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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees  
Academic Affairs, Research, and Student Life Committee Meeting  
Thursday, January 14, 2021 • 1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. EST**

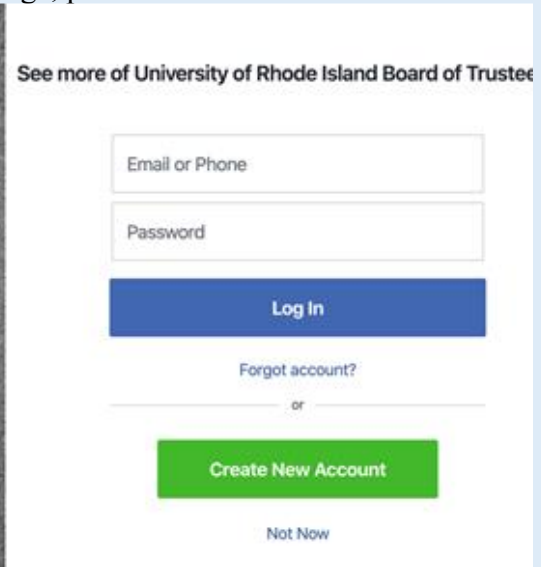
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## AGENDA

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
  - a. Minutes of the October 23, 2020 Meeting [Enclosure 2a](#)
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a. Academic Summit 2021 [Enclosure 3a](#)
  - b. Academic Strategic Plan – Update 2021 [Enclosure 3b](#)
4. DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - a. URI Research Foundation Partnership with Rogue Venture Partners  
[Enclosure 4a](#)
  - b. Annual Report of URI Progress Performance Metrics
    - Context and Overview of Performance Metrics Reported to the State
    - Performance Metrics Workbook  
[Enclosure 4b](#)  
[Enclosure 4b\(i\)](#)  
[Enclosure 4b\(ii\)](#)
    - Presentation and Discussion of Key Metrics
  - c. Overview of Academic Efforts in Support of Student Success
    - Academic Advising – Jayne Richmond, Dean, University College
    - Center for Career and Experiential Education – Dr. Kim Stack
    - Student Academic Support – Academic Enhancement Center - Ms. Jen Burgess
    - Undergraduate Research and Innovation Initiatives - Ms. Deedee Chatham
  - d. Continued Discussion Item: Possible models for Board and Faculty Senate consideration in regard to committee approval of new programs  
[Enclosure 4d](#)
5. ACTION ITEMS:
  - a. Review of the awarding of tenure for Dr. Samuel Soule, Graduate School of Oceanography and recommendation to the Board of Trustees  
[Enclosure 5a](#)
  - b. Review of the awarding of degrees, diplomas, certificates, and honors for students who have completed all applicable academic requirements at the conclusion of the Fall semester for December 2020, and recommendation to the Board of Trustees [Enclosure 5b](#)
  - c. Request to affirm the awarding of Honorary Degrees for Commencement 2021 and recommendation to the Board of Trustees

**6. ADJOURN**

**The next URI Board of Trustees Academic Affairs, Research, and Student Life Committee meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2021.**