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**The University of Rhode Island  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Friday, April 23, 2021 • 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 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 Plenary Session [Enclosure 2a.](#)
- b. Minutes of the January 15, 2021 Meeting [Enclosure 2b.](#)
- c. Minutes of the April 8, 2021 Special Meeting [Enclosure 2c.](#)
- d. Minutes of the April 12, 2021 Special Meeting [Enclosure 2d.](#)

### **3. OPEN FORUM**

*Note: public participants must submit an online public comment form requesting permission to speak no less than 2 hours in advance of the meeting. The online request form and instructions for submission can be found via this [link](#).*

### **4. PLENARY SESSION: Shared Governance - An overview of the URI Faculty Senate and URI Student Senate**

Megan Echevarría, Chair - Faculty Senate; Audrey Cardany, Vice Chair - Faculty Senate; Austyn Ramsay, President - Student Senate; Madyson Ramsay, Vice President - Student Senate

### **5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board may seek to enter into Executive Session for the following items:

- a. Discussion regarding litigation: Sean Burt, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Board of Trustees of the University of Rhode Island, and Does 1-10 inclusive, C.A. No. 20-465-JJM-LDA (U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island); and,  
  
Logan Thomson, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Board of Trustees of the University of Rhode Island, C.A. No. 20-295-JJM-LDA (U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island), pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).

- b. Discussion regarding litigation: Synopsys, Inc. v. University of Rhode Island, and Does 1-10, inclusive Board of Trustees of the University of Rhode Island, Case No. 5:21-cv-00581-BLF (U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California), pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).
- c. Discussion regarding potential and anticipated litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).
- d. Discussion regarding a proposed amendment to President David M. Dooley's contract extension, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1).

## **6. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

- a. Update on Board Governance Issues

## **7. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

- a. Spring 2021 Update

## **8. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

- a. **Governance Committee Report**
  - Update-4/22/2021 Committee Meeting
- b. **Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Report**
  - Update -4/22/2021 Committee Meeting
- c. **Facilities and Finance Committee Report**
  - Update -4/22/2021 Committee Meeting

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- i. Approval of Updated Signature Authority Memorandum. [Enclosure 8c\(i\)](#).
- ii. Approval of University Solar 2, LLC Leasehold Easement Agreement. [Enclosure 8c\(ii\)](#).
- iii. Approval of the naming of the West Gymnasium of the Tootell Athletic Complex to the Soloviev Family Basketball Practice Facility. [Enclosure 8c\(iii\)](#).
- d. **University Advancement and External Affairs Committee Report**
  - Update -4/22/2021 Committee Meetings

e. **Academic Affairs, Research, and Student Life Committee Report**

- Update -4/22/2021 Committee Meeting

**ACTION ITEM:**

- i. Approval of the awarding of degrees, diplomas, certificates, and honors for students who have completed all applicable academic requirements at the conclusion of the Spring semester for May 2021 commencement.  
[Enclosure 8e\(i\).](#)

**9. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Approval of Resolution Delegating Authority Over User Agency Contracts to the Managerial Group at The University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure 9a.](#)
- b. Approval of Amendment to President David M. Dooley's contract extension.

**10. WELCOME – DR. MARC PARLANGE – INCOMING URI PRESIDENT**

**11. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the URI Board of Trustees is scheduled for June 25, 2021.