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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees  
Academic Affairs, Research, and Student Life Committee Meeting  
Thursday, April 22, 2021 • 2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. EDT**

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## AGENDA

### 1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the January 14, 2021 Meeting [Enclosure 2a](#)

### 3. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

- Dr. Don DeHayes, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

### 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. **Overview of Progress on the Student Affairs Strategic Plan: Lessons Learned During the Pandemic and Leading Through the Pandemic: Triage, Stabilization, and Transformation.**

[Enclosure 4a](#)

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- Dr. Kathy Collins, Vice President for Student Affairs
- Dr. Lori Ciccomascolo, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

- b. **Proposed University Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement** [Enclosure 4b](#)

- Dr. Mary Grace Almandrez, Chief Diversity Officer

- c. **Preliminary Report of Progress on the Academic Strategic Plan** [Enclosure 4c](#)

- Dr. Don DeHayes, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

- d. **Annual Review of the Academic Affairs, Research, and Student Life Committee Charter** [Enclosure 4d](#)

- Neil Kerwin, Chair, URI Board of Trustees Academic Affairs, Research, and Student Life Committee

### 5. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Review of the awarding of degrees, diplomas, certificates, and honors for students who have completed all applicable academic requirements at the conclusion of the Spring 2021 semester, and recommendation to the Board of Trustees** [Enclosure 5a](#)

- Dr. Don DeHayes, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

### 6. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Academic Affairs, Research, and Student Life Committee meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2021.