Professor, Biology
Martha Elena Rojas, Associate Professor, English
Christopher Roman, Associate Professor, Geosciences
Brian Savage, Associate Professor, Geosciences
Yinjiao Ye, Associate Professor, Communication Studies

Effective July 1, 2012 (Tenure Only)

Wayne Wenchao He, Asso. Prof., Modern & Classical Languages & Literatures

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa
Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane
Sherman, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

b. Recommendation of the Personnel Review Committee (PRC)

Dr. Dooley explained that the recommendations of the Personnel Review Committee are in response to a restructuring at the University of Rhode Island that began once their current Vice President for Advancement, Robert Beagle, announced his retirement this June. Those kinds of changes in senior leadership frequently provide opportunities for an institution to take a

hard look on how it is structured and to think through whether that structure makes sense going forward. In this case, we looked at that and decided that this was the right time to restructure the administration at the University of Rhode Island to eliminate a vice president's position. There will not be a successor to Robert Beagle at the University. There will no longer be a Division of Advancement in the University of Rhode Island's administrative structure. Instead, the units that previously comprised the advancement division will be re-allocated to various other administrative functions at the institution. Over time, the University will see some significant cost savings, and those changes will provide a more efficient administrative structure. Key elements of this proposal are for the Alumni Association to report joint reports to the President of the URI foundation and to President Dooley. It will lead the communications, publications, marketing and branding group to again be a direct presidential report and it will lead to the advancement management functions of the University, also being a presidential report. These changes reflect that new structure in the sense that we need to create a position for day-to-day manager of the Group that will handle communications, publications, public relations, that will be the executive director position and it involves the upgrade of one position inside the President's Office to reflect the new supervisory and management responsibilities that that individual will take on with the entire advanced management structure reporting into the President's office.

Commissioner Di Pasquale explained that with the many college projects across the Community College's four campuses that are happening, it has come to have a great need for a College Projects Manager. There is no such position to oversee any of the projects at the institution. We are creating a new position to oversee all of the College's projects so that they may be properly managed.

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

VOTED:

(Item 9a) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the Personnel Review Committee's recommendations as follows:

At the University of Rhode Island:

- Reclassify Senior Assistant to the President (Grade 14) (\$55,493 -- \$118,801) to Chief of Staff (Grade 16 (\$64,713 -- \$139,372));
- Establish a new classification, Executive Director, Communication & Community Relations (Grade 16) (\$64,713 -- \$139,372).

At the Community College of Rhode Island:

- Establish a new classification, College Projects Manager, (BOG) (Grade 14) (\$55,493 -- \$118,801).

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

a. CCRI

President Di Pasquale described some of the highlights he shared in his handout with the Board describing most of the activities that have happened at the College since commencement.

Most recently, the President stated, the College hosted Congressman Langevin and Senator Whitehouse when they had a press conference at our institution to launch the \$3.4 million grant that is better known as PACE (Pathways to Advance Career Education), designed to help 600 unemployed workers to acquire skills in a very short time in the healthcare and information technology areas. We had members from the Department of Labor, Tech Collective and healthcare agencies available along with Senator Whitehouse and Congressman Langevin.

The college hosted the first-ever Mission of Mercy event on June 2nd and 3rd. The event provided free dental care to over 800 Rhode Islanders across the State, which show the dire need for Rhode Islanders in these difficult times. More than 450 dental professional from Rhode Island volunteered their services. There were also about 350 community volunteers as well as many CCRI students, staff and alumni.

In closing, President Di Pasquale proudly called attention to the College's great successes accomplished by the athletic teams that just competed. The men's baseball team made it all the way to the national finals, the World Series, and the tennis team finished second in the nation. Runner Bobby Allen placed first in the NJCAA Division III tournament running the 1,500 meter race.

b. URI

President Dooley briefly presented the announcement of the receipt by the University of a nearly \$14 million dollar three-year grant to promote new health outcomes studies. This is a very innovative proposal in a program that is designed to enhance wellness and healthcare delivery to people by putting together new kinds of partnerships.

President Dooley asked Provost DeHayes to speak briefly on the scope and the vision of this proposal and what the next steps will be.

Provost DeHayes explained that the award (roughly \$14 million) from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, is a highly competitive award, only one was awarded to the State of Rhode Island although there were several applications from the State. Nationally, there

were 19 awarded. The principal investigator of the award is Elaina Goldstein from the College of Pharmacy and also college faculty from the College of Nursing, Human Science & Services, College of Business and Arts & Sciences along with numerous healthcare delivery partners throughout the state. The formal press conference is set for the 23rd of July, and everyone will be invited to attend. The gain in revenue both to the University and to the State is worth noting, and that this particular grant is right down the main stream of what the University of Rhode Island is becoming and hopes to continue to become.

Dr. Dooley reported on the recent trip that he and the University's rowing team made to the Henley Women's Regatta, which precedes the Henley Royal Regatta by about a week, held in England. This event includes crews that represent Olympians, near Olympians national teams, and national junior teams from several countries and Europe. Four teams this year were invited to participate from the United States. The University's Women's Rowing Team was invited to participate. Dr. Dooley and his wife were named Honorary Coaches for the event. The team rowed the second fastest time of the entire day. The team acquitted itself very well both in a variety of informal events and in the competition.

c. RIC

In President Carriuolo's absence, Dr. Ronald Pitt, provided the Board with a report on Rhode Island College:

Commencement exercises were held on May 19th and featured the largest number of graduates ever, 1,478, breaking the old record of 1347 set in 1995.

The interior renovations of the Yellow Cottage on East Campus are almost completed.

There will be a ribbon cutting on East Campus for the renovated Recreation Center, including the Ivy Locke Terrace and the Yellow Cottage, during the second week of classes in September.

RIC will have a ribbon cutting for the new bus shelter located in front of Roberts Hall during the week of homecoming.

The Art Center renovations are now well underway. The \$1 million dollar gift from Alex and Ani that was approved by the Board of Governors has now been approved by the House, Senate, and the Governor.

The College received this past week a donation of a sculpture from Cathy Quinn whose husband was Anthony Quinn, actor and artist.

Mt. Ida College is a small private co-educational undergraduate and graduate institution in Newton, MA that offers approximately 1,400 full and part-time students a strong liberal arts and career focused education. President Carriuolo has been nominated for a position on its Board of Trustees. The President of American Association of State Colleges and Universities notes that it is not unusual for a public college president to be asked to serve on the board of an independent college that is in a nearby state and is not recruiting from the same student body. President Carriuolo would like to pursue this opportunity, barring any objection from the Board.

Since 1986 the College has offered a major in political science with a concentration in public administration that can be declared by a RIC student only as a second major. RIC hereby notifies the Board of a change in status so that the students will be able to declare their sole major to be a B.A. in public administration that would increase the visibility of the program and strengthen student credentials.

Established in the spring of 1977, the Women's Studies Program has the distinction of being one of the first programs of its kind in the nation. The discipline however has changed and it is moved beyond the singular goal of discovering and recovering the position of women to aim toward the social production and reproduction of gender more generally. Faculty felt it would be appropriate to change the name of the program. A survey of students indicated they fully supported that. Therefore the college notifies the Board that the program title of Women's Studies is changed to Gender and Women's Studies, and a B.A. in Women's Studies is a B.A. in Gender and Women's Studies.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- a) Collective bargaining/litigation pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2)-Pending ULPs (AAUP, GAU);
- b) Collective Bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2)-Process/Procedure (All 14 Bargaining Units); and
- c) Collective Bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2)-All 14 Bargaining Units.

On a motion duly made by John Walsh and seconded by Joan Abrams 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: 8 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

After a short break, the Board convened in Executive Session at 7:40 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; Susan LaPanne, Associate Commissioner for Finance & Management; Michael Trainor, Special Assistant to the Commissioner, Deborah Grossman-Garber, Associate Commissioner for Academic Planning and Policy, and Michael D. Chittick, Esquire, Adler, Pollock & Sheehan

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:03 p.m.

Governor Walsh rejoined the meeting at this time.

On a motion duly made by Jane Sherman and seconded by John Walsh it was

VOTED:

THAT the matter of the ratification of the Graduate Assistants United (GAU) be placed on the Agenda for the next Board meeting to be scheduled.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

On a motion duly made by Jane Sherman and seconded by Joan Abrams it was

VOTED:

THAT Anne Marie Coleman report back to the Board on Collective Bargaining at the next Board of Governors meeting.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

On a motion duly made by Joan Abrams and seconded by Thomas Rockett it was

VOTED:

THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education seal the minutes of the executive session held this evening.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

Governor Sherman asked that there be one more motion that in the interim Anne Marie Coleman consult with the executive committee, the Chair, the Vice Chair and the Secretary.

General Counsel Cavallaro responded that he thought that it was said that this motion was not necessary.

Governor Sherman indicated that she thought that was what was said would be voted on when the Board went back in to open session. She asked, "have we changed our minds?"

The motion was not seconded.

13. NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, August 20, 2012, 5:30 p.m. at University of Rhode Island, W. Alton Jones Campus, West Greenwich

Monday, September 24, 2012, 5:30 p.m. at Community College of Rhode Island, Board Room 4090, Warwick

14. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion duly made by Thomas Rockett and seconded by Joan Abrams it was

VOTED:

THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education adjourn.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Sherman, Secretary