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The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2026 · 2:00 p.m. EDT

The University of Rhode Island
Room 107, Green Hall
35 Campus Avenue, Kingston, RI 02881

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AGENDA

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

   a. **Minutes of the September 16, 2026, 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 Accreditation Updates**
   b. **2026-2027 Enrollment Update**

3. **REPORT OF THE CHIEF RESEARCH OFFICER** Enclosure
   Brenton DeBoef, Interim Vice President, Research and Economic Development

   a. **Research and Economic Development Update**

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4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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) Enrollment Strategy
Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs
Dean Libutti, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. 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 2026 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

b. Consideration of the awarding of a posthumous academic degree at Spring Commencement 2027, and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees. Enclosure
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c. Consideration of the awarding of honorary degrees for Spring Commencement 2027, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees.
Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

6. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Academic Affairs and Research Committee meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2027.

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