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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 6, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. EDT**

**The University of Rhode Island
Meeting Room 130 • Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center
45 Upper College Road, Kingston, RI 02881**

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

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AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the February 7, 2023 Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting. [Enclosure 1.a.](#)**

2. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

- Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost, Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs**
- a. Updates on:**
- (i) Searches**
 - (ii) Honorary degree nominations**
 - (iii) Faculty annual reviews, promotion, and tenure**
 - (iv) Providence Shepard's Building**
 - (v) Strategic Plan Mapping**

"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."

- b. External programmatic reviews**
- c. Commencement 2023**
- d. Vice President for Research and Economic Development transition**

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Annual Review of the Academic Affairs and Research Committee Charter**
[Enclosure 3.a.](#)
- Dr. Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair
- b. Annual Review of the Academic Affairs and Research Committee Calendar**
[Enclosure 3.b.](#)
- Dr. Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair

4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Review of the awarding of an honorary degree for Commencement 2023 and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees.**
- Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
- 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 Spring 2023 term and who are approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees.** [Enclosure 4.b.](#)
- Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
- c. Review of the awarding of tenure, effective June 18, 2023, to Dr. Kenneth Rubin, Graduate School of Oceanography, who has met the requirements for tenure at the University of Rhode Island, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees.** [Enclosure 4.c.](#)
- Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
- d. Review of the following academic program closures, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees:** [Enclosure 4.d.](#)
 - **Closure of the URI B.S. in Non-Profit Administration**
 - **Closure of the URI B.S. in Professional Leadership Studies**- Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
- e. Review of the following academic program creation, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees:** [Enclosure 4.e.](#)
 - **Creation of the PhD in Education graduate degree program**- Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

5. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Academic Affairs and Research Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 2023.

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