

**Council of Rhode Island College 2017-2018**  
**Council Meeting**  
**Friday, November 17, 2017**  
**12:30 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Room 200 – Gaige Hall**

**AGENDA**

*Present:* Amy Barlow, Eliani Basile, Nancy Blasdell, Vince Bohlinger, Caroline Caswell, Roger Clark, Deryl Freeman, Joshua Hamilton, Elizabeth Holtzman, Deborah Kaspin, Abbas Kazemi, Jinsoo Kim, Mary Ellen Kregler, Chris Lambert, Robyn Linde, Peter Little, Patrice Mettauwer, Mark Motte, Carolyn Obel-Omia, Elizabeth Orton, Beth Pinheiro, Leonardo Pinheiro, Marianne Raimondo, Rebecca Shipe, Frank Sánchez, Debra Servello, Kerri Tunncliffe, Susan Weiss, Ben Young, Joseph Zornado

*Excused:* Aaron Smuts, Bill Holmes, Matt Duncan, Thomas Lima

*Absent:* Paul Tiskis, Stefan Battle, David Alden Sears

*Guests:* Breea Govenar, Claire Hall, Quenby Hughes, Peggy Lynch-Gadaleta, Jason Meriwether, Michael Parsons, Leslie Schuster, Alison Shonkwiler, Eugene St. Pierre

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| 1. Council Group Photograph                        | Eugene St. Pierre, College Photographer – took photos at Council meeting  |
| 2. Minutes of the October 13, 2017 Council Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting called to order at 12:35.</li> <li>• Roger Clark motioned to approve the minutes of 10/13/17, Nancy Blasdell seconded. Minutes approved as printed. Two abstained.</li> </ul>  |
| 3. Chair’s Announcements<br>Vince Bohlinger        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• V. Bohlinger is the new Chair of Council due to P. Molloy stepping down.</li> <li>• New At-Large member to replace P. Molloy on Council – 2 volunteers from campus: Caroline Caswell will serve as replacement for P. Molloy. Eliani Basile will serve in the spring to cover for Robyn Linde.</li> <li>• Vacancy on Executive Committee – Nominations open up to committee. One nomination for Marianne Raimondo to serve. Marianne will serve on Executive Committee of Council.</li> <li>• Discussion regarding earlier distribution of the minutes – Attempt will be made to have minutes posted as a draft on the Council website within 1 week of meeting so members can use minutes to keep departments informed of Council activities.</li> <li>• Updates from Council Committees               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deferred to next meeting.</li> <li>- Plan to have updates from committees at each council meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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| <p>4. Misconduct and Relationship Violence Policy for Complaints against Students and Title IX complaints<br/>(see attached docs)<br/>Peggy Lynch-Gadaleta, Director – Institutional Equity, Claire Hall, External Consultant</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion regarding college compliance with Title IX and the Cleary Act.</li> <li>• Motion by Kerri Tunnicliffe for council to support Misconduct and Relationship Violence Policy for Complaints against Students and Title IX complaints. Seconded by Erik Christiansen. Approved with one abstention.</li> </ul>   |
| <p>5. DACA letter from a group of faculty members<br/>(see attached doc)<br/>President Frank Sánchez</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President stated his appreciation of the college’s support of DACA students.</li> <li>• Documents provided to council highlighted work being done to support DACA students. Community Equity and Diversity website has specific information regarding resources for students.</li> <li>• President held meetings with every self-identified DACA student to identify needs of each. Some overarching needs were identified.</li> <li>• President would like to form a committee to address DACA issues guided by a Harvard document regarding sanctuary campuses.</li> <li>• A student club has been started to further share information and form support of DACA students.</li> <li>• Discussion regarding the need for training for the Records Dept and the Campus Police regarding DACA issues. President stated housing, administration, as well as others should also be included in training.</li> <li>• Question regarding if legal council is available to the college to address this issue. Answer: legal council is available.</li> </ul> |
| <p>6. Updates from Provost Josh Hamilton</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed academic plans for this year.</li> <li>• Working Groups – Nominations from Deans for faculty to serve on the following groups have been obtained. Council will be adding additional members to these groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active Learning and Experiential Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First step is to define what Active Learning and Experiential Learning are.</li> <li>• Second step is to document what active learning and experiential learning is already occurring on campus.</li> <li>• Third piece to look at how to build this into the curriculum through faculty workshops, support for conferences.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 3 vs. 4 Credits</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Step 1 -Look at what we have.</li> <li>• Step 2 -Discuss how we can move forward</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduate School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed how Graduate Programs versus Graduate School would look.</li> <li>• Provost has asked the Graduate Committee to investigate the potential to change to a Graduate School.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Other Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Spring &amp; Summer Sessions have been offered through continuing education. Discussed a change to include these sessions within the individual programs similar to a regular semester.</li> <li>• Searches – approximately 30 faculty searches will occur throughout the campus. The guidebook was updated and an additional document was created to guide searches. Due to some language issues, a revision of the guidebook has been created and will be distributed when finalized.</li> <li>• Two Dean searches will occur this year: Nursing and Education. Education currently has interim co-deans.</li> <li>• Other searches - Leadership positions including VP for Advancement.</li> <li>• Chair of Council discussed concern of how the policy and shared governance process was not followed in the development of the faculty search guidelines.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| 7. Enrollment Management Priorities – Jason Meriwether, VP for Student Success           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution of informational package regarding Enrollment Management.</li> <li>• Discussed Enrollment management priorities.</li> <li>• Discussed communication plan.</li> <li>• Discussed waitlist data.</li> </ul>   |
| 8. Update on the Center for Research & Creative Activity Breea Govenar, Director of CRCA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution of material.</li> <li>• Current grant for support of CRCA is about to expire. CRCA is soliciting ideas for the development of the new grant.</li> <li>• Nov 30, 12 noon: an open meeting will be held to explore future directions of CRCA and to revise Mission, Vision, and Goals.</li> <li>• Items for discussion at the open meeting include: who CRCA should serve (faculty, students, both), how CRCA is organized, and how CRCA will run.</li> </ul>  |
| 9. Open Discussion   | None (due to time constraints)   |
| 10. Remarks from the President Frank Sánchez   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actively making a strong case for capital construction dollars for renovations throughout the campus. Plan for a Nov 2018 ballot referendum to get resources.</li> <li>• Discussed new database to reach out to Alumni. Currently a large alumni group is present in Florida. President will be</li> </ul>  |

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|                 | <p>visiting NY to meet with alumni in that area. In Feb will be visiting alumni in CA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President would like to engage faculty to participate in a branding opportunity for image and messaging regarding RIC. Alumni and state leaders are not aware of what RIC has to offer.</li> <li>• Vice President for Advancement search will be launched soon.</li> </ul> |
| 11. Adjournment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to adjourn by Roger Clark. Seconded Kerri Tunncliffe. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm</li> </ul>  |
|                 | Minutes taken by Debra Servello, Secretary of Council  |