



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, August 20, 2012, at University of Rhode Island, W. Alton Jones Campus, West Greenwich, 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, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, John Walsh and Joseph White

Absent: George Caruolo, and Thomas Rockett

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

On a motion duly made by William Maaia and seconded by Tessa Constant it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education accept the revised agenda for the meeting of August 20, 2012.

Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative and 1 member voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, John Walsh and Joseph White

NAYS: Eva-Marie Mancuso

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Meeting of June 25, 2012

On a motion duly made by Antonio Barajas and seconded by Joan Abrams it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the minutes of the June 25, 2012 meeting.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

b. Special Meeting of July 23, 2012

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Joan Abrams it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the minutes of the July 23, 2012 special meeting.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

3. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Adrain welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He thanked President Dooley, the University's staff and Whispering Pines for hosting tonight's Board meeting.

Later in the meeting, Chair Adrain referred to a letter from Governor Chaffee addressed to Chair Adrain regarding the waiver issue and a concern on the Governor's part that there be some level of transparency in the way waivers are distributed as a benefit. As part of Chair Adrain's response to Governor Chaffee, he indicated to the Governor that his concern with respect to the tuition waivers was a good suggestion for the Board to take on as a question. He has asked that the Presidents and the staff take up this question over the next month so that a presentation can be made on the technical issues associated with the Governor's recommendation.

5. OPEN FORUM

Chair Adrain noted that two individuals had signed up to speak during open forum.

The first speaker was Lt. Michael Chalek of the University of Rhode Island's Campus Police Department. Lt. Chalek has been with the Department for the past seven years, previously having served on the Cranston Police Department for 27 years, retiring as Chief of Police. For the last few months Lt. Chalek has attended some of the meetings of the Government Relations Committee chaired by Governor Mancuso and also some meetings regarding the issue of arming the campus police. Governor Mancuso and Michael Trainor of the Office of Higher Education have worked on putting together a proposal that may work well in the future to arming the police at the three institutions. Under the circumstances, due to the situation with the Board, Governor Mancuso's plan would probably not be completed in the four months left. At the last Government Relations Committee meeting a resolution was introduced granting the Presidents the right to pursue arming campus police at their discretion. Should any

of the Presidents consider doing so, they will need to come up with the funding to do so. Lt. Chalek supports the resolution and feels that anything that can be done to foster this along is important. He believes that the issue of arming campus police is too important an issue to wait. If this goes to another Board, Lt. Chalek fears that the new Board may have some challenges that this Board did not have and it may be years before this issue is raised again.

The second speaker, Ramona Skelly, addressed the Board on behalf of the CCRI Faculty Association with regard to the tentative agreement the Board will be looking at this evening. Ms. Skelly indicated that she and the Association appreciate the efforts of Anne Marie Coleman and Robert Walsh of the NEA-RI to put together what will be brought before the Board this evening. Ms. Skelly asked that the Board consider the proposal positively.

At this time, Chair Adrain noted that there was one additional individual who wished to address the Board.

Dr. James Prochaska, Director of the Cancer Prevention Research Center ("CPRC") at the University of Rhode Island, addressed the Board with regard to its policy on overhead funds. Dr. Prochaska feels that the kind of input that he and other Principal Investigators wish to have regarding this policy should have been done prior to it coming before the Board. Dr. Prochaska feels that there are very important issues that are not covered within the policy. He does not feel that this is the proper forum to discuss this with the Board and does not believe that the Board will have an opportunity to take the time to really make a case for some of the serious problems that may emerge from this proposal. He is aware that there will be a meeting that will include faculty and principal investigators' input, and asked: if those discussions changed this policy significantly, would it come back to the Board for discussion before it can be voted on? Dr. Prochaska pointed out some of the things that the Center has done with its indirect funds. They have built a nearly 20,000 sq. foot building with not one dollar from the state or the University. He noted that the CPRC is paying for the bonds each month from the Center's indirect monies and the Center needs to continue to be paying the bonds. The Center has built an administrative and finance support system within our Center that does not just serve the Center's faculty; it serves growing numbers of other faculty. If the Center's funding is reduced, the Center will no longer be able to continue to support the number of faculty it has, and this will do damage to the success of the Center.

6. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Di Pasquale reported on the 2014 Capital Improvement Plan. The three institutions have submitted their five-year Capital Improvement Plans to the Office for review, analysis, and consolidation. Because the Facilities, Finance, and Management Committee did not meet in July, this capital budget will be presented directly to the full Board at this evening's meeting. The projected budget is \$1.3 billion: \$1.03 million at the University; \$156.1 million at the College and \$1.8 million at the Community College. Upon approval, the capital budget goes to the State Budget Office for inclusion in the State's Capital Improvement plan prepared by the Governor for submission and consideration by the legislature.

The three institutions and the Office are currently working on their 2014 Operating Budgets with the anticipation that the consolidated budget for Rhode Island public higher education will be presented for review to the Facilities, Finance, and Management Committee on September 27th. The budgets being presented reflect zero percent for tuition increases. After the Committee's review and with its recommendation, the Board will receive the budget at its October 29th meeting.

Through the Governor's Office and the Office of Higher Education, the Office's Internal Audit unit is working with the Bureau of Audits on a full system audit of the tuition waiver approval system in each of the three institutions. This audit will look at both employee and statutory tuition waivers to ensure compliance with both statutes and internal policies.

The 2012 external audit has started. The system is approaching fiscal year end with the culmination of the cycle on September 30th. At that time, the audited financial statements of all three institutions are due at the State Controller's Office for inclusion in the state's single audit.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of FY 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Plan

Associate Commissioner Susan LaPanne presented and reviewed with the Board a PowerPoint presentation of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the period 2014-2018. This plan combines the Capital Improvement Programs for the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island. The Board's Capital Improvement Plan lists both continuing projects and new projects.

Dr. LaPanne explained the process and time table followed for the annual submission of the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

There are a total of sixty-eight (68) projects included in this five-year plan. Of those continuing and new projects, sixty-one (61) are classified as continuing projects, and seven (7) are classified as new projects. The total projected capital cost for these projects for the period FY 2014 through FY 2018 is \$1.3 billion. The requests are as follows:

- The University has requested \$1.03 billion to support 43 projects. Of those 43 projects, 7 are new requests totaling \$159.5 million.
- Rhode Island College is requesting \$156.10 million. This request is for pre-existing projects. There are no new projects proposed in this CIP for Rhode Island College.
- The Community College has made a request of \$112.8 million. This request is for pre-existing projects. There are no new projects proposed in this CIP for the Community College as well.

Dr. LaPanne indicated that in some cases the projects listed for Rhode Island College and the Community College may not have been started but have been included in prior 5-year period reports.

On a motion duly made by Amy Beretta and seconded by Joan Abrams it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the FY 2014 through FY 2018 Capital Improvement Plan as presented.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

b. Discussion of a Change to the RIBGHE's Overhead Policy and Regulation on Indirect Cost Recovery at URI.

President Dooley is requesting that the Board review this request at this evening's meeting with consideration for action at the September 24th meeting. Over the coming months, the University will be spending time with faculty leadership to review details and proposed implementation of this policy, should it be approved by the Board, in a way that is fully consistent with the University's commitment to shared governance. The University has already met and will continue to meet with the faculty senate executive committee. This item will be brought before the research council which is another faculty administrative group and staff group charged with overseeing research policies at the institution. The University will also present the plans and its rationale going forward to the University's budget council, which is a faculty, staff and student organization, to make sure that it is fully explained; and the University hopes that a broad consensus of support emerges from that process. Should that not happen, the University will come before the Board in September with either a largely amended version or rethink the entire quest.

President Dooley is confident that there will be a very broad-based consensus on campus that this policy is in the best interest of the University of Rhode Island. The current policy, although it looks to provide some concrete specificity, actually has a very serious structural flaw. The very first clause, which states "the full cost of sponsored project administration as determined by the President will be reimbursed annually from the indirect cost recoveries," essentially says that there is no boundary other than the President's determination of what the institution will spend on sponsored projects' administration. President Dooley does not believe that this is the policy that the University wishes to have going forward, and does not think that a determination of that sort should reside solely in any particular office of the University. A process that instead fixes the amount to be spent on sponsored projects' administration will be fixed at a percentage of the indirect cost actually received by the institution. The University will continue to cover those costs. The percentage the University has estimated it will take to do that is about eighteen (18%) percent.

The basic premise of the request is that the Board of Governors should set an overarching policy and expectations and ask for annual accountability and reports on how the University is spending its resources to foster research and teaching at the institution. However, President Dooley believes that the best people to make the decisions on how the University ought to allocate recovered indirect costs from research are the individuals at the institution, its leadership, and, through its shared governance processes, its faculty and staff. Operationally, President Dooley believes this is a much better system to a rapidly changing research environment. The current system takes a two-month, two-meeting process and approval by the Board. He believes strongly that the decisions on how the University ought to spend these funds should be campus-based and that the University should be accountable, transparent to the Board, while the Board should be able to set policy guidelines for what goals the University might try to achieve. Once that is complete, President Dooley feels the University should be allowed to manage them proactively over each year to further the objectives of the University within the guidelines that the Board has established.

The University will provide the Board with an annual report on the distribution of overhead funds. They anticipate that these funds will provide increased support for such things as scientific equipment, lab and facility improvements, faculty startups, and required matching funds.

Governor Mancuso asked if the report would be done prospectively or as a recap of what was done?

In response, President Dooley indicated that the University could do both. In fact, at the September meeting the University will bring before the Board the proposed distribution for the coming year. At the end of the year, President Dooley will come back to the Board and report what was in fact done and how the funds were allocated.

Governor Sherman asked whether the report would also include the source of the funds as well as the name of the division that the grant had been given to.

President Dooley explained that the funds are distributed to where the principal investigator is located; the largest single percentage of allocation will go back to the college where that principal investigator resides. The colleges have their own policies with regard to how they internally distribute amongst departments, principal investigators, etc.

Governor Takoian inquired whether the Office of Management and Budget dictates what the maximum overhead can be for a research institution.

President Dooley responded that the Federal Office of Management and Budget has guidelines but each University has a cognizant federal agency with which the institution works to set its overall indirect cost recovery rate. For the University of Rhode Island it is the Office of Health and Human Services. The process is negotiated with them, but unfortunately the Office of Management and Budget does not require all federal agencies to pay the agreed-upon overhead rate. However, it is a federally mandated process that the institution has to go through to arrive at the institution's negotiated overhead rate. The University's is fifty-two (52%) percent at the maximum.

Governor Tikoian understands where President Dooley wants the flexibility. He assumes that when President Dooley refers to investing back with the faculty, he is referring to investing back with the faculty either in training or increases or better resources.

President Dooley concurred and added that reinvesting can take several directions. For example, a faculty member may get a new grant that is for operation, supplies and personnel. That faculty member may actually need some minor or more substantial modifications to research facilities in order to conduct that work. Those modifications can be made from recovered indirect costs. Some proposals have an increased chance of success if there are matching funds put on the table by the institution with the agency. Again, the University can use re-allocated indirect costs for that purpose. Indirect costs can also be used to support faculty research directly.

Governor Tikoian reiterated that he understands the University's request for flexibility but feels that by not placing a maximum percentage in the policy, that would allow management to dictate to some degree whether they like the grant or not. This would allow for some discouragement by increasing the overhead rate and not leaving enough for the actual research. Governor Tikoian added that he tries to look at policies no matter who the people are,

and noted that he trusts the management in place, but asked if the management in place changes, is this a fair policy for everyone down the road?

President Dooley responded that there are two possible approaches. One is the approach Governor Takoian suggested, to stipulate it in writing by policy, which has some advantages. However, President Dooley indicated that he prefers an alternative approach in which you hold the institution accountable for its performance and particularly you hold the leadership of the institution accountable for their performance

Governor Beretta asked that the University come back to the Board in September with their written policy. One concern Governor Beretta has is that there are going to be potential significant changes from year to year. She feels it is important to have something in writing regarding the University's mission or governing principal and how the University is going to allocate these sums.

President Dooley stated that he will provide a schedule of the proposed percentage distribution with the goals and principles of what the University would like to achieve by investing these funds.

Governor Constant asked that prior to the September 24th meeting, President Dooley makes available to the Board any dissenting opinions, should they exist, with an inclusion of why they dissented. President Dooley indicated that he would provide a summary of the meetings, consultations and outcomes of those meetings prior to the September 24th meeting.

Governor White asked how much money is involved per year, and if it is a large sum of money, is it worth doing a semi-annual report to this board?

President Dooley responded that it is north of \$15 million in growth annually.

Governor Mancuso concurred with Governor White's suggestion that the Board be presented with a semi-annual report. She added that this would be some type of a check-in review so that it is not only on an annual basis.

President Dooley responded that he has no objection to reporting back to the board with a bi-annual report. He will build the bi-annual report into the budget that he will be presenting the Board with on the September 24th meeting. He clarified that once the allocation has been determined, it will be on a year by year basis, to allow for stability and planning ahead.

Chair Adrain suggested that President Dooley provide the board with some type of illustration comparing how this policy works today and what his recommended changes would be so that the Board can see clearly what the difference is and obtain some sense of what the best practices are showing comparison models and considerations. He would also like President Dooley to provide the Board with a summary of the dissenting opinions and their rationale for their dissent.

8. BOG COMMITTEE REPORTS and RELATED CONSENT AGENDA

At the request of Governor Walsh and with no objection from the Board, Items 8a2 was heard before Item 8a1.

a. Academic and Student Affairs

1. (Item 8a2) Approval of a Proposal from the *School for Allied Massage and Ayurveda (SAMA)* to operate as a Proprietary School in Rhode Island

Governor Walsh reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on July 27th at the CCRI Knight Campus. At that meeting the Committee considered an academic program approval of a new proprietary school. The Committee also engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the Board's current regulations governing proprietary schools in Rhode Island.

At that meeting the Committee approved two items. The first one concerns the School for Allied Massage and Ayurveda. Ms. Karen Chabot presented her proposed School of Allied Massage and Ayurveda as a proprietary school to operate in Newport, Rhode Island. This new school will be exclusively focused on the healing arts industry. The curriculum will include massage therapy, anatomy, physiology, kinesiology and pathology to prepare students to take the Rhode Island State Massage License examination. Multiple staff members from the Rhode Island Office of Higher Education, Academic and Student Affairs, Finance & Management and Legal Affairs have reviewed this application to ensure that all facets of the application have been satisfactory addressed.

On a motion duly made by John Walsh and seconded by William Maaia it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education grant initial, one-year approval for the *School for Allied Massage & Ayurveda* to operate as a proprietary school in Newport, 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, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, John Walsh and Joseph White

NAYS: 0

2. (Item 8a1) Approval of a Proposal for the Creation of a Bachelor of Science Program in Health Sciences at Rhode Island College

Governor Walsh reported that Dr. Ronald Pitt, Rhode Island College Vice President and Rhode Island College colleagues presented a proposed Bachelor of Science Program in Health Sciences which will offer concentrations in Human Services, Dental Hygiene, Degree Completion and Respiratory Therapy Degree Completion. The intent of this new program is to provide another avenue for students who are interested in healthcare careers other than in one of the existing clinical or specialized programs, and to provide students with an Associate's Degree in the health professions as a means to complete a relevant baccalaureate degree. The program was developed by a bi-institutional steering committee with representatives from the Rhode Island College School of Nursing, Rhode Island College Faculty of Arts & Sciences, the CCRI Dental Hygiene and Respiratory Therapy programs and the Allied Health and Rehabilitative Sciences Division at CCRI.

On behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Governor Walsh thanked Rhode Island College and the Community College for their collegiate work for figuring out how to honor academic credit from technical and professional studies tracks at CCRI to provide a valid path for students into a bachelor's degree program at Rhode Island College. The new degree received unanimous support from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

On a motion duly made by John Walsh and seconded by Eva-Marie Mancuso it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal to offer the Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Health Sciences at Rhode Island College, upon the condition that system transfer plans and a JAA plan be completed no later than October 15, 2012.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

b. Facilities, Finance and Management

Chair Tikoian did not present a report.

c. Government Relations

Chair Mancuso reported that the Government Relations Committee had been studying whether or not arm the institutions' campus police. At the Committee's last meeting, it was voted unanimously to send a resolution to the Board, asking for a vote to give each President the right to proceed forward to arm or not to arm based on their own institution. It was not optimal in terms of what Governor Mancuso had done in her research, but she felt that it was a compromise in lieu of how little time this Board has left. It is her understanding that because the financial piece of that was left to the institution and not developed, the item was not on this evening's agenda. There are no Government Relations Committee meetings scheduled.

d. Personnel

Chair White reported that the Personnel Committee is in the process of conducting annual evaluations of President Dooley and President Carriuolo and also the contract renewal for President Di Pasquale. These evaluations will be conducted by the end of September and the Committee will be prepared to report back to the Board in late September or October depending on when the evaluations are concluded.

e. Quality, Continuous Improvement and Innovation

Chair Beretta was happy to report that the Committee is very close on the metrics. By September a draft version will be sent to the schools and to the Academic Affairs Committee for their review.

f. Student Advisory

Chair Constant did not present a report.

9. ADDITIONAL CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Awarding of Tenure with Initial Appointment as Dean of the Graduate School of Oceanography and Full Professor of Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island

President Dooley stated that the University was pleased to have completed a successful search for the new Dean of the Graduate School of Oceanography. The University has hired Dr. Bruce Corliss, an individual with a very distinguished academic background. Dr. Corliss is presently at Duke University where he has built great recognition as a scientist and as a leader and administrator consistent with URI and Board policy. Given his outstanding scholarly record and his record as a teacher and as an administrator, President Dooley is requesting that Dr. Corliss be awarded tenure with his initial appointment as Dean of the Graduate School of Oceanography and Full Professor of Oceanography. Dr. Corliss has earned this recognition at one of America's distinguished private universities.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of tenure with initial appointment as Dean of the Graduate School of Oceanography and full professor of Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island to Dr. Bruce Corliss.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

b. Request of Personnel Review Committee (OHE)

Director Coleman deferred to Associate Commissioner Deborah Grossman-Garber regarding the request for a reclassification. Associate Commissioner Grossman-Garber indicated that this position is being created as a result of some federal funding that is being

received by the Office of Higher Education. It is a reclassification of a former position that was previously general revenue funded.

Associate Commissioner Grossman-Garber reported that the Office of Higher Education has the responsibility of being the state approving agency for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. In that regard, the Office of Higher Education is required to seek compliance from all institutions and programs that wish to educate veterans who want to redeem their veteran educational benefits. This position requires a fair amount of work in auditing individual educational files at each of the 56 programs in the state. The Office of Higher Education is also required to provide educational programs for the veterans themselves. For the last decade, the Office has been funded at half-time for this position. This was no longer sustainable, and the federal government has now offered to fund this as a full-time position.

In response to questions by Governor Sherman and Governor Mancuso, Associate Commissioner Grossman-Garber explained that the federal government is giving the Office of Higher Education \$100k a year. Although the salary range for the position is listed at \$51,502-\$109,718, this is merely a range and the \$100k received by the federal government will fund a salary of an estimated \$50,000 to \$60,000 along with benefits.

On a motion made by Jane Sherman and seconded by William Maaia it was

VOTED:

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

At the Office of Higher Education:

- Reclassify the Proprietary Schools and Special Academic Programs Specialist to State Approving Agency Program Manager (NUNC BOG 13 -- \$51,502 - \$109,718);

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

10. PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

a. University of Rhode Island

1. Notice of Change: The Environmental Horticulture and Turfgrass Management" B.S. Degree Program will be retitled as the "Plant Sciences" B.S. Degree Program.

President Dooley noted the Notice of Change as listed in Item 10a1.

He thanked everyone for joining the University at the Alton Jones Campus and for sharing in the 50th Anniversary commemorative of the Alton Jones facility. The facility has been a great asset to Rhode Island and to the University of Rhode Island and continues to be and will continue to be a terrific asset to the State.

President Dooley introduced the Director of the Alton Jones Campus, Mr. Tom Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell thanked the Board for hosting tonight's meeting at Alton Jones. He invited everyone to attend the Campus's upcoming 50th year celebration "Big Moments in the Woods" on September 23rd at 4:00 p.m. He noted that interestingly, the campus, which was first dedicated in 1952 by Governor John Chafee, will be rededicated to the mission of service, education and research by his son, Governor Lincoln Chafee.

Lastly, Mr. Mitchell presented the Board with a copy of a book created in-house celebrating the history of the Alton Jones Campus on its 50th anniversary.

b. Rhode Island College

President Carriuolo extended an invitation to all for the College's annual open coffee hour for the campus community on August 22nd from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. The facilities projects are roughly on schedule and the College expects to be in good shape on August 27th when classes begin. The College is working on a \$50 million bond referendum. President Carriuolo will be speaking with the College's consultant this week and moving forward.

c. Community College of Rhode Island

President Di Pasquale provided the Board with a written report. He spoke about the College's cost savings projects which are going to be taking place in September. He would like to have Ameresco, the company who is performing the work, attend the next Board meeting to demonstrate some of the cost savings.

Several of the grants which help the unemployed find employment have begun. The College will be training close to 600 individuals over the next several months in the College's program called PACE, along with our new energy program.

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 Collective Bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) – Discussion of status of collective bargaining with all fourteen (14) Collective Bargaining Units, and an update on collective bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) – Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreements with the following:

1. URI Professional Staff Association
2. Professional, Technical, Administrative Association, Local 2877
3. Marine Professional Association
4. URI Physicians Association
5. CCRI Faculty Association
6. CCRI Professional Staff Association
7. Rhode Island College Faculty Association
8. Professional Staff @ Rhode Island College
9. AFT, Local 2012

On a motion duly made by Tessa Constant and seconded by Eva-Marie Mancuso it was

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

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

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

NAYS: 0

After a short break, the Board convened in Executive Session.

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.

Governor John Walsh rejoined the meeting at this time and recused himself from any votes taken with respect to the collective bargaining agreement ratification.

Chair Adrain, with respect to Item 12b on today's agenda, made separate motions requesting approval for each of the following collective bargaining agreements:

1. URI Professional Staff Association
2. Professional, Technical, Administrative Association, Local 2877
3. Marine Professional Association
4. URI Physicians Association
5. CCRI Faculty Association
6. CCRI Professional Staff Association
7. Rhode Island College Faculty Association
8. Professional Staff @ Rhode Island College
9. AFT, Local 2012

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and Joan Abrams it was

VOTED:

(Item 12b1) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the URI Professional Staff Association as discussed in executive session.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, and Michael Tikoian

NAYS: Tessa Constant

On a motion duly made by William Maaia and Jane Sherman it was

VOTED:

(Item 12b2) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Professional, Technical, Administrative Association, Local 2877 as discussed in executive session.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, and Michael Tikoian

NAYS: Tessa Constant

On a motion duly made by William Maaia and Jane Sherman it was

VOTED:

(Item 12b3) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Marine Professional Association as discussed in executive session.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, and Michael Tikoian

NAYS: Tessa Constant

On a motion duly made by William Maaia and Jane Sherman it was

VOTED:

(Item 12b4) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the URI Physicians Association as discussed in executive session.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, and Michael Tikoian

NAYS: Tessa Constant

On a motion duly made by Joan Abrams and William Maaia it was

VOTED:

(Item 12b5) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the CCRI Faculty Association as discussed in executive session.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, and Michael Tikoian

NAYS: Tessa Constant

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

VOTED:

(Item 12b6) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the CCRI Professional Staff Association as discussed in executive session.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta,

William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, and
Michael Tikoian

NAYS: Tessa Constant

On a motion duly made by Joan Abrams and Eva-Marie Mancuso it was

VOTED:

(Item 12b7) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education ratify the
Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Rhode Island
College Faculty Association as discussed in executive
session.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta,
William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, and
Michael Tikoian

NAYS: Tessa Constant

ABSTAIN: John Walsh

On a motion duly made by Joan Abrams and William Maaia it was

VOTED:

(Item 12b8) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education ratify the
Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Professional
Staff @ Rhode Island College as discussed in executive
session.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta,
William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, and
Michael Tikoian

NAYS: Tessa Constant

ABSTAIN: John Walsh

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

VOTED:

(Item 12b9) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education ratify the
Collective Bargaining Agreement with the AFT, Local 2012
as discussed in executive session.

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, and Michael Tikoian

NAYS: Tessa Constant

ABSTAIN: John Walsh

On a motion duly made by William Maaia and seconded by Joan Abrams it was

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

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

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

NAYS: 0

13. NEXT MEETINGS

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

Monday, October 29, 2012, 5:30 p.m. at Rhode Island College
Student Ballroom, Providence

14. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

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

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Sherman, Secretary