January 30, 2019

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Craig H. Kennedy, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Centers and Institutes

The By-Laws of the University of Connecticut, Article XII, state that “All centers and institutes will be reviewed on a five-year cycle to determine their continued contribution to the University’s mission,” and that the “Provost will routinely inform the Board of Trustees … of the establishment and discontinuation of all centers and institutes.” This document represents such notice.

BACKGROUND:

Following review and deliberation, the Academic Centers and Institutes Review Committee brought forth the following recommendation, which I support:

   Established
   The Institute of the Environment

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The mission of the Institute of the Environment will be to function as an integrative structure with an overarching mission to broadly advance the environmental enterprise at UConn with respect to scholarship, research, graduate education, and engagement, including both inreach and outreach activities. The Institute will encompass four extant entities: The Center for Environmental Sciences and Engineering, the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History, the Office of Sustainability, and the Natural Resources Conversevation Academy.