

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**August 6, 2014**

Trustees: Bailey, Bessette, Cantor, Carbray, Daniels, Dennis-LaVigne, Gandara, James, Jelliffe, Kruger, Lobo, McHugh, Nayden, Ritter

Staff: Biancamano, Callahan, Carone, Chiaputti, Choi, Cruickshank, Donahue, Fazio, Fearney, Fisher, Fuerst, Gafford, Gelston, Geoghegan, Gilbert, Grant, Herbst, Jednak, Kazerounian, Larson, Locke, Locust, Lucas, Mundrane, Nunnally, Orr, Patel, Reis, Reitz, Rubin, Seemann, Silbart, Simsek, Slowik, Spencer, Strassfeld, Torti, Weidemann, Weiner, Wetstone, Wood, Wrynn, Zinn

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 James, the minutes of the June 25, 2014, meeting were approved as circulated.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #2, Promotion and Tenure*. Moved by Trustee James, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended approval of all promotion and tenure cases to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #3, Designation of Emeritus Status*. Moved by Trustee James, seconded by Trustee Lobo, the Committee recommended designation of emeritus status to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #4, Sabbatical Leave Recommendations*. Moved by Trustee Carbray, seconded by Trustee James, the Committee recommended approval of all sabbatical leave recommendations to the full Board.

Committee Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne introduced Dr. Steven Zinn, Department Head and Professor of Animal Science, who recognized Animal Science faculty members and students who were honored at the 2014 American Society of Animal Science / American Dairy Science Association meeting. Dr. Zinn introduced Dr. Sarah Reed, Assistant Professor; Dr. Kristen Giovoni, Assistant Professor; Davi Jaganathan, Ph.D. student; Bethany Sullivan, undergraduate student; and Katelyn McFadden, undergraduate student. Dr. Zinn also introduced Bill Sciturro, Plant Manager of the UConn Creamery. Mr. Sciturro developed the ice cream flavor Centennial Caramel Crunch, in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Extension System. Centennial Caramel Crunch was voted best ice cream and the “Big Scoop” trophy was awarded to Dr. Zinn at the 2014 American Society of Animal Science Awards ceremony. Trustee James joined Committee Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne in congratulating the faculty, students, and Mr. Sciturro on their successes.

Provost Choi provided the Committee with an update on faculty hiring and key research grants. A discussion followed among Trustees Nayden and Jelliffe, Provost Choi, and Vice President Seemann regarding the tracking of research grants and their importance to UConn faculty and students.

Committee Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon L. Murray  
Committee Secretary