

Council of Rhode Island College, 2018-2019
Council Meeting
Friday, May 4, 2018
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.
Student Union 307

Minutes

Present: Robin Auld (for Kerri Tunnicliffe), Nancy Blasdell, Mary Baker, Eliani Basile, Vince Bohlinger, Tish Brennan (for Amy Barlow), Erik Christiansen, Roger Clark, Christine Connolly, Josh Diem, Lorraine Downes, Matt Duncan, John Eagle, Deryl Freeman, Bill Holmes, Deborah Kaspin, Abbas Kazemi, Kalli Kemp, Jinsoo Kim, Randi Kim, Maria Lawrence, Patrice Mettauer, Meg Mock, Mark Motte, Silvia Oliveira, Josh Percy, Sara Picard, Beth Pinheiro, Jose Rosario, Holly Shadoian (for Sue Pearlmutter), Alison Shonkwiler, Aaron Smuts, Paul Tiskus, Susan Weiss, Ben Young

Excused: Caroline Caswell, Mary Ellen Kregler, Leo Pinheiro, Marianne Raimondo, Frank Sánchez

Absent: none

1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 2:01pm.
2. Election of the 2018-2019 Executive Committee of College Council	Welcome of new 2018-2019 Council members. Election of Executive Council – Conducted by Alison Shonkwiler, Chair of the Committee on Committes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair: Vincent Bohlinger – approved unanimously• Vice Chair: Marianne Raimondo – approved unanimously• Secretary: Nancy Blasdell – approved unanimously• Representatives (2): Erik Christiansen & Silvia Oliveira – approved unanimously
3. Adjournment	Adjourned at 2:07pm.

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Absent:

1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 2:07pm.
2. Minutes of the April 13, 2018 Council Meeting	- Motion by R. Clark. Seconded by T. Lima – approved. - See document (18-04-13 Minutes)
3. Updates from the Chair	(Vince Bohlinger, Chair of Council) - Next year’s Executive Committee and Council membership is set. - Call for volunteers to Council Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee on Committees met today to begin process of appointing membership to committees. • The Elections Committee and the Committee on Athletic, Intramural, and Recreational Policy still need faculty representatives. Please contact Alison Shonkwiler (Chair of the Committee on Committees) if you are interested.
4. Presentation on RIC Rooms	(Dennis McGovern, Associate Director of the Records Office; Brian White, Operations Manager at User Support Services) - Presentation on RIC Rooms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there are scheduling concerns related to academic matters, contact Dennis McGovern. • If there are scheduling concerns related to non-academic matters (e.g., student clubs), contact Brian White.
5. Proposal for Council By-Laws change from UCC	(Sue Abbotson, Chair of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee) - See document (17-18_003) - This is our second vote on this item. Comments were presented to Chair and shared with Council.

	<p>- Motion to approve by R. Clark. Seconded by M. Motte. Motion approved unanimously.</p>
<p>6. Proposals from CAPP</p>	<p>(Paul Tiskus, Chair of the Committee on Academic Policies and Procedures [CAPP])</p> <p>- See documents (17-18_004 to 17-18_009)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add/Drop Policy (17-18_004): Second line amended to read "...first seven calendar days..." Motion made to approve by R. Clark. M. Baker seconded. Approved with 1 abstention. • Awarding Degrees (17-18_005): Addition of a July graduation date to be added. Email read from Tamecka Hardmon (Director of the Records Office) confirming that this change is implementable and would not be onerous for her office. Motion made to approve by M. Motte. Seconded by R. Clark. Approved unanimously. • Mid-semester Grades (17-18_007): Proposal for all students to receive mid semester grades. Graduate courses will be removed from this policy. Motion to approve as amended by J. Rosario. Seconded by B. Young. Approved with 2 abstentions. • Summer Session Load (17-18_008): Motion made to approve by E. Christiansen. Seconded by M. Baker. Approved with 2 opposed and 1 abstention. • Active Duty Leave of Absence (17-18_009): Motion made to approve by M. Motte. Seconded by T. Lima. Unanimously approved. • Commencement (17-18_006) [discussion only]: Discussion about whether to have two Commencement ceremonies and what possible exceptions could be made for students who have not yet completed all degree requirements but wish to participate in the May graduation ceremony. Motion will be deferred until the fall semester.
<p>7. Resolution against arming campus police</p>	<p>(Vince Bohlinger, Chair of Council)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poll of Council members was conducted between April 30th and May 3rd on whether to vote on a resolution against arming campus police. Of the 37 voting members on Council, there were 29 responses with 25 in favor and 4 opposed to voting on a resolution.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of polls conducted this week by the RIC/AFT and PSA of their membership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RIC/AFT: 220 responses – 173 voted against arming campus police (79%), 47 in favor (21%) ▪ PSA: 112 responses – 64 voted against arming campus police (57%), 48 in favor (43%) • Discussion regarding policies and campus-wide plan for emergency situations. A report to administration of locations across campus that feel unsafe will be an initiative of both the Council and the RIC/AFT & PSA next academic year. • Motion to vote on resolution by R. Clark. Seconded by M. Baker. Resolution reads, “The Council of Rhode Island College opposes the arming of the Rhode Island College campus police.” 28 in favor, 1 opposed, no abstentions.
8. Open Discussion	No open discussion due to time constraints.
9. Remarks from the President	<p>(Frank Sánchez, President)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service recognition will occur today. • There will be fire drills and active shooting drills instituted in the near future. • President discussed issues of current students having been exposed to more incidents of trauma with elevated stress and elevated fear. Goal is to make every student feel safe.
10. Adjournment	<p>V. Bohlinger thanked all members for serving on Council and for all their hard work. Adjourned at 3:47pm.</p>
	Minutes taken by Debra Servello, Secretary of Council