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MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
December 16, 2015

Committee Trustees: Carbray, Jelliffe, Lobo, McHugh
Additional Trustees: Bessette, Cantor, Gandara, Kruger, Nayden, Rifkin, Ritter
University Senate: Howell, Jockusch, Kendall, Nunnally

Trustee Carbray convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the University of Connecticut, Rome Commons Ballroom, Storrs Campus.

On a motion by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the minutes of the October 28, 2015, meeting were approved as circulated.

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

Provost Choi introduced Action Item #3, Establishment of the Nicholas E. Madonna Professorship in Cyber-Physical Systems in the School of Engineering. Moved by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended establishment of the Nicholas E. Madonna Professorship in Cyber-Physical Systems to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced Action Item #4, Professional Science Master’s Degree in Energy and Environmental Management in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the School of Law. Moved by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Lobo, the Committee recommended approval of the Professional Science Master’s Degree in Energy and Environmental Management to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced Action Item #5, Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration in the School of Fine Arts. Moved by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Lobo, the Committee recommended approval of the Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced Action Item #6, LL.M. (Master of Law) in Intellectual Property Law and Information Governance. Moved by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Lobo, the Committee recommended approval of the LL.M. in Intellectual Property and Information Governance to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced Action Item #7, Graduate Certificate in Corporate and Regulatory Compliance; Action Item #8, Graduate Certificate in Global Risk Management; Action Item #9, Graduate Certificate in Neurobiology of Language; Action Item #10, Graduate Certificate in Pain Management; and Action Item #11, Graduate Certificate in Power Engineering. Moved by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Lobo, the Committee recommended approval of the Graduate Certificates to the full Board.
Provost Choi introduced **Action Item #12, Modify the M.A. Degree in Psychology to the M.S. Degree in Psychological Sciences in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.** Moved by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Lobo, recommended modifying the M.A. Degree in Psychology to the M.S. Degree in Psychological Sciences.

Provost Choi introduced **Action Item #13, Consolidate the Undergraduate Majors within the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources.** Moved by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Lobo, the Committee recommended consolidation of the Undergraduate Majors within the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture.

Provost Choi introduced **Informational Item #14, Renaming the Undergraduate Major and M.S. Degree in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.**

Provost Choi introduced **Informational Item #15, Renaming the “Gifted and Talented Education” Degree Programs to “Giftedness, Creativity, and Talent Development” in the Department of Educational Psychology.**

Provost Choi introduced **Informational Item #16, Centers and Institutes.**

Dean Jeremy Teitelbaum introduced Dr. Gerry Altmann, Professor of Psychological Sciences, who gave a presentation on the Connecticut Institute for the Brain and Cognitive Sciences.

Trustee Carbray adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon L. Murray
Committee Secretary