

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**April 24, 2019**

Committee Trustees: Carbray, Dennis-LaVigne, Gouin, Lobo (Telephone), Rubin, and Surowitz (Telephone)

Additional Trustees: Bessette, Cantor, Cloud, Gandara, Kruger, Mound, Nayden, and Ritter

University Senate Representatives: Bansal, Chafouleas, Coundouriotis, and VanHeest

Staff: Agwunobi, Blanchard, Chiaputti, Elliott, Gelston, Gilbert, Herbst, Kendig, Kirk, Locke, Maric, Shoulson, Volin, and Weiner

Committee Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne convened the meeting at 9:31 a.m. at the University of Connecticut, North Reading Room, Room 109, Wilbur Cross Building, Storrs Campus.

On a motion by Trustee Carbray, seconded by Trustee Gouin, the minutes of the March 27, 2019, meeting were approved as circulated.

Provost Elliott introduced ***Action Item #2, Recommendation for Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2018-2019***. Moved by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Gouin, the Committee recommended approval to the full board.

Provost Elliott introduced ***Action Item #3, Promotion and Tenure***. Moved by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Provost Elliott introduced ***Action Item #4, Sabbatical Leave Recommendations***. Moved by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Provost Elliott introduced ***Action Item #5, Appointment of Professor Kezhong Zhang to the Boehringer Ingelheim Endowed Chair in Mechanistic Toxicology in the School of Pharmacy***. Moved by Trustee Carbray, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee recommended approval to the full board.

Provost Elliott introduced ***Action Item #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***. Moved by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Gouin, the Committee recommended approval to the full board.

Provost Elliott introduced ***Action Item #7, Appointment of Professor Yiming Qian to the Toscano Family Chair in Finance in the School of Business***. Moved by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended approval to the full board.

Provost Elliott introduced ***Action Item #8, Bachelor of Arts in American Sign Language Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences*** and ***Action Item #9, Modification of the Master of Arts in Research Methods, Measurement and Evaluation (RMME) in the Neag School of Education***. Moved by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended approval to the full board.

Provost Elliott introduced *Informational Item #10, Tenure-track Reappointments* and *Informational Item #11, Centers and Institutes*.

Committee Chairwoman Dennis-LaVigne adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Vrabely  
Committee Secretary