

Council of Rhode Island College
Friday, May 5, 2017
SU 307

MINUTES

2017-2018 Council Meeting Agenda

12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Present: Amy Barlow, Nancy Blasdell, Roger Clark, Matt Duncan, Deryl Freeman, Bill Holmes, Robyn Linde, Kalli Kemp, Jinsoo Kim, Patrice Mettauer, Mark Motte, Patricia Molloy, Silvia Oliveira, Elizabeth Orton, Leo Pinheiro, Frank Sánchez, Debra Servello, Alison Shonkwiler, Aaron Smuts, Paul Tiskus, Kerri Tunnicliffe, Ben Young, Susan Weiss

Excused: Vincent Bohlinger, Erik Christiansen, Elizabeth Holtzman, Abbas Kazemi, Mary Ellen Kregler, Marianne Raimondo

Absent: Juan Barboza-Gubo, Stefan Battle, Deborah Kaspin, Chris Lambert, Peter Little, Carolyn Obel-Omia

Guests: Lisa Bain, Jeff Blais

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by Jeff Blais.

He announced that he will be running the meeting and Lisa Bain will take minutes, as a courtesy, but neither are members of Council next year. He asked each new member to introduce themselves and sign the attendance list. Jeff then announced that elections will be conducted for the Elections Committee by Leo Pinheiro.

2. Election of 2017-2018 Officers and Executive Committee

Leo asked for nominations for Chair. Pat Molloy and Sylvia Oliveira were nominated. Sylvia stated she is on sabbatical in the fall and not eligible. Leo asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Vince Bohlinger was nominated. Leo asked for nominations for Secretary. Debra Servello was nominated. Leo asked for nominations for the two other Executive Committee positions. Eric Christiansen and Kerri Tunnicliffe were nominated. Eric was not present but had previously agreed to serve if nominated/elected. Ballots were not needed. Therefore, the following were elected for the 2017/18 Council Executive Committee. Pat Molly - Chair, Vince Bohlinger - Vice Chair, Debra Servello-Secretary, Eric Christiansen and Kerri Tunnicliffe for At-Large.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m. by Jeff Blais.

Minutes taken by Lisa Bain, Secretary of Council 2016/17

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12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Kieran Ayton, Lisa Bain, Jeff Blais, Nancy Blasdel, Roger Clark, Bill Holmes, George Ladd, Robyn Linde, Deborah Kaspin, Kalli Kemp, Jinsoo Kim, Patrice Mettauer, Elisa Miller, Patricia Molloy, Mark Motte, Jayne Nightingale, Silvia Oliveira, Elizabeth Orton, Leo Pinheiro, Frank Sánchez, Tomoji Shogenji, Alison Shonkwiler, Aaron Smuts, Geoffrey Stilwell, Paul Tiskus, Kerri Tunnicliffe, Ben Young

Excused: Vincent Bohlinger, Elizabeth Holtzman, Ron Pitt

Absent: Stefan Battle, Juan Barboza-Gubo, Angelica Cardente-Vessella, Peter Little, Thomas Lima, Carolyn Obel-Omia, Jose Rosario

Guests: Joan Dagle, Holly Shadoian, Chris Marco

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 12:48 p.m. by Jeff Blais.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the April 7, 2017 Council Meeting
Several changes/corrections were noted and will be made to the minutes by Jeff prior to posting on the Council website.
3. Chair's Announcements
 - Jeff announced results of the elections of the Executive Committee for 2017/18. Pat Molly - Chair, Vince Bohlinger - Vice Chair, Debra Servello-Secretary, Eric Christiansen and Kerri Tunnicliffe.
 - Faculty Research Committee Status - Jeff updated Council members on the status of the proposal, which will be put in place for the 2017/18 academic year.
4. Reconsideration of proposal from CAPP and the Graduate Committee concerning undergraduates taking graduate courses
Jeff reviewed the status of this proposal from the last meeting. There was confusion in the understanding of the chain of approvals by Chris Marco. He called for a motion to re-consider the proposal. A motion was made (seconded). Chris Marco provided additional information on the need for dean approval in the proposal. Joan Dagle was present and confirmed the information provided by Chris. She also provided additional background and justification. There was discussion about the current wording in the catalog and any needed changes to make it consistent for all programs. Jeff suggested the Graduate Committee provide a list of required catalog changes for all 500-level courses. Voice vote - Passed unanimously. *Re-considered* proposal passed.
5. Proposal regarding the definition of "good academic standing". (Pending CAPP approval)
Jeff announced that CAPP has approved the proposal but a newer version of the proposal was presented to Council during the meeting with changes made by Holly Shadoian. Paul Tiskus provided background on the proposal. Holly Shadoian provided additional information. Patrice Mettauer voiced her concerns with the current policies. She also detailed the new processes and programs added by OASIS to notify students with GPA below a 2.0. There was discussion of the new policy and many questions from Council members that was addressed by both Holly and Patrice. Jeff asked for clarification on the proposal since changes were made and may not have been approved by CAPP, mostly focusing on terminology. There was confusion about what terms were approved by CAPP. Paul asked for comments by President Sánchez. The president was in favor of the essence of the proposal. Mark Motte motioned to approve items in the box and delay the rest so CAPP can refine the terminology (seconded). Patrice voiced concerns about having the policy without the needed supports to enforce the 2.0 standard. There was further discussion. Paul said the proposals are the same except for the names and did not want to see proposal delayed due to terminology. The motion was withdrawn. At this point, Jeff asked for action on Version 3 of the proposal. Mark Motte made a statement that a proposal brought to Council at the time of the meeting was inappropriate. A motion was made to approve the proposal (seconded). Voice vote - Majority in Favor, 3 abstained. Proposal passed.
6. Introduction of, and a chat with, Margaret Lynch Gadaleta, RIC's Director of Institutional Equity.
Jeff provided background on this topic noting that Peggy was not able to attend due to knee surgery. A handout was provided.
7. Open Discussion

Jeff asked Elisa Miller to provide an update on the search for Provost/VPAA. She provided information about the process and stressed the need for faculty input at the upcoming open sessions with the finalists, stating Clark Greene will send out an email with names, CVs and schedules.

8. Remarks from President Sánchez

The president mentioned that the commencement season was underway and many events are happening, including the retirement breakfast. He also announced an award received by RIC for being selected as a Green Ribbon School by the U.S Department of Education. Lastly, the president stated that the RI Legislature has recognized the college by declaring May 3 as RIC Day.

Jeff added a special recognition for Ron Pitt, who is retiring, but was unable to attend the meeting.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Minutes taken by Lisa Bain, Secretary of Council