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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting
Monday, October 27, 2025 · 3:00 p.m. EDT**

**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 September 15, 2025, Academic Affairs and Research
Committee meeting. [Enclosure](#)**

2. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs

- a. Academic and Leadership Team for Federal Actions Updates
b. Medical School Feasibility Study
c. Accreditation
d. Fall Enrollment Report**

3. REPORT OF THE CHIEF RESEARCH OFFICER

Bethany Jenkins, Vice President, Research and Economic Development

a. Research Update

4. 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,

- Research support from partner organizations

Bethany Jenkins, Vice President, Research and Economic Development

- Enrollment and recruitment

Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs

5. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Consideration of the awarding of posthumous academic degrees at Spring Commencement 2026, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees. [Enclosure](#)
- b. Consideration 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 2025 term and who are approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees. [Enclosure](#)

Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

- c. Consideration of the awarding of honorary degrees for Spring Commencement 2026, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees.

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6. ADJOURN

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