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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting
Friday, September 9, 2022 · 2:45 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.

**To view the meeting remotely,
go to <https://web.uri.edu/trustees/meetings/>
and select the meeting to watch.**

**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 June 14, 2022 Meeting. [Enclosure 1.a.](#)

2. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

Fall 2022 Updates [Enclosure 2.](#)

- Laura Beauvais, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

3. REPORT OF THE CHIEF RESEARCH OFFICER

Annual Review of Research Activities, Issues and Budget

- Peter Snyder, Vice President, Research and Economic Development

"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."

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4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Review of the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees, diplomas, certificates, and honors to be conferred by the President to the candidates who will have completed their requirements at the conclusion of the Summer 2022 term and who are approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island, and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees. [Enclosure 4.a.](#)**
- Laura Beauvais, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- b. Review of the granting of tenure, effective January 1, 2023, to faculty member Dr. Zhu (Drew) Zhang, who has met the requirements for tenure at the University of Rhode Island, and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees. [Enclosure 4.b.](#)**
- Laura Beauvais, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- c. Review of the following academic program changes, and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees:**
 - **Creation of the URI Online Master's Degree in Data Science**
 - **Program Closure – Special Education Program**
 - **Organizational Change for Criminology and Criminal Justice from Program to Department**[Enclosure 4.c.](#)
- 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 the week of October 17, 2022.

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