



Members

Margo Cook '86, *Chair*

Armand E. Sabitoni '73, *Vice Chair*

Maria P. Ducharme, DNP, RN - M.S. '96

Michael D. Fascitelli '78

Charles Fogarty M.P.A. '80

Joe Formicola '69

Monica J. Garnes '94

Neil Kerwin, Ph.D. - M.A. '73

Matthew Lenz '11

Roby Luna '04

David Martirano '91

Joseph F. Matthews '80

Cortney M. Nicolato '01

Vahid Ownjazayeri

Yahaira "Jay" Placencia '01

Thomas Ryan '75

Robert A. Weygand '71, '76, M.A. '09, M.P.A.'10

**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting
Monday, June 17, 2024 · 12:00 p.m. EDT**

**The University of Rhode Island
Beagle Board Room, The Alumni Center
73 Upper College Road, Kingston, RI 02881**

This meeting will be held in person and will use videoconferencing.

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

Ex Officio Members

Marc B. Parlange, Ph.D., P.Eng.
President

Michael Grey, *Chair*
R.I. Board of Education

David Caprio, *Chair*
*R.I. Council on Postsecondary
Education*

Melissa Sutherland, Ph.D., FAAN
Faculty Representative

Revaa Goyal '27
Student Representative

AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the April 10, 2024, Academic Affairs and Research
Committee Meeting [Enclosure](#)**
Dr. Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair

2. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER [Enclosure](#)

*Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic
Affairs*

- a. Academic Year Recap**
b. 2024 Spring Commencement

3. REPORT OF THE CHIEF RESEARCH OFFICER

*Dr. Bethany Jenkins, Vice President, Research and Economic
Development*

- a. URI Research Foundation (URIRF) enabling legislation
[Enclosure](#)**

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. **Review enrollment management activities, outcomes, and initial enrollment projections for 2024-2025 academic year.**
 - (i) **Update on the Hope Scholarship and the Promise Scholarship (informational)**
Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs
Dr. Dean Libutti, Associate Vice President, Enrollment and Student Success
- b. **2024 URI Annual Diversity Report, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 16-32-2.1. Diversity efforts and progress related to student, staff, and faculty recruitment and retention at URI.**
[Enclosure](#)
Markeisha Miner, Vice President, Community, Equity, and Diversity

5. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Approval of the annual granting of tenure for University of Rhode Island faculty members, effective July 1, 2024, or as specified, and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees.** [Enclosure](#)
Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs
- b. **Approval of legislation recommended by the Faculty Senate and the President providing a new degree opportunity, and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees:**
 - (i) **Graduate Council Report 2023-2024-11C: Master of Science in Mental & Behavioral Health Counseling** [Enclosure](#)
Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs
- c. **Approval of the awarding of a posthumous academic degree, and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees.** [Enclosure](#)
Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Academic Affairs and Research Committee may seek to enter into executive session for the following items:

- a. **Discussion pertaining to collective bargaining or potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2).**
Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs

- b. Discussion regarding matters related to the question of the investment of public funds, which includes any investment plan or matter related thereto, where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(7); specifically,**

- **Investment in potential programming**

Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs

7. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Academic Affairs and Research Committee meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2024.

The University of Rhode Island strives to provide inclusive access to events. If you need a reasonable accommodation or have a question about accessing a Board of Trustees' public meeting, please call (401) 874-4338 in advance of the meeting. For TTY, please call the R.I. Relay Service at 711. We encourage all individuals seeking an accommodation to reach out as early as possible in advance of the meeting as the University's ability to provide a requested accommodation may be impacted by the timing of the request.