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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2023 · 9:00 a.m. EST**

**The University of Rhode Island
The Alumni Center – Beagle Board Room
73 Upper College Road, Kingston, RI 02881**

This meeting will be held in person and will use videoconferencing.

To view the meeting remotely,
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**Face coverings are now optional for all faculty, staff, students,
and visitors attending this on-campus meeting.**

AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the October 31, 2022 Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting. [Enclosure 1.a.](#)

2. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER [Enclosure 2.](#)

- a. Report on key performance metrics
b. Overview of academic efforts in support of student success
c. Update of progress, metrics, and planned action steps of academic initiatives in the current University Strategic Plan
- Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

"The University of Rhode Island occupies the traditional stomping ground of the Narragansett Nation and the Niantic People. We honor and respect the enduring and continuing relationship between the Indigenous people and this land by teaching and learning more about their history and present-day communities, and by becoming stewards of the land we, too, inhabit."

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3. REPORT OF THE CHIEF RESEARCH OFFICER [Enclosure 3.](#)

- a. **Special Committee on Research**
- b. **Brief Update on Plastics: Land to Sea COLAB, and Potential Next COLAB**
- c. **Brief Update on 1st of Three Planned Innovation Centers – Rapid Progress**
 - Dr. Peter Snyder, Vice President for Research and Economic Development

4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Review of the granting of tenure effective August 27, 2023 to incoming faculty member Dr. Jean Gordon who has met the requirements for tenure at the University of Rhode Island, and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees.**
 - Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
[Enclosure 4.a.](#)
- b. **Review of the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees, diplomas, certificates, and honors to be conferred by the President to the candidates who have completed their requirements at the conclusion of the Fall 2022 term and who are approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees.**
 - Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
[Enclosure 4.b.](#)

5. ADJOURN

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