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Academic Affairs, Research, and Student Life Committee Meeting  
Friday, October 23, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. EDT**

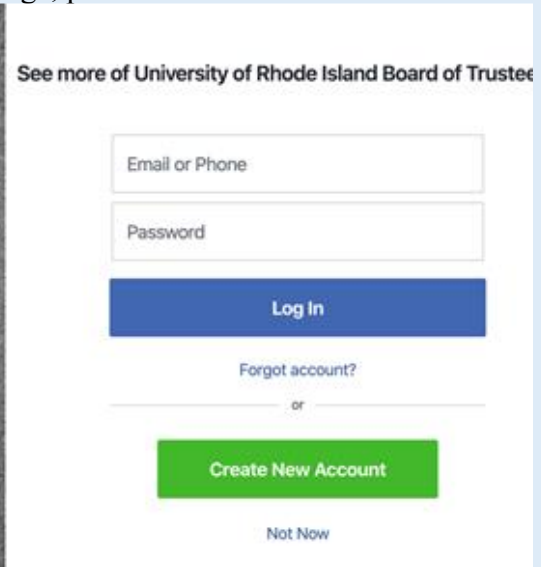
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## AGENDA

### 1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the September 2, 2020 Meeting [Enclosure 2a](#)
- b. Minutes of the September 10, 2020 Meeting [Enclosure 2b](#)

### 3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### a. Announcements & Emerging New Initiatives

- Campus climate assessment in spring 2021

#### b. Research Metrics for the Division of Research and Economic Development

- Dr. Peter Snyder, VP for Research and Economic Development

[Enclosure 3b](#)

#### c. Presentation of the URI Fall Enrollment Report

[Enclosure 3c](#)

- Provost Don DeHayes, Dean Libutti, Vice Provost Enrollment Management and John Stringer, Director of Institutional Research

#### d. Overview of the Faculty Senate Process for the Development and Review of Proposed New Programs/Majors [Enclosure 3d](#)

- Provost Don DeHayes, Megan Echevarria, Faculty Senate Chair, and Audrey Cardany, Faculty Senate Vice Chair

#### e. Possible Models for Board and Faculty Senate Consideration in regard to Committee Approval of New Programs [Enclosure 3e](#)

- Provost Don DeHayes, Anne Veeger, Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Initiatives, Megan Echevarria, Faculty Senate Chair, and Audrey Cardany, Faculty Senate Vice Chair

### 4. ACTION ITEMS

#### a. Recommendation and approval to advance Africana Studies and Gender and Women's Studies from "Program" to "Departmental" status. Note: Organizational change approved by Faculty Senate on 9/17/20 and by President Dooley.

[Enclosure 4a](#)

- Provost Don DeHayes and Dean Jeanette Riley, College of Arts and Sciences

#### b. Approval of Awarding Tenure to Dr. Gaurav Khanna, Professor of Physics, College of Arts and Sciences

[Enclosure 4b](#)

### 5. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Academic Affairs, Research, and Student Life Committee meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2021.