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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Meeting  
Friday, September 24, 2021 • 9:00 a.m. EDT  
Rhode Island Nursing Education Center, 350 Eddy Street - Room 305  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903**

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**AGENDA**

- 1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
  - a. Minutes of the June 24, 2021 Retreat Meeting [Enclosure 2.a.](#)
  - b. Minutes of the June 25, 2021 Meeting [Enclosure 2.b.](#)
- 3. OPEN FORUM**

*Note: public participants must submit an online public comment form requesting permission to speak no less than 2 hours in advance of the meeting. The online request form and instructions for submission can be found via this [link](#).*
- 4. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS**
  - a. Academic Affairs and Research Committee**
    - Update Report – September 23, 2021 Committee Meeting

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- i. Approval 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. [Enclosure 4.a.\(i\).](#)
- ii. Approval of the awarding of tenure for University of Rhode Island faculty members and recommendation to the Board of Trustees
  - Dr. Ellen McGough, Professor, Program Director, and Department Chair, Physical Therapy [Enclosure](#)
  - Dr. Anthony Marchese, Professor and Dean, College of Engineering [Enclosure](#)
  - Dr. David Townson, Professor of Animal Sciences, College of the Environment and Life Sciences [Enclosure](#)
- b. **Finance and Facilities Committee**
  - Update – September 23, 2021 Committee Meeting

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- i. Approval of the University of Rhode Island Total Budget Request, Tuition and Fee Rates, and Tables of Organization for FY 2023, and the Total Budget Allocations for FY 2022. [Enclosure 4.b.\(i.\)](#)
  - ii. Approval of the demolition of the Fernwood Building and an East Farm shed. [Enclosure 4.b.\(ii\)](#)
  - iii. Approval of Signature Authority on behalf of the University of Rhode Island and the URI Board of Trustees effective August 1, 2021, and Ratification of All Actions Taken Consistent with such Authority. [Enclosure 4.b.\(iii\)](#)
  - iv. Approval of Signature Authority on behalf of the University of Rhode Island and the URI Board of Trustees effective October 1, 2021. [Enclosure 4.b.\(iv\)](#)
- c. **Governance Committee**
    - Update – September 23, 2021 Committee Meeting

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- i. Approval of the URI Board of Trustees Policy on Nondiscrimination. [Enclosure 4.c.\(i\).](#)

- ii. Approval of the URI Board of Trustees Remote Meeting Participation Policy.  
[Enclosure 4.c.\(ii\)](#).

## **5. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM**

- a. Approval of the 2023 Board of Trustees meeting calendar [Enclosure 5.a](#).

## **6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board may seek to enter into Executive Session for the following items:

- a. Discussion regarding potential and anticipated litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).
- b. Discussion regarding litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2).
  - i. Synopsys, Inc. v. University of Rhode Island, and Does 1-10, inclusive Board of Trustees of the University of Rhode Island, Case No. 5:21-cv-00581-BLF (U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California).
  - ii. Sean Burt, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Board of Trustees of the University of Rhode Island, and Does 1-10 inclusive, C.A. No. 20-465-JJM-LDA (U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island).
  - iii. Logan Thomson, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Board of Trustees of the University of Rhode Island, C.A. No. 20-295-JJM-LDA (U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island).
  - iv. Louis Kwame Fosu v. The University of Rhode Island, University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees, David M. Dooley, President, The University of Rhode Island, Donald DeHayes, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Jeannette E. Riley, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, Case No. 1:21-cv-00279 (U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island).
  - v. Barry J. O'Connor, Jr. v. University of Rhode Island, Civil Action No. PC-2021-03978 (Superior Court of Rhode Island).
  - vi. Salman Habeeb et al. v. University of Rhode Island et al., Civil Action No. PC-2019-9694 (Superior Court of Rhode Island).

- c. Discussion related to or concerning a prospective business or industry located in the State of Rhode Island when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the interest of the public, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(6).

**7. ADDITIONAL REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

- a. Executive Committee Report
  - (i) Update – September 23, 2021 Committee Meeting
- b. Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Report
  - (i) Update – September 23, 2021 Committee Meeting
- c. Student Life and Athletics Committee Report
  - (i) Update – September 23, 2021 Committee Report
- d. University Advancement and External Affairs Committee Report
  - (i) Update – September 23, 2021 Committee Meeting

**8. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

- a. Update on Board Activities

**9. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

- a. Fall 2021 Report

**10. PLENARY SESSION**

- Barbara Wolfe, Dean, College of Nursing
- Melissa Sosa '22, College of Nursing [Enclosure](#)
- Devon Carroll, PhD Candidate, College of Nursing [Enclosure](#)

**11. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the URI Board of Trustees is scheduled for November 5, 2021.

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