

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

University of Connecticut
Rome Commons Ballroom
Storrs, Connecticut
June 25, 2014

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Louise Bailey, Rose Barham, Andrew Bessette, Charles Bunnell (*via telephone*), Shari Cantor, Richard Carbray, Sandy Cloud, Michael Daniels, Andrea Dennis-Lavigne, Mary Ann Handley, Thomas Kruger, Larry McHugh, Denis Nayden (*via telephone*), Stefan Pryor and Thomas Ritter

STAFF PRESENT: Carolle Andrews, John Biancamano, Elizabeth Bolt, Thomas Callahan, Debbie Carone, Cheryl Chiaputti, Mun Choi, Robert Corbett, Laura Cruickshank, Joanne Fazio, Nathan Fuerst, Kristi Gafford, Nicole Gelston, Brian Gore, Susan Herbst, Kent Holsinger, Michael Jednak, Tysen Kendig, Michael Kirk, Matthew Larson, Susan Locke, Wayne Locust, Warde Manuel, Michael Mundrane, Jeffrey Ogbar, Richard Orr, Bhupen Patel, Sally Reis, Rachel Rubin, Jeff Seeman, Larry Silbart, Katrina Spencer, Eli Strassfeld, Jack Sullivan, Lysa Teal, Frank Torti, Thomas Trutter, Kelly Wihbey, Dana Wilder and Reka Wrynn

SENATE PRESENT: Rajeev Bansal, Lynne Healey and Donna Korbel

At approximately 9:30 a.m. Chairman Ritter convened a special meeting of the Board of Trustees Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee (BGE).

Thomas Callahan, Associate Vice President for Infrastructure Planning and Strategic Project Management, briefed the committee on Environmental Impact Evaluations (EIE) for the Engineering and Science building and the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Residence Hall. Both projects will be seeking a minimum of LEED Silver Certification. Both EIEs find that with proposed mitigation there will be no significant impacts to the environment as a result of their construction.

Mr. Callahan reminded the committee that as part of the project approval process of the exigent renovation of the Arjona building, a waiver of the LEED certification process was not sought from the Trustees as mandated by Board policy. The BGE committee had requested that from a procedure point of view, the University ensure that this type of oversight not occur again and that recommendations be provided to the committee taskforce by August. He said the University sought an opportunity to make the mistake right. There was not an opportunity to retroactively alter the Arjona renovations to bring them to the LEED standard but there are other opportunities for environmental sustainability available to the University including doubling University recycling by 50% over the next two years; as well as increasing the number of water

refill stations for student refillable bottles. Mr. Ritter thanked Mr. Callahan and his team for their hard work on providing the alternative remedies to the situation.

On a motion by Trustee Carbray and seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne the two Environment Impact Evaluations were recommended to the full Board for approval.

Committee Chairman Ritter explained that the committee had determined it was more cost effective to spend funds that should have been expended on LEED certification on other environmental projects and the committee was in support of the recommendations made by Mr. Callahan.

At 9:20 a.m. the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Trustee Ritter and seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne.

Respectfully submitted,

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