

**Council of Rhode Island College, 2018-2019  
 Council Meeting  
 Friday, April 12, 2019  
 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
 Faculty Center Main Dining Room, Donovan**

**MINUTES**

*Present:* A. Barlow, N. Blasdell, V. Bohlinger, M. Baker, E. Christiansen, R. Clark, C. Connelly, L. Dame, J. Diem, L. Downes, G. Dragan, J. Eagle, D. Freeman, B. Holmes, D. Kaspin, A. Kazemi, K. Kemp, J. Kim, R. Kim, M. Lawrence, P. Mettaufer, M. Mock, A. Montali, M. Motte, S. Oliveira, S. Pearlmutter, J. Percy, L. Pinheiro, M. Raimondo, A. Shonkwiler, A. Smuts, K. Tunncliffe, S. Weiss, B. Young  
*Excused:* R. Kraus, M.E. Kregler, F. Sánchez  
*Absent:* M. Duncan, J. Rosario

1. Call to Order	2:05pm
2. Minutes of the March 8, 2019 Council Meeting	Motion to approve the minutes by M. Baker and seconded by C. Connolly. Approved with 2 abstentions.
3. Chair's Updates	<p>Vincent Bohlinger (Chair of Council):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Next month's meeting: The first 15 minutes will be for the election of Council's Executive Committee for the upcoming 2019-2020 academic year. Afterwards, the meeting will concentrate on issues for the remainder of the year. Council members are encouraged to let their department know if they want to run for next year's positions.</li> <li>2. Council for next year: There will be two open At-Large faculty positions. V. Bohlinger, M. Raimondo, and E. Christiansen are interested in continuing on the Executive Committee. S. Oliveira and N. Blasdell will be rotating off, meaning that there will be open seats for Secretary and an Executive Committee member.</li> <li>3. Committee on Committees: An email soliciting volunteers for campus committees is forthcoming.</li> <li>4. Campus Climate Survey: Survey response numbers are lower than what we had hoped for. Council members are encouraged to encourage their constituencies to take the survey.</li> </ol>
4. CAPP Proposal on Math Competency	Stephanie Costa (Chair of Mathematics and Computer Science Department):

Requirement	<p>S. Costa provided a summary of the purpose of the proposal.  R. Clark motioned to accept the proposal and was seconded by M. Motte. Unanimous approval. S. Pearlmutter pointed out that this new policy will provide us with valuable information on where students are struggling.</p>
5. RI Promise Update	<p>Tom Schmeling (Chair of RIC/AFT Committee on Political Education [COPE]); Mikaila Arthur (RIC/AFT Executive Committee):</p> <p>[see attachment of slide show]</p> <p>M. Arthur gave an extended summary of the work of the RIC/AFT COPE+ group (Tom Schmeling, Mikaila Arthur, Erik Christiansen, John Burke, Lisa Church, Quenby Hughes, and Vincent Bohlinger). A PowerPoint presentation detailed the changes to the legislation that the governor’s office has agreed to in conversations with T. Schmeling and M. Arthur and the RIC administration. The legislation in its current language is something that the college can support fully. There was much relief and thanks.</p>
6. Discussion of Mission and Vision Statements	<p>V. Bohlinger explained that the timeline we are operating under has a new Strategic Plan being launched in Fall 2020. The goal is to build the Strategic Plan around revised Mission and Vision Statements. This discussion at Council is intended to start the process of soliciting feedback from the campus community as these statements are revised, a process that will last well into at least next fall. V. Bohlinger will bring comments back to the Committee on College Mission and Goals.</p>
7. Open Discussion	<p>S. Pearlmutter complimented those who were promoted and tenured but could not announce their names since it isn’t official yet.</p> <p>M. Baker asked about the possibility of a proper four-week winter session term. Brief discussion ensued.</p>
8. Adjournment	<p>M. Motte made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by B. Young. Meeting adjourned at 3:35pm.</p>
	<p>Minutes taken by Nancy Blasdell, Secretary of Council</p>