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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 23, 2021 • 1:30 p.m., Lecture Hall 308
Rhode Island Nursing Education Center
350 Eddy Street, Providence, RI 02903**

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AGENDA

- 1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
 - a. Minutes of the June 24, 2021 meeting [Enclosure 2.a.](#)
- 3. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**
 - Dr. Don DeHayes, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - a. **COVID-19 Update**
 - Dr. Anne Veeger, Vice Provost, Academic & Faculty Initiatives
 - Ellen M. Reynolds, MS, AVP, Student Health & Wellness Director
 - b. **FY21 Research Report [Enclosure 4.b.](#)**
 - Dr. Peter Snyder, Vice President for Research & Economic Development

- c. **Academic Strategic Planning Process [Enclosure 4.c.](#)**
- Dr. Laura Beauvais, Incoming Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

5. 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 2021 term and who are approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island, and recommendation to the Board of Trustees.**
[Enclosure 5.a.](#)
- b. **Review of the awarding of tenure for University of Rhode Island faculty members and recommendation to the Board of Trustees**
 - i. Dr. Ellen McGough, Professor, Program Director, and Department Chair, Physical Therapy [Enclosure 5.b.i.](#)
 - ii. Dr. Anthony Marchese, Professor and Dean, College of Engineering [Enclosure 5.b.ii.](#)
 - iii. Dr. David Townson, Professor of Animal Sciences, College of the Environment and Life Sciences [Enclosure 5.b.iii.](#)

6. ADJOURN

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