

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
December 7, 2016

Committee Trustees: Braghirol, Carbray, Dennis-LaVigne, Lobo, McHugh

Additional Trustees: Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Gandara, Kruger, Kuegler, Marshall, Nayden, Reviczky, Ritter

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Committee Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne convened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the University of Connecticut, Rome Commons Ballroom, Storrs Campus.

On a motion by Trustee Braghirol, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the minutes of the September 29, 2016, meeting were approved as circulated.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #2, Sabbatical Leave Recommendations*. Moved by Trustee Carbray, seconded by Trustee Braghirol, the Committee recommended approval of all sabbatical leaves to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #3, Master of Science in Athletic Training*. Moved by Trustee Braghirol, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #4, Master of Science in Genetic and Genomic Counseling*. Moved by Trustee Carbray, seconded by Trustee Braghirol, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #5, Master of Science in Quantitative Economics*. Moved by Trustee Braghirol, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #6, Graduate Certificate in American Studies*. Moved by Trustee Carbray, seconded by Trustee Braghirol, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced *Informational Item #7, Notification of Proposed Changes to the By-Laws: Preamble*.

Provost Choi introduced *Informational Item #8, Notification of Proposed Changes to the By-Laws: Article IX.B. – The University Senate.*

Committee Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne introduced Dr. Kent Holsinger, Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School, who introduced Mr. Islam Mosa, doctoral student in chemistry. Mr. Mosa recently received the People's Choice Awards for a three-minute doctoral thesis presentation, where he succinctly conveyed the core concepts of his supercapacitor research. The Committee watched Mr. Mosa's video presentation, and Mr. Mosa thanked the Committee and the University community for their support

Committee Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon L. Murray
Committee Secretary