The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs, Research, and Student Life Committee Meeting
Friday, October 23, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. EDT

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AGENDA

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
   a. Minutes of the September 2, 2020 Meeting  Enclosure 2a
   b. Minutes of the September 10, 2020 Meeting  Enclosure 2b

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS
   a. Announcements & Emerging New Initiatives
      • Campus climate assessment in spring 2021
   b. Research Metrics for the Division of Research and Economic Development
      - Dr. Peter Snyder, VP for Research and Economic Development
        Enclosure 3b
   c. Presentation of the URI Fall Enrollment Report
      Enclosure 3c
      - Provost Don DeHayes, Dean Libutti, Vice Provost Enrollment Management and John
        Stringer, Director of Institutional Research
   d. Overview of the Faculty Senate Process for the Development and Review of
      Proposed New Programs/Majors  Enclosure 3d
      - Provost Don DeHayes, Megan Echevarria, Faculty Senate Chair, and Audrey Cardany,
        Faculty Senate Vice Chair
   e. Possible Models for Board and Faculty Senate Consideration in regard to
      Committee Approval of New Programs  Enclosure 3e
      - Provost Don DeHayes, Anne Veeger, Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty
        Initiatives, Megan Echevarria, Faculty Senate Chair, and Audrey Cardany, Faculty
        Senate Vice Chair

4. ACTION ITEMS
   a. Recommendation and approval to advance Africana Studies and Gender and
      Women’s Studies from “Program” to “Departmental” status. Note: Organizational
      change approved by Faculty Senate on 9/17/20 and by President Dooley.
      Enclosure 4a
      - Provost Don DeHayes and Dean Jeanette Riley, College of Arts and Sciences
   b. Approval of Awarding Tenure to Dr. Gaurav Khanna, Professor of Physics, College
      of Arts and Sciences
      Enclosure 4b

5. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Academic Affairs, Research, and Student Life Committee
meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2021.