

DRAFT MINUTES
MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
August 5, 2015

Committee Trustees: Carbray, Dennis-LaVigne, McHugh

Additional Trustees: Bessette, Bunnell, Gandara, Kruger, Nayden

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Committee Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the University of Connecticut, Rome Commons Ballroom, Storrs Campus.

On a motion by Trustee Carbray, seconded by Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne, the minutes of the June 8, 2015, meeting were approved as circulated.

Moved by Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended tabling *Action Item #8, Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration in the School of Fine Arts*, and *Action Item #12, Intellectual Property and Commercialization Policy* to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #2, Sabbatical Leave Recommendations*. Moved by Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended approval of all sabbatical leave recommendations to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #3, Reappointment of Dr. Robert Bird to the Eversource Chair in Business Ethics in the School of Business; Action Item #4, Reappointment of Dr. Chinmoy Ghosh as the Gladstein Professor of Business and Innovation in the School of Business; Action Item #5, Reappointment of Dr. Ram Gopal as the GE Capital Endowed Professor of Business in the School of Business; Action Item #6, Reappointment of Professor Nicholas Lurie as the Voya Financial Professor in the School of Business; and Action Item #7, Reappointment of Michael Willenborg to the Richard F. Kochnek Professorship in Accounting in the School of Business*. Moved by Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended approval of the five reappointments to endowed professorships or chairs to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #9, Graduate Certificate in Digital Marketing Strategy*. Provost Choi introduced Dr. Suresh Nair, Professor and Associate Dean, School of Business, who provided the Committee with a brief summary of the Graduate Certificate. Moved by Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended approval of the Graduate Certificate in Digital Marketing Strategy to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #10, Post-Baccalaureate and Graduate Certificates in Literacy Supports for Students With and At-Risk for Learning Disabilities*. Provost Choi introduced Dr. Natali Olinghouse, Associate Professor of Educational Psychology, who provided the Committee with a brief

summary of the Post-Baccalaureate and Graduate Certificates. Moved by Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended approval of the Certificates to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced ***Action Item #11, Approval to Amend the By-Laws of the University of Connecticut: Article XV.G – General Policies and Practices.*** Moved by Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended approval to amend the *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut* to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced ***Action Item #13, Enhancement of Veterans Benefits.*** Moved by Trustee Carbray, seconded by Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee recommended approval of Enhancement to Veterans Benefits to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced ***Action Item #14, Establishment of the Comcast Chair in Cyber Security in the School of Engineering.*** Moved by Trustee Carbray, seconded by Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee recommended establishment to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced ***Informational Item #15, Renaming the Department of Psychology to the Department of Psychological Sciences in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.***

Provost Choi introduced ***Informational Item #16, Renaming the Public Health Certificate in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies to Disability Studies in Public Health.***

Provost Choi introduced ***Informational Item #17, Centers and Institutes.***

Provost Choi introduced ***Informational Item #18, Academic Program Inventory.***

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon L. Murray
Committee Secretary