

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES**

University of Connecticut  
Wilbur Cross Building  
North Reading Room  
233 Glenbrook Road  
Storrs, Connecticut

April 24, 2019

**OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. by Chairman Thomas E. Kruger. Trustees Andy Bessette, Shari G. Cantor, Richard T. Carbray, Jr., Sanford Cloud, Jr., Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Marilda L. Gandara, Jeanine A. Gouin, Bryan P. Hurlburt, Thomas E. Kruger, Denis J. Nayden, Thomas D. Ritter, Philip E. Rubin, Nandan Tumu, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee, were in attendance.

Trustees David Lehman, Rebecca Lobo, Kevin J. O'Connor, and Samuel Surowitz participated by telephone.

Trustees Mark L. Boxer, Charles F. Bunnell, and Dianna R. Wentzell were not in attendance.

The following University staff were present: President Herbst, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Elliott, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Agwunobi, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Fuerst, Vice President for Research Maric, Vice President for Student Affairs Gilbert, Vice President for Global Affairs Weiner, Associate Vice President for Human Resources Delello, General Counsel Gelston, Deputy Chief of Staff Kirk, and Executive Director of Employee Relations Buffkin.

Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin participated by telephone.

University Senate Representatives Sandra Chafouleas, Eleni Coundouriotis, and Jaci Van Heest were in attendance, including Rajeev Bansal, who attended part of the meeting.

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Carbray, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda and change the order to hold an Executive Session at the beginning of the Board meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Ms. Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 10:18 a.m. to discuss:

1. Records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining pursuant to 1-210(b)(9).

Trustees Bessette, Cantor, Carbray, Cloud, Dennis-LaVigne, Gandara, Gouin, Hurlburt, Kruger, Nayden, Ritter, Rubin, Tumu, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee, were in attendance.

Trustees Lehman, Lobo, O'Connor, and Surowitz participated by telephone.

The following University staff were present for the entire Executive Session: President Herbst, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Elliott, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, Vice President for Communications Kendig, General Counsel Gelston, Deputy Chief of Staff Kirk, Associate Vice President for Human Resources Delello, and Executive Director of Employee Relations Buffkin.

Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin participated by telephone.

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The Executive Session ended at 10:39 a.m.

### OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:41 a.m.

1. Public Participation

There were no members of the public who wished to address the Board.

2. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters outstanding

Chairman Kruger welcomed again to the Board Bryan P. Hurlburt, who was recently nominated by Governor Lamont as Commissioner-designate of the Department of Agriculture.

(b) Minutes of the meeting of March 27, 2019

On a motion by Mr. Cloud, seconded by Mr. Ritter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 27, 2019.

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Mr. Bessette, seconded by Dr. Rubin, the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda items.

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| (1)  | Contracts and Agreements for the Storrs-based Programs   | (Attachment 1)  |
|      | Contracts and Agreements were approved as recommended by the Financial Affairs Committee.  |                 |
|      | (Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Attachment 1.)  |                 |
| (2)  | Recommendations for Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2018 – 2019   | (Attachment 2)  |
| (3)  | Promotion and Tenure   | (Attachment 3)  |
| (4)  | Sabbatical Leave Recommendations   | (Attachment 4)  |
| (5)  | Appointment of Professor Kezhong Zhang to the Boehringer Ingelheim Endowed Chair in Mechanistic Toxicology in the School of Pharmacy                           | (Attachment 5)  |
| (6)  | Appointment of Associate Professor Matthew Singer to the Alan R. Bennett Honors Professorship in Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences | (Attachment 6)  |
| (7)  | Appointment of Professor Yiming Qian to the Toscano Family Chair in Finance in the School of Business  | (Attachment 7)  |
| (8)  | Bachelor of Arts in American Sign Language Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences   | (Attachment 8)  |
| (9)  | Modification of the Master of Arts in Research Methods, Measurement and Evaluation in the Neag School of Education   | (Attachment 9)  |
| (10) | Naming Recommendation for Elliot Ball Park   | (Attachment 10) |
| (11) | Appointment to Canvassing Board – Election of Alumni Trustee   | (Attachment 11) |

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## 3. President's Report

President Herbst acknowledged Trustee Cloud for receiving a lifetime achievement award from Howard University's School of Law. This honor was presented at their 150th anniversary celebration on April 13.

She recognized Janet Pritchard, Professor of Photography, in the Department of Art and Art History, who received the 2019 Guggenheim Fellowship. President Herbst also recognized Akshayaa Chittibabu, who was recently named a Marshall Scholar, which is one of the most prestigious honors available to undergraduate students.

## 4. Academic Affairs Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

(b) Informational Items:

(1) Tenure-track Reappointments (Attachment 12)

(2) Centers and Institutes (Attachment 13)

## 5. Financial Affairs Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

(b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Carbray, the Board voted to approve the following items.

(1) Fiscal Year 2020 Institutional Fees for UConn Health (Attachment 14)

(Trustee Bessette abstained from voting on Attachment 14.)

(2) Project Budget (Final) for Student Union – Quick Service Restaurant Dining Services Buildout (Attachment 15)

(3) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Stamford Parking Garage Demolition (Attachment 16)

(4) Project Budget (Final) for Stamford Abutting Property Restoration (Attachment 17)

(5) Project Budget (Revised Final) for UCFM Code Remediation – Campus Wide Laundry Alterations (Attachment 18)

(6) Project Budget (Final) for the RCx Program Avery Point Marine Sciences Building (Attachment 19)

(7) Project Budget (Revised Planning) for Boiler Plant Equipment Replacement and Utility Tunnel Connection (Attachment 20)

## 6. UConn Health Report

(a) Report on UConn Health activities

There was no Report on Committee activities.

## 7. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

There was no Report on Committee activities.

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8. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

9. Construction Management Oversight Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

There was no Report on Committee activities.

10. Student Life Committee Report

(a) Report of Committee activities

11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

12. Committee on Compensation Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

13. Other business

Chairman Kruger announced that he would be stepping down today as Chairman and as a member of the Board of Trustees. He thanked Governor Lamont for his support for the University, the members of the Board for their dedication and stewardship, and President Herbst for her vision and guidance.

14. Executive Session anticipated

15. Adjournment

Chairman Kruger announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2019.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne  
Secretary