

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
March 30, 2016

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

Additional Trustees: Bessette, Bunnell, Cantor, Cloud, Gandara, Kruger, Marshall, Nayden, Reviczky, Rifkin, Ritter

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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 Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the minutes of the February 24, 2016, meeting were approved as circulated.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #2, Recommendation for Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2015-2016*. Provost Choi announced that Dr. Frank Costigliola, Professor of History, Dr. John Mathieu, Professor of Management, Dr. Krishna Pattipati, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Dr. Michael Willig, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, are the 2015-2016 recipients of the honor. Moved by Trustee Carbray, seconded by Trustee Jelliffe, the Committee recommended approval of designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors for Dr. Costigliola, Dr. Mathieu, Dr. Pattipati, and Dr. Willig.

Committee Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne introduced *Discussion Item #3, Torrington Campus*. Committee Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne invited Ms. Elinor Carbone, Mayor of Torrington, Ms. JoAnn Ryan, President and CEO, Northwest Connecticut Chamber, and Mr. Michael Conway, former Mayor of Torrington, who spoke in support of maintaining the operations of the UConn Torrington Regional Campus. Committee Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne invited Vice Provost Sally Reis to present on the status of enrollment and sustainability of the UConn Torrington Regional Campus. Thereafter, discussion ensued, and several Committee members sought clarifications and asked questions. Moved by Trustee Carbray, seconded by Trustee Jelliffe, the Committee recommended that the full Board take up the issue of the UConn Torrington Regional Campus at their April 27, 2016, meeting.

Committee Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon L. Murray
Committee Secretary