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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 5, 2025 · 2:00 p.m. EST**

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

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AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the October 22, 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 Summit**
b. Update on Searches
c. Medical School Feasibility Study Update
d. Fall Enrollment Update

3. REPORT OF THE CHIEF RESEARCH OFFICER

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

- a. FY2025 Grant Outlook: Mid-year Grant Awards**
b. Faculty Research Recognition

4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Recommendation to approve legislation from the Graduate Council #2024-2025-01C, College of Education organizational change to create a new degree opportunity, Master of Arts, Educational Leadership & Policy, which has been approved by the faculty and president of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)**
Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs
- b. **Recommendation to approve legislation from the Faculty Senate Curriculum & Standards Committee Report #2024-2025-03C, College of Business organizational change to create a new degree opportunity, Bachelor of Arts, Business Studies Program, which has been approved by the faculty and president of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)**
Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs
- c. **Recommendation to approve legislation from the Graduate Council #2024-2025-3C, College of Health Sciences organizational change to create a new degree opportunity, Master of Public Health Program, which has been approved by the faculty and president of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)**
Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs
- d. **Recommendation to approve legislation from the Graduate Council #2024-2025-4C, College of Health Sciences organizational change to create a new degree opportunity, Master of Science in Management (MSM), which has been approved by the faculty and president of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)**
Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee may seek to enter into Executive Session for the following item:

- a. **Discussion regarding potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2), and a matter 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).**
Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs
Dr. Bethany Jenkins, Vice President, Research and Economic Development

6. ADJOURN

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