

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
January 29, 2014

Trustees: Barham, Bessette, Bunell, Cantor, Carbray, Daniels, Dennis-LaVigne, Gandara, Handley, Kruger, Lobo, Marshall, McHugh, Nayden, Ritter

Staff: Andrews, Bansal, Bray, Callahan, Carone, Choi, Cruickshank, Dineen, Diplock, Donahue, Fazio, Fearney, Fuerst, Gafford, Gelston, Gilbert, Gray, Healy, Herbst, Holsinger, Jednak, Kazerounian, Kendig, Kirk, Korbel, Larson, Locke, Locust, MacNeil, Mundrane, Ogbar, Orr, Patel, Reis, Rubin, Seemann, Silbart, Slowik, Stwalley, Teal, Torti, Trutter, Weiner, Wetstone, Wilder, Wohl, Wrynn

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 Carbray, seconded by Trustee Barham, the minutes of the December 11, 2013, meeting were approved as circulated.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #2, Designation of Emeritus Status*. Moved by Trustee Barham, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended designation of emeritus status to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #3, Sabbatical Leave Recommendations*. Moved by Trustee Carbray, seconded by Trustee Lobo, the Committee recommended approval of all sabbatical leave recommendations to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced *Information Item #, Faculty Consulting Program – (1) The University of Connecticut Consulting Program FY 2013 Annual Report and (2) Report on the University of Connecticut’s Compliance with Public Act 07-166 (Section 12) Faculty Consulting Program: Report Issued by the Faculty Consulting Oversight Committee*. Committee Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne complimented staff at both the Storrs and Farmington campuses for their focus on compliance with consulting regulations while simultaneously promoting efforts to streamline and improve the process.

Provost Choi introduced Vice Provost Sally Reis, Assistant Vice Provost Peter Diplock, and Jennifer Dineen – Graduate Program Director of Survey Research in the Department of Public Policy – who presented on the progress of UConn’s online initiative over the last year. The University now supports more than 200 online courses and more than 20 online graduate programs. UConn’s online initiative is unique, as it focuses on niche areas of faculty expertise, and courses are developed and taught by full-time faculty. Dr. Dineen shared insights from the Department of Public Policy’s online Survey Research program, where students connect, share, and collaborate immediately from their varied locations and occupations.

Committee Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon L. Murray
Committee Secretary