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The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting Thursday, October 26, 2023, 2:00 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,
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**Face coverings are now optional for all faculty, staff, students,
and visitors attending this on-campus meeting.**

AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the September 14, 2023, Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting [Enclosure 1.a.](#)

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

- a. Update on Fall Enrollment Report
- b. Update on Dean Searches
- c. December Commencement Plans
 - Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

"The University of Rhode Island occupies the traditional stomping ground of the Narragansett Nation and the Niantic People. We honor and respect the enduring and continuing relationship between the Indigenous people and this land by teaching and learning more about their history and present-day communities, and by becoming stewards of the land we, too, inhabit."

3. REPORT OF THE CHIEF RESEARCH OFFICER

- a. Research Funding**
- b. Matching University Priorities**
- c. Economic Development for Research**

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

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- a. Discussion of the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons provided that the person or persons affected shall have been noticed in advance in writing and advised that they may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(1).**

- Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs

5. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Review 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 2023 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](#)**

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

- b. Review of the granting of tenure, effective January 1, 2024, to an incoming faculty member who has met the requirements for tenure at URI, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees.**

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

- c. Review of the awarding of honorary degrees for Commencement 2024, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees.**

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

6. ADJOURN

The next meeting of the Academic Affairs and Research Committee is tentatively scheduled for February 2024.

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