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MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
December 11, 2019

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

Additional Trustees: Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Cardona, O’Connor, Pollard, Ritter, Toscano, and Tumu

University Senate: Boyer, Chafouleas, Van Heest, and Yalof

Staff: Agwunobi, Benedict, Burckhardt, Carone, Cruickshank, Elliott, Fuerst, Gelston, Gilbert, Jednak, Jordan, Katsouleas, Kendig, Kirk, Larson, Locke, Maric, Rubin, Volin

Committee Chairwoman Gouin convened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the University of Connecticut, North Reading Room, Room 109, Wilbur Cross Building, Storrs Campus.

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the minutes of the October 23, 2019, meeting were approved as circulated.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced Action Item #2, Designation of Emeritus Status. Moved by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced Action Item #3, Tenure at Hire. Moved by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

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

Interim Provost Elliott introduced Action Item #5, Appointment of Dr. Laurent Michel to the Synchrony Financial Chair for Cybersecurity in the School of Engineering. Moved by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced Action Item #6, New Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis, Action Item #7, New Graduate Certificate in Literacy & Deaf Education, and Action Item #8, New Graduate Certificate in Process Engineering. Moved by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced Action Item #9, New Post-Master’s Graduate Certificate, Nursing Practice: Family Nurse Practitioner. Moved by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced Action Item #10, Prospero Chair in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and Action Item #11, Titania Chair in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.

Interim Provost Elliott shared Informational Item #18, Academic Program Inventory.
Interim Provost Elliott introduced a short presentation by UConn’s first Rhodes Scholar, Wanjiku (Wawa) Gatheru.

Trustee Rubin called a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne. Chairwoman Gouin adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah K. Croucher
Committee Secretary