

Council of Rhode Island College
Friday, December 11, 2015
SU 307 – 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes of the November 13, 2015 Council Meeting
3. Chair's Announcements
5. Discussion of the President's Annual Review by the OPC (PSA membership survey of 6-7/15, letters sent in response, proposed RIC-AFT membership survey, etc.)
6. Consideration of a Proposal from the Faculty of the Department of English and the Council Committee on Committees to amend the Council By-Laws to allow faculty members who have applied for funding to serve on the Faculty Research Committee
7. Consideration of a Proposal from the Council Executive Committee to amend the Council By-Laws to require that several Council Committees be chaired by members of the faculty
8. Consideration of a Proposal from the Council Executive Committee to amend the Council Charter to require that the Chair of Council and the Vice Chair of Council be members of the faculty
9. Open Discussion
10. Remarks from President Carriuolo
11. Adjournment

ADAPTED FROM THE CHARTER OF THE COUNCIL OF RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

The Council consists of 38 members: 31 full-time faculty members (one from each academic department and five at-large), the President of the Adjunct Faculty Union, two representatives of the Professional Staff, two undergraduate students, the VPAA, and the President of the College.

According to the Charter (ratified in 1963), the Board of Governors for Higher Education charges the President of Rhode Island College with the task of carrying out the functions that the Board assigns to this institution. Nothing in the Charter shall be construed as abrogating the right of the Administration to initiate and adopt policy duly approved by the Board of Governors.

The function of the Council is to evaluate current policies, and to recommend such amendments and additions as are deemed necessary or desirable to provide for the most effective operation of the College. The Council may properly consider matters of college-wide concern to the faculty (other than those that are purely administrative or those governed by collective bargaining agreements) which are referred to it by the Administration, by the 24 Council committees, or by any member of the faculty.

Recommendations of Council to alter College policy must have the approval of the President before they take effect. The President and other officers of the Administration agree not to alter College policy of concern to the faculty until Council and the faculty have been informed in writing of the proposed change and given reasonable time to react.