

Council of Rhode Island College, 2017-2018
Council Meeting
Friday, December 8, 2017
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Faculty Center, Main Dining Room – Donovan

AGENDA

Present: David Alden Sears, Amy Barlow, Stefan Battle, Nancy Blasdell, Vince Bohlinger, Caroline Caswell, Erik Christiansen, Roger Clark, Matt Duncan, Deryl Freeman, Joshua Hamilton, Bill Holmes, Elizabeth Holtzman, Deborah Kaspin, Abbas Kazemi, Jinsoo Kim, Mary Ellen Kregler, George Ladd, Chris Lambert, Thomas Lima, Robyn Linde, Peter Little, Patrice Mettauer, Mark Motte, Carolyn Obel-Omia, Elizabeth Orton, Beth Pinheiro, Leonardo Pinheiro, Marianne Raimondo, Jose Roserio, Rebecca Shipe, Frank Sánchez, Debra Servello, Becky Shipe (for Sara Picard), Aaron Smuts, Paul Tiskis, Kerri Tunnicliffe, Susan Weiss, Ben Young, Joseph Zornado

Excused: Eliani Basile, Abbas Kazemi, Elizabeth Orton

Absent: Stephan Battle

Guests: 43 Guests present

1. Minutes of the November 17, 2017 Council Meeting	Meeting was called to order at 2:01 by Vincent Bohlinger Motion to approve mins with minor changes made by R. Clark, seconded by M.E. Kregler. Motion approved.
2. Honorary Degrees	Ed Pacheco, Interim VP of College Advancement & External Relations and Chair of the Honorary Degrees Committee, presented 2 names to Council for approval for honorary degrees. Council members indicated agreement or disagreement of nominations on informational package and returned forms to Ed Pacheco.
3. Announcement	Thank you to Chris Lambert for serving on Council; this is her last meeting. Welcome to Jose Rosario who will be representing the professional staff on Council.
4. Updates from the Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates on Council Committees at this time. Anticipate proposals from CAPP and Committee on Student Life. • Updates on new Working Groups: goal is to have working committees fully staffed by the end of the semester.
5. Discussion of RIC On-Line	Vince Bohlinger, Chair of Council; Josh Hamilton, Provost; Frank Sánchez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President presented information regarding the proposed RIC On-Line Learning. Discussion regarding methods for moving forward ensued. A faculty meeting will be held Wed. 12/13,

	<p>4-5:30 to present information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Sanchez discussed key components for exploring online learning, including access and cost. • Provost Hamilton stated that the goal is to have highest quality rather than high numbers. • Discussion.
5. Remarks from the Provost	Issue related to the PBS article was discussed and questions were answered by the Provost.
6. Open Discussion	No open discussion.
7. Remarks from the President	President announced that RIC received its largest Champlin Grant: \$455,000 to enhance the chemistry labs.
8. Adjournment	Motion to adjourn by Joe Zornado, seconded by R. Linde. Meeting adjourned at 4:09pm.
	Minutes taken by Debra Servello, Secretary of Council