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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees  
Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting  
Monday, October 31, 2022 · 12:30 p.m. EDT**

**The University of Rhode Island  
Alumni Center – Beagle Board Room  
73 Upper College 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 September 9, 2022 Meeting.** [Enclosure 1.a.](#)

**2. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**

- a. Update on Fall Enrollment Report**  
**b. Update on International Programs**  
**c. College Strategic Plan**  
- Laura Beauvais, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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### **3. REPORT OF THE CHIEF RESEARCH OFFICER**

- a. Research Staffing Issues**  
- Peter Snyder, Vice President for Research and Economic Development

### **4. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Review of the awarding of honorary degrees for Commencement 2023, and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees.**  
- Marc Parlange, President  
- Laura Beauvais, Interim Provost and 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 4.b.](#)**  
- Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair
- c. Review of the following academic program changes, and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees: [Enclosure 4.c.](#)**
- **Creation of the URI B.S. in Early Childhood Education, Pre-K-2**
  - **Creation of the URI B.A. in World Language Education**  
- Laura Beauvais, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

### **5. ADJOURN**

**The next URI Board of Trustees Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 2023.**

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