

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**March 26, 2014**

Trustees: Bailey, Barham, Bessette, Cantor, Carbray, Daniels, Dennis-LaVigne, Gandara, James, Kruger, McHugh, Nayden

Staff: Andrews, Bedard, Biancamano, Burton, Callahan, Carone, Chi, Chiaputti, Choi, Cruickshank, Diplock, Donahue, J. Fazio, P. Fazio, Fearney, Gafford, Geoghegan, Gilbert, Gopal, Gray, Herbst, Holsinger, Jednak, Kazerounian, Kendig, Kirk, Korbel, Larson, Locke, Locust, Moiseff, Mundrane, Orr, Patel, Reis, Rubin, Seemann, Silbart, Simsek, Teal, Torti, Trutter, Weiner, Wetstone, Wohl

Committee Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne convened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. at the University of Connecticut, Rome Commons Ballroom, Storrs Campus. On a motion by Trustee Carbray, seconded by Trustee Barham, the minutes of the February 26, 2014, meeting were approved as circulated.

Provost Choi introduced ***Action Item #2, Recommendation for Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2013-2014.*** Provost Choi announced that Dr. Scott W. Brown, Professor of Educational Psychology, Dr. Nancy A. Naples, Professor of Sociology, and Dr. Kathleen Segerson, Professor of Economics, are the 2013-2014 recipients of the honor. Moved by Trustee James, seconded by Trustee Barham, the Committee recommended approval of designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors for Dr. Scott W. Brown, Dr. Nancy A. Naples, and Dr. Kathleen Segerson to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced ***Action Item #3, Tenure at Hire.*** Moved by Trustee Barham, seconded by Trustee Bailey, the Committee recommended approval of one tenure at hire case to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced ***Action Item #4, Sabbatical Leave Recommendations.*** Moved by Trustee Carbray, seconded by Trustee Bailey, the Committee recommended approval of all sabbatical leave recommendations to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced ***Action Item #5, Establishment of the James Barnett Professorship in Humanistic Anthropology in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.*** Provost Choi acknowledged the estate of Dennison J. Nash, which funded this Professorship in honor of the late Dr. James Barnett, a faculty colleague of Dr. Nash, who specialized in the history of social thought and the sociology of art and literature. Moved by Trustee Barham, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended establishment of the James Barnett Professorship in Humanistic Anthropology to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced ***Action Item #6, Establishment of the United Technologies Corporation Chair for Advanced Systems, Action Item #7, Establishment of the United Technologies Corporation Professorship for Advanced Systems Engineering, and Action Item #8, Establishment of the United Technologies Corporation Institute for Advanced Systems Engineering.*** Provost Choi acknowledged the generous support of the United Technologies Corporation towards the School of Engineering and the field of Advanced Systems. Moved by Trustee James, seconded by Trustee Bailey, the Committee recommended establishment of the United Technologies Chair, Professorship, and named Institute for Advanced Systems Engineering to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced ***Action Item #9, Professional Master's Degree in Biostatistics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.*** Provost Choi introduced Dr. Zhiyi Chi, Professor and Associate Department Head and Director of Graduate Programs, who gave a brief outline of the new program to the Committee. Moved by Trustee James, seconded by Trustee Bailey, the Committee recommended approval of the Professional Master's Degree in Biostatistics to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced ***Action Item #10, Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Diversity Management in Sport.*** Provost Choi introduced Dr. Laura Burton, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership, who gave a

brief outline of the new online program to the Committee. Moved by Trustee Carbray, seconded by Trustee James, the Committee recommended approval of the Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Diversity Management in Sport to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced ***Action Item #11, Policy on Scholarly Integrity in Graduate Education and Research.*** Provost Choi introduced Dr. Kent Holsinger, Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of The Graduate School, who informed the Committee that that majority of changes to the policy reflected the removal of the procedures from the policy document. The updated policy applies to both graduate students and postdoctoral scholars. Moved by Trustee Carbray, seconded by Trustee Barham, the Committee recommended approval of the Policy on Scholarly Integrity in Graduate Education and Research to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced ***Informational Item #12, Renaming the Undergraduate Major Business and Technology to Business Data Analytics in the School of Business.*** Provost Choi introduced Dr. Ram Gopal, Professor and Department Head of Operations & Information Management, who gave a brief outline to the Committee on the renaming to Business Data Analytics, which is supported by students, faculty, and employers.

Committee Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon L. Murray  
Committee Secretary