

Council of Rhode Island College, 2017-2018
Council Meeting
Friday, April 13, 2018
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Student Union 307

MINUTES

Present: David Alden Sears, Robin Auld, Mary Baker, Amy Barlow, Nancy Blasdell, Vince Bohlinger, Caroline Caswell, Erik Christiansen, Roger Clark, Bill Holmes, Deborah Kaspin, Abbas Kazemi, Kalli Kemp, Jinsoo Kim, George Ladd, Tom Lima, Patrice Mettauer, Mark Motte, Carolyn Obel-Omia, Silvia Oliveira, Elizabeth Orton, Sue Pearlmutter, Sara Picard, Beth Pinheiro, Leo Pinheiro, Marianne Raimondo, Frank Sánchez, Debra Servello, Alison Shonkwiler, Aaron Smuts, Susan Weiss, Ben Young

Excused: Eliani Basile, Deryl Freeman, Elizabeth Holtzman, Jose Rosario

Absent: Stefan Battle, Matt Duncan, Mary Ellen Kregler, Paul Tiskus

Guests – 4 guests present

1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 2:04pm
2. Minutes of the March 16, 2018 Council Meeting	Approved by R. Clark. Seconded by David Alden Sears. Minutes approved as printed with minor change.
3. Updates from the Chair	<p>(Vince Bohlinger, Chair of Council)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The first part of the May 2018 meeting will be the 2018-2019 Council meeting for the election of next year’s Executive Committee. This usually takes 5-10mins. Two At-Large faculty seats are available on for Council for 2018-2019. Please submit any nominations to V. Bohlinger. We have two current Council members willing to serve. - Executive Committee: all executive committee seats are 1-year assignments and will need to be voted upon. V. Bohlinger is willing to continue as Chair, M. Raimondo is willing to continue as Vice Chair, E. Christiansen and S. Oliveira are willing to serve as Council representatives to the Executive Committee. We need a Secretary for the Executive Committee. - Call for volunteers to Council Committees (via the Committee on Committees).
4. Performance-Based Funding update	<p>(Erik Christiansen)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Handout distributed and discussed. - President discussed there would be no financial penalty for not meeting metrics but some funding may be redirected in order to meet low performing metrics.
5. Discussion of Guaranteed Transfer	(Holly Shadoian, Assistant VP for Academic Affairs; Patrice Mettauer, Director of OASIS)

Program (~20 min.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion regarding Guaranteed Transfer Program (GT Pathways) from CCRI. - H. Shadoian has been working on academic plans for Guaranteed Transfer. - P. Mettauier discussed academic advising. Discussed managing advisement on a 4-year basis starting at CCRI.
6. Proposal for Council By-Laws change from UCC	<p>(Sue Pearlmutter, Provost/VP of Academic Affairs [for Sue Abbotson, Chair of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee])</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See attached document (17-18_003). - Motion made by D. Alden Sears to approve proposal. Seconded by M. Motte. - Approved unanimously. - By-law changes need to have a second vote for approval. Second vote will occur at the May 2018 meeting after open comment period.
7. Presentation on new voicemail system	<p>(Steve King, Interim Assistant VP for Information Services; Dana Stark, Network & Telecommunications)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presented the new voicemail system that will be upgraded on May 19th to be active on Monday, May 21st. - Current voicemail passwords will not carry over to new system, but messages and greetings will carry over. New password will be at least 5 digits (up to 15 digits). - See handout (of PowerPoint).
8. Discussion of student safety	<p>(Rosalind Sibielski, Chair of the Committee on Student Life)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two issues brought forward: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safety on RIC campus 2. Current campus climate at RIC (recommendation to watch the March 28th Student Community Government meeting on Anchor TV via YouTube, as this meeting demonstrates very deep divisions of students on campus) - D. Alden Sears read letter. - President discussed administrative response to safety on campus and his reasons for not being in favor of arming campus officers.
9. Open Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No open discussion due to time constraints.
10. Remarks from the President	<p>(Frank Sánchez, President)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The president will be testifying for a \$25million bond for updating Horace Mann. - President advocated for the 2% increase in tuition. - RIC has been named a 2018 top 100 most affordable universities in the US (#36 nationwide and #1 in New England). - Discussions regarding on-line options are occurring within various departments and programs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Keynote speaker for Commencement is a RIC alumnus (a CEO at Gap).- Dr. Jane Williams will be recognized as the Honorary Degree recipient at Undergraduate Commencement.
11. Adjournment	Motion made for adjournment by B. Young and seconded by M. Baker. Meeting adjourned at 3:47pm.
	Minutes taken by Debra Servello, Secretary of Council