February 27, 2019

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Susan Herbst

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Altschuler Cybersecurity Laboratory at UConn Storrs

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorize the naming of Room 138 in the Information Technologies Engineering Building as the Altschuler Cybersecurity Laboratory.

BACKGROUND:

Samuel Altschuler, ENGR 1950, and Stephen Altschuler, ENGR 1954, have directed support to the School to create a Cybersecurity Laboratory for Computer Science and Engineering students consistent with the University’s Named Gift Guidelines. A portion of their commitments will establish an endowment to provide ongoing upgrades and enhancements to the Cybersecurity Lab in the future.

The gift is expected to enable the School of Engineering to transform this space into the first laboratory dedicated to teaching hands-on cybersecurity to Computer Science and Engineering freshmen as well as other undergraduates and graduate students at the University of Connecticut. A special freshman curriculum is being developed to give students in-depth exposure to, and understanding of, cybersecurity by examining individual applications. They include: commercial-off-the-shelf devices, Internet-of-Things devices, equipment to test the security and integrity of electronic election/voting systems, smart power-meters and power grid devices. The curriculum will also cover website security, secure configuration of networks and networked systems, and security of network routing.

Samuel Altschuler graduated from University of Connecticut, B.S. in Electrical Engineering, in 1950, and obtained an MBA from Northeastern University in 1958. He founded Altron, Inc., where he was the Chairman and President until his retirement.

Stephen Altschuler graduated from University of Connecticut, B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1954, and obtained a Master’s degree in engineering from Yale in 1955. He is the Founder, President, and Chairman of Altek Electronic. Mr. Altschuler served as a member of the University of Connecticut Board of Trustee from 1986 – 1993.

At its February 13, 2019, meeting, the Institutional Advancement Committee recommended approval to the full Board.