

**Council of Rhode Island College 2019-2020**  
**Council Meeting**  
**Friday, September 27, 2019**  
**2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**  
**Alger 110**  
**Minutes**

*Present:* J. Arango, A. Berg, V. Bohlinger, M. Bruce Patterson (for A. Barlow), E. Christiansen, R. Clark, C. Connolly, C. Creamer, A. Del Vecchio, J. Diem, L. Downes, E. England-Kennedy, R. Franzblau, D. Freeman, J. Galatro, B. Holmes, Z. Jalalzai, D. Kaspin, J. Kim, R. Kraus, G. Ladd (for R. Kim), M. Lawrence, P. Little, M. Lynch, M. Mock, A. Montali, S. Pearlmutter, L. Pinheiro, M. Raimondo, F. Sánchez, K. Saatcioglu, S. Turki, S. Weiss

*Excused:* E. Basile, J. Eagle, M. Motte, J. Murphy, J. Percy

*Absent:* none

*Guests:* M. Darcy, Q. Hughes, S. Nedder, L. Schuster

1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 2:02 pm
2. Welcome	Welcome from the Chair of Council, Vincent Bohlinger. The Chair provided an introduction of Council to new members for 2019-2020 as well as an overview of roles/work of the Council.
3. Minutes of the May 3, 2019 Council Meeting	Minutes reviewed. E. England-Kennedy made a motion to approve with a second from P. Little. Minutes approved by members of Council with 3 abstentions.
4. Selection of the 2019-2020 membership for the Committee on Committees	V. Bohlinger reported to members of Council that the Committee on Committees has several members who have been on the committee and are willing to continue: Bill Holmes and Amy Barlow. Leo Pinheiro is willing to Chair the committee and Salam Turki also volunteered to serve on the committee. (V. Bohlinger is the Executive Committee's appointment to the committee.) No discussion followed. All members approved the committee membership with no nays or abstentions. V. Bohlinger reported that a primary focus for the committee is to promote more student involvement in on college committees. There are currently openings and opportunities for student involvement.
5. By-Laws change proposed by the Academic Standing Committee (second/final vote)	V. Bohlinger presented for Geoff Harkness (Chair of the Academic Standing Committee) the proposed change in the By-Laws for the Academic Standing Committee. This is the second vote. The first vote took place at the last Council meeting, after which the information was sent out to faculty for review. V. Bohlinger reported that he received 2 notes from faculty regarding the change, both positive. One note was to provide a point of clarification regarding committee meeting times: the Committee meets in August in addition to once a month during the academic year.  V. Bohlinger noted that he plans to discuss with the Council Executive Committee and G. Harkness the possibility of increasing the number of meeting times prior to the onset of the semester in order to allow

	<p>students better opportunities to be able to register for the needed classes.</p> <p>Second By-law vote was approved by all members with one abstention.</p>
<p>6. CAPP Proposal: Revision of Policy on Bachelor's/ Master's Dual-Degree Programs</p>	<p>Monica Darcy (Chair of the Graduate Committee) presented an overview of the revision on the Policy on Bachelor's/ Master's Dual Degree Programs. In discussion, several questions from the membership were answered and clarified. This change does not mean automatic admission when students are admitted to the college. All programs that are affected are on board for the change. One point of concern raised the possible confusion for high school students regarding terminology of "early admission."</p> <p>Motion to approve by M. Raimondo, seconded by R. Clark. All members approved the change with one abstention.</p>
<p>7. Accreditation and new positions/roles</p>	<p>Provost S. Pearlmutter provided an overview of the current status of the accreditation process. A document giving an overview of the timeline as well as an outline of each Standard was distributed. In the document each standard has 2 Chairs assigned who have been working on their sections. At this point the process is moving forward and team members for each standard have been identified. However, some of the standards are complex and will have sub-committees to assist with the sub-standards. Additional team members would be appreciated.</p> <p>Discussion: The last accreditation visit was in 2010. In 2016 a mid-term report was sent. The upcoming visit will be different as standards have changed and the focus is on use of data and deliverables in the form of data.</p> <p>Individuals who wish to review the previous self-study can find it on-line. Copies can also be requested from VPAA.</p> <p>The committees are making progress and the College has a roadmap to follow and URI, having recently completed its own accreditation, has offered to provide assistance with the process.</p>
<p>8. President's Discussion Items</p>	<p>President F. Sánchez provided some insights from the meeting with the Postsecondary Council meeting. A top priority is to work with the Providence School System to improve outcomes. Other opportunities will be with the Brown Literacy partnership and discussions with healthcare leaders about possible partnerships.</p> <p>The President spoke about the upcoming process for strategic planning. A call for individuals to assist with the plan is in process. The strategic plan will need to focus on 3 areas: academic strengths, the student experience, and declining enrollments.</p> <p>The President reported that the college is continuing to lose students. Of the students who did not return, 94% had no academic barriers and could have returned. One important question that will need to be addressed is to unpack why students are not returning. In addition, an</p>

	<p>important aspect is to understand the student experience. The third area is due to declining enrollments, of which the Promise had an impact. It will be important to review available resources and plan for stewardship of those resources.</p> <p>The process is to be transparent with involvement from all members of the college community. The hope is to present a 3-5-year strategic plan.</p> <p>The University of Rhode Island is now independent (not overseen by the Postsecondary Council), and the implications of this change are not known.</p>
9. Budget	Steve Nedder (Vice President for Administration and Finance) presented an overview of the budget and the process for budget planning, followed by questions and discussion. The PowerPoint presentation will be made available to the Council.
10. Open Discussion	None
11. Adjournment	Motion to adjourn made by C. Connolly, with a second from L. Pinheiro. Meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm.
	Minutes taken by Claire Creamer, Secretary of Council