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The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Meeting Friday, November 8, 2024 · 9:00 a.m. EST

The University of Rhode Island The Alumni Room, The Ryan Center 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston, RI 02881

This meeting will be held in person and will use videoconferencing. Public viewing is available in person or remotely.

To view the meeting remotely, go to https://web.uri.edu/trustees/meetings/ and select the meeting to watch.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Margo Cook, Chair

2. 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*.

3. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Margo Cook, Chair

- a. URI Foundation President Search
- b. Medical Commission Update
- c. Corporate Partnerships

4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Marc Parlange, President

- a. University Update
- b. Strategic Plan KPIs
- c. Enrollment Update
- d. Budget Update

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5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Enrollment Report Presentation Enclosure

Dean Libutti, Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management and Student Success

b. University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Regulations Regarding Use of University Property Enclosure

Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board may seek to enter into executive session for the following items:

- a. Discussion regarding potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L.§ 42-46-5(a)(2).
- b. Discussion and action regarding matters related to the question of the investment of public funds where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5 (a)(7), specifically:
 - (i) Discussion and Action: Approval of a Contract for Enterprise Resource Planning Software. *Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance*
 - (ii) Discussion regarding research support from partner organizations

 Marc Parlange, President

 Bethany Jenkins, Vice President, Research and Economic Development
 - (iii) Discussion regarding enrollment and recruitment

 Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

7. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- a. Governance Committee Report
 - (i) Update October 22, 2024, Committee Meeting Cortney Nicolato, Committee Chair
 - (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of amendments to the URI Board of Trustees Bylaws. Enclosure
- b. Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Report
 - (i) Update October 16, 2024, Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Meeting *Roby Luna, Committee Chair*

c. Finance and Facilities Committee Report

- (i) Update October 21, 2024, Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting *Vahid Ownjazayeri, Committee Chair*
- (ii) DISCUSSION ITEM: Approvals under the Delegation of Authority to the President Relating to Land and Property <u>Enclosure</u>
- (iii)ACTION ITEM: Approval of the FY 2024 University of Rhode Island Audited Financial Statements. Enclosure

 Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance
- (iv)ACTION ITEM: Approval of a Contract in Excess of \$5 Million: Change Order to Contract with Oracle America, Inc. Enclosure

d. Academic Affairs and Research Committee Report

- (i) Update October 22, 2024, Committee Meeting *Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair*
- (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the awarding of honorary degrees for Commencement 2025.
- (iii)ACTION ITEM: Approval of amendments to the Academic Affairs and Research Committee Calendar. Enclosure

8. OMNIBUS VOTE ON COMMITTEE-RELATED ACTION ITEMS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approval of the actions described below, as recommended by the referenced committees and presented in the referenced enclosures where applicable:

Approval of Minutes:

a. Approval of the Minutes of the September 27, 2024, Board Meeting. Enclosure

Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee recommended action:

b. Approval of amendments to the Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Calendar Enclosure

Academic Affairs and Research Committee recommended action:

c. 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 Fall 2024 term and who are approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island. Enclosure

Governance Committee recommended action:

d. Approval of amendments to the Governance Committee Calendar. Enclosure

9. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2025.

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