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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 15, 2023 · 9:00 a.m. EDT**

**The University of Rhode Island
Meeting Room 207 · Avedisian Hall
7 Greenhouse Road, Kingston, RI 02881**

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

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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 April 6, 2023, Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting. [Enclosure 1.a.](#)

- Dr. Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair

"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."

The University of Rhode Island is an equal opportunity employer committed to community, equity, and diversity and to the principles of affirmative action.

2. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

- a.** Search Updates
 - b.** Current Academic Initiatives
 - c.** Academic Unit Action Plans Status Update
 - d.** New URI Online Graduate Programs
 - i. Master of Environmental Management
 - ii. Master of Professional Studies
 - iii. Master of Health Outcomes and Data Analytics
- Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Dr. Anne Veeger, Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Initiatives

3. REPORT OF THE CHIEF RESEARCH OFFICER

- Dr. Bethany Jenkins, Interim Vice President, Research and Economic Development
- Mr. Christian Cowan, Executive Director of the URI Research Foundation

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a.** Review enrollment management activities, outcomes, and initial enrollment projections for 2023-24 academic year. (Informational)
 - Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
 - Dr. Dean Libutti, Associate Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success
- b.** 2023 URI Annual Diversity Report, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 16-32-2.1, Diversity efforts and progress related to student, staff and faculty recruitment and retention at URI. [Enclosure 4.b.](#)
 - Dr. Sean Edmund Rogers, Dean, College of Business and former Chief Diversity Officer

5. ACTION ITEMS

- a.** Review of the granting of tenure for University of Rhode Island faculty members, effective July 1, 2023, and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees. [Enclosure 5.a.](#)
 - Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
- b.** Review of amendments to the Academic Affairs and Research Committee Charter and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees. [Enclosure 5.b.](#)

- Dr. Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair

- c. Review of amendments to the Academic Affairs and Research Committee Calendar and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees. [Enclosure 5.c.](#)

- Dr. Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair

- d. Review and approve legislation recommended by the Faculty Senate and the President: [Enclosure 5.d.](#)

- i. Closure of the URI Joint PhD in Education
- ii. New Master's Degree in Environmental Management
- iii. New Master's Degree in Professional Science
- iv. New Master's Degree in Health Outcomes and Data Analytics
- v. New Master's Degree in Professional Studies
- vi. New Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Education

- Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

6. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Academic Affairs & Research Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 2023.

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