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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 2022 • 1:45 p.m. EDT**

**The University of Rhode Island
The Coastal Institute, Hazard Room
Narragansett Bay Campus
215 South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02882**

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attending this on campus meeting.**

AGENDA

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the January 20, 2022 Meeting. [Enclosure 2.a.](#)

3. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

- a. Update on searches
b. Update on fifth year interim report to NECHE, JCAP work on mission statement, update on revision of URI's core values
c. Update on faculty annual reviews, promotion and tenure
d. Progress report on revised Honorary Degree nomination process
e. Update on search for DEI deans
f. COVID Report
g. Commencement 2022
- Dr. Laura Beauvais, Interim Provost, Vice President for Academic Affairs

4. REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- a. Update on EPSCoR Track I submission
- b. Submission of the EDA BBBRC grant application; timeline for next steps
- c. Completed external audits of structure and resourcing of Office of Sponsored Programs, and of Research Development Office
- d. URI's participation in international summit on plastics pollution

-Dr. Peter Snyder, Vice President for Research and Economic Development

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Annual Review of the Academic Affairs and Research Committee Charter
[Enclosure 5.a.](#)
- b. Annual Review of the Academic Affairs and Research Committee Calendar
[Enclosure 5.b.](#)
- Committee Chair Dr. Cornelius Kerwin

6. 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 Spring 2022 term and who have been approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees. [Enclosure 6.a.](#)
- Dr. Laura Beauvais, Interim Provost, Vice President for Academic Affairs
- b. Review of the creation of a new Bachelor of Science in Nutrition within the College of Health Services, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees.
[Enclosure 6.b.](#)
- Dr. Laura Beauvais, Interim Provost, Vice President for Academic Affairs
- c. Review of the awarding of posthumous academic degrees to the following students at Commencement 2022, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees:

Ms. Leah Ribner-Martin, College of Environment and Life Sciences

Ms. Kathryn Bergmann, College of Environment and Life Sciences

Mr. Brian Banner, College of Business

Mr. Maximus Julian, College of Business

[Enclosure 6.c.](#)

7. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2022.

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