

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**December 16, 2015**

Committee Trustees: Carbray, Jelliffe, Lobo, McHugh

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Trustee Carbray convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the University of Connecticut, Rome Commons Ballroom, Storrs Campus.

On a motion by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the minutes of the October 28, 2015, meeting were approved as circulated.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #2, Sabbatical Leave Recommendations*. Moved by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended approval of all sabbatical leaves to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #3, Establishment of the Nicholas E. Madonna Professorship in Cyber-Physical Systems in the School of Engineering*. Moved by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended establishment of the Nicholas E. Madonna Professorship in Cyber-Physical Systems to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #4, Professional Science Master's Degree in Energy and Environmental Management in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the School of Law*. Moved by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Lobo, the Committee recommended approval of the Professional Science Master's Degree in Energy and Environmental Management to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #5, Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration in the School of Fine Arts*. Moved by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Lobo, the Committee recommended approval of the Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #6, LL.M. (Master of Law) in Intellectual Property Law and Information Governance*. Moved by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Lobo, the Committee recommended approval of the LL.M. in Intellectual Property and Information Governance to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced *Action Item #7, Graduate Certificate in Corporate and Regulatory Compliance; Action Item #8, Graduate Certificate in Global Risk Management; Action Item #9, Graduate Certificate in Neurobiology of Language; Action Item #10, Graduate Certificate in Pain Management; and Action Item #11, Graduate Certificate in Power Engineering*. Moved by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Lobo, the Committee recommended approval of the Graduate Certificates to the full Board.

Provost Choi introduced ***Action Item #12, Modify the M.A. Degree in Psychology to the M.S. Degree in Psychological Sciences in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.*** Moved by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Lobo, recommended modifying the M.A. Degree in Psychology to the M.S. Degree in Psychological Sciences.

Provost Choi introduced ***Action Item #13, Consolidate the Undergraduate Majors within the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources.*** Moved by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Lobo, the Committee recommended consolidation of the Undergraduate Majors within the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture.

Provost Choi introduced ***Informational Item #14, Renaming the Undergraduate Major and M.S. Degree in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.***

Provost Choi introduced ***Informational Item #15, Renaming the “Gifted and Talented Education” Degree Programs to “Giftedness, Creativity, and Talent Development” in the Department of Educational Psychology.***

Provost Choi introduced ***Informational Item #16, Centers and Institutes.***

Dean Jeremy Teitelbaum introduced Dr. Gerry Altmann, Professor of Psychological Sciences, who gave a presentation on the Connecticut Institute for the Brain and Cognitive Sciences.

Trustee Carbray adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon L. Murray  
Committee Secretary