

Council of Rhode Island College  
Friday, September 9, 2016  
SU 307 – 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

*Present:* Kieran Ayton, Lisa Bain, Juan Barboza-Gubo, Stefan Battle, Jeff Blais, Nancy Blasdell, Robert Castiglione, Roger Clark, William Holmes, Elizabeth Holtzman, Deborah Kaspin, Kalli Kemp, Jinsoo Kim, George Ladd, Thomas Lima, Robyn Linde, Peter Little, Patrice Mettauer, Patricia Molloy, Ann Moskol, Mark Motte, Jayne Nightingale, Carolyn Obel-Omia, Silvia Oliveira, Elizabeth Orton, Ron Pitt, Jose Rosario, Frank Sánchez, Geoffrey Stilwell, Kerri Tunnicliffe, Paul Tiskus

*Excused:* Vince Bohlinger, Elisa Miller, Marianne Raimondo, Alison Shonkwiler, Ben Young, Aaron Smuts

*Absent:* Angelica Cardente-Vessella

1. Call to Order and Welcome  
Chair of Council (Jeff Blais) called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.
2. Introduction of Council Members  
The Committee members introduced themselves.
3. Introduction of Committee Chairs for 2016-2017  
The Committee Chairs introduced themselves to the Council Members and left the meeting.
4. Chair's Announcements
  - Forward any issues with new name plates to the Secretary of Council (Lisa Bain).
  - Note the meeting time changes (12:30pm instead of 2pm) for three Council meeting (11/18, 3/3, 5/5). This was due to conflicts with the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and campus closing on the RIC calendar.
  - Council photo will be taken at the October meeting.
5. Approval of the Minutes of the May 6, 2016 Council Meetings  
The minutes were accepted as submitted. One minor correction to the attendance list was mentioned after the meeting ended.
6. Election of Committee on Committees for 2016-2016  
Jeff provided a status of the committee and stated all members were willing to serve another term. The by-laws state only one member of the Executive Committee can be a member. Robyn Linde agreed to step down and Alison Shonkwiler volunteered to take her place. No additional names nominated. The Chair called for a voice vote on the

members with the one change. All were in favor. The members were officially elected to the Committee on Committees.

### Old Business

#### 7. Second Vote on the Proposal from the Student Conduct Board

The Chair reviewed the current proposals and the comments received. A rewrite of Proposal #4 was distributed to committee members. A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes in Proposal #4. The floor was opened to discussion. There were no questions. The Chair called for a voice vote on the changes to Proposal #4. All were in favor. The changes were accepted. The Chair then called for a voice vote on the entire set of proposals by the Student Conduct Board. All were in favor. The proposals passed.

### New Business

#### 8. Report from VPAF David Gingerella on Status of Capital Projects

David Gingerella provided a handout and described the differences between the operating budget and the capital funds. He then discussed the status of capital projects on campus. He stressed the importance of notifying his office for any maintenance issues, which are different from the capital projects. The floor was opened to questions. Several concerns were raised about issues during construction in Fogarty Hall. David discussed his plans for changes in future projects to avoid construction during the semester and in occupied buildings. President Sanchez provided input on changes going forward in terms of better planning, communication with faculty, and better staffing. Quenby Hughes discussed the facility committee that will be formed by the RIC/AFT. David also mentioned the changes in staffing to address problems. Patrice Mettauer expressed concerns about the impact of changes in Craig-Lee Hall. David again stressed the changes being put in place to address future projects.

#### 9. Report from the Ad-Hoc Advising Committee

Michelle Brophy-Baermann and Jeanne Haser presented the recommendations from the advising committee. Quenby Hughes clarified wording about advising in RIC/AFT contract. Michelle and Jeanne highlighted the recommendation for a shared model of advising with at least one professional advisor for each school to advise students for their first 45 credit hours, with faculty advisors after that. The Advising Recommendation Report (25 pages) will be available soon. The PowerPoint presentation used during the Council Meeting is available now. Several questions were asked and addressed by Michelle and Jeanne. Patrice Mettauer addressed questions about OASIS and advising. Ron Pitt addressed questions as well.

#### 10. Open Discussion

There were no items brought forward by the attendees.

#### 11. Remarks by President Sanchez

President Sanchez encouraged everyone to read the advising report and provided his support of the new advising model recommended by the advising committee. He

reviewed the recent announcements of the new positions at the college and the organizational changes to Student Affairs. He stressed his focus on shared governance, including open communication and transparency now and going forward with the new mission for the college.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:35pm.

Minutes taken by Lisa Z. Bain, Secretary of Council