

Council of Rhode Island College, 2018-2019
Council Meeting
Friday, March 8, 2019
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Faculty Center Main Dining Room, Donovan

MINUTES

Present: M. Baker, A. Barlow, N. Blasdell, V. Bohlinger, E. Christiansen, C. Connolly, J. Diem, L. Downes, M. Duncan, J. Eagle, D. Freeman, B. Holmes, D. Kaspin, A. Kazemi, K. Kemp, J. Kim, R. Kim, R. Kraus, M. E. Kregler, M. Lawrence, P. Mettauer, M. Mock, M. Montali, S. Oliveira, S. Pearlmutter, J. Percy, M. Raimondo, J. Rosario, A. Shonkwiler, A. Smuts, K. Tunnicliffe, S. Weiss

Excused: E. Basile, R. Clark, M. Motte, L. Pinheiro, B. Young

Absent: F. Sánchez

1. Call to Order	2:06pm
2. Minutes of the February 8, 2019 Council Meeting	M. Baker motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by C. Connolly. Approved by voice vote.
3. Chair's Updates	<p>Vincent Bohlinger (Chair of Council):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Task Force on Class Size is up and running. The Task Force for Faculty Search Guidelines (chaired by Maureen Reddy) and the Faculty Handbook (chaired by Silvia Oliveira) are still seeking volunteers. • Many Council Committees still do not have student representation, including College Council. Please contact V. Bohlinger ASAP if you know of a potential recruit. • College Council will serve as a co-host of the RIC Gala on Thursday, April 25th, at 6:00pm at Twin River. More details are forthcoming. It is hoped that future major events from the RIC Foundation will not be held during Jewish holidays (as Homecoming and the Gala are this academic year).
4. Cap & Gown / Academic Excellence & Leadership Awards Celebration	<p>Kavinda Arthenayake (Director of College Events & Conference Services & Commencement, Chair of the Committee on Convocations):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Commencement: PowerPoint presentation on

	<p>Commencement flow. Commencement will be a three-hour ceremony. It is critical that faculty serve as Marshals at Commencement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cap & Gown Proposal: Extensive discussion about the proposal to change Cap & Gown to the Academic Excellence & Leadership Awards Celebration. Cap & Gown this year will be held on April 24th.
6. RI Promise Advocacy Plan	<p>Sue Pearlmutter (Provost):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration and a faculty group (consisting of members drawn from the RIC/AFT Committee on Political Education [COPE], the RIC/AFT Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee of College Council) have each met with officials from the Governor's office to discuss some of the problematic sections of the RI Promise legislation. Alternative language for this legislation is being developed.
7. RIC 100	<p>Maureen Reddy (First-Year Seminar Coordinator):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information given on new one-credit pass/fail course: RIC 100. The course will meet once a week and is intended to provide information that cannot be covered in First-Year Seminars. The course counts is a requirement and is not technically part of the Gen Ed Program (similar to the Second Language milestone). Several courses satisfy this requirement. There are three proposed times that this course will meet this fall, and this course will be standardized so that all sections contain the exact same information.
8. Open Discussion	None
9. Adjournment	M. Baker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by A. Shonkwiler. Meeting adjourned at 3:49pm.
	Minutes taken by Nancy Blasdell, Secretary of Council