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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 2024 · 2:00 p.m. EDT**

**The University of Rhode Island
The Hope Room, Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center
45 Upper College Road, Kingston, RI 02881**

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

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AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the September 16, 2024, Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting** [Enclosure](#)
Dr. Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair

2. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

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

- a. Update on Searches**
b. Update on Fall Enrollment Report

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

a. 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,

(i) Research support from partner organizations

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

(ii) Enrollment and recruitment

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

4. ACTION ITEMS

a. 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, and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees. [Enclosure](#)

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

b. Approval of the awarding of honorary degrees for Commencement 2025, and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees.

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

5. ADJOURN

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