

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES

University of Connecticut
Wilbur Cross Building
North Reading Room
233 Glenbrook Road
Storrs, Connecticut

February 26, 2020

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Chairman Daniel D. Toscano. Trustees Andy Bessette, Charles F. Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Justin Fang, Jeanine A. Gouin, Bryan K. Pollard, Thomas D. Ritter, Philip E. Rubin, Daniel D. Toscano, Renukanandan Tumu, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee, were in attendance.

Trustees Mark L. Boxer, Sanford Cloud, Jr., Marilda L. Gandara, and Rebecca Lobo participated by telephone.

Trustees Miguel A. Cardona, Bryan P. Hurlburt, David Lehman, and Kevin J. O'Connor were not in attendance.

The following University staff were present: President Katsouleas, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Elliott, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Agwunobi, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Fuerst, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Vice President for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Maric, Vice President for Student Affairs Gilbert, Vice President for Global Affairs Weiner, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School Holsinger, Associate Vice President for Human Resources Delello, Senior Advisor/Assistant Vice President for Communications Kirk, Executive Director of Employee Relations Buffkin, and Labor Relations Associate Brierley.

University Senate Representatives Robert Bird, Mark Boyer, Carol Polifroni, Anji Seth, Jaci Van Heest, and David Yalof were in attendance.

1. Public Participation

The following students spoke about the need for additional mental health resources. Students also gave to the Administration a list of questions from the UConn Mental Health Coalition:

Katharine Morris, Founder and President, UConn Coalition for Collaborative Organizing
Mason Holland
Brittany Diaz
Abhishek Gupta
Xingyi Chen
Caesar Valentin
Annastasia Martineau
Luke Anderson
Ashley Robinson
Wesley Nyambi
Jessica Delgado
Kylee Dostie

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The Board took a brief recess.

2. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters outstanding

Chairman Toscano acknowledged the recent resignation of Dr. Scott S. Cowen as a member of the Board. Dr. Cowen will continue to consult with the Board and with President Katsouleas on various matters.

(b) Minutes of the meetings of December 11, 2019 and January 29, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Bessette, seconded by Mr. Tumu, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings of December 11, 2019, and January 29, 2020, with an amendment on page 1 of the January 29, 2020, minutes.

Dr. Rubin noted that the word "by" was omitted in the below sentence on page 1 of the January 29 minutes.

"On a motion by Mr. Bessette, seconded by Dr. Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 9:20 a.m. to discuss:..."

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Mr. Bessette, seconded by Dr. Rubin, the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda Items #1 – #8, and Item #10. Item #9 was removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

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| (1) | Contracts and Agreements for the Storrs-based Programs
(Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on this item.) | (Attachment 1) |
| (2) | Designation of Emeritus Status | (Attachment 2) |
| (3) | Appointment of Retired Faculty to Emeritus Status | (Attachment 3) |
| (4) | Sabbatical Leave Recommendations | (Attachment 4) |
| (5) | Appointment of Professor Del Siegle to the Lynn and Ray Neag Endowed Chair for Talent Development | (Attachment 5) |
| (6) | Graduate Certificate in Bridge Engineering | (Attachment 6) |
| (7) | Graduate Engineering Data Sciences Certificate | (Attachment 7) |
| (8) | Graduate Certificate in Advanced Materials Characterization | (Attachment 8) |
| (10) | Welsh Family Classroom (School of Law Library) | (Attachment 10) |

On a motion by Ms. Gouin, seconded by Mr. Tumu, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Faculty Hiring Plan with an amendment to address diversity hiring.

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| (9) | Faculty Hiring Plan | (Attachment 9) |
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3. President's Report

(a) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:

On a motion by Ms. Gouin, seconded by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Honorary Degree recipients for the 2020 Commencement ceremonies.

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| (1) | Honorary Degrees | (Attachment 11) |
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4. Academic Affairs Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
 - (b) Informational Item:
 - (1) Academic Program Inventory (Attachment 12)
5. Financial Affairs Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
 - (b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

On a motion by Mr. Tumu, seconded by Mr. Pollard, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following items in Attachments 13 – 24.

 - (1) Software Upgrade to the PeopleSoft Student Administration System (Attachment 13)
 - (2) Project Budget (Revised Final) for South Campus Commons Landscape and Pedestrian Improvements Plan (Attachment 14)
 - (3) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Fine Arts Phase II – Renovation and Improvements (Attachment 15)
 - (4) Project Budget (Revised Final) for North Eagleville Road Area Infrastructure Repair/Replacement and Upgrades – Phase III (Attachment 16)
 - (5) Project Budget (Final) for Supplemental Utility Plant Project (Attachment 17)
 - (6) Project Budget (Final) for Boiler Plant Equipment Replacement and Utility Tunnel Connection (Attachment 18)
 - (7) Project Budget (Final) for Residential Life Facilities - North Campus Residence Halls Renovations – Phase 2 (Attachment 19)
 - (8) Project Budget (Final) for Residential Life Facilities - Hicks and Grange Student Room and Common Area Renovations (Attachment 20)
 - (9) Project Budget (Final) for Main Campus Substation Switchgear Relay Replacement – AET5P-14G SCADA (Attachment 21)
 - (10) Project Budget (Final) for UCONN 2000 Code Remediation: Stamford Downtown Relocation (Attachment 22)
 - (11) Project Budget (Final) for UConn Health Dermatology Clinic Renovation – C Main (Attachment 23)
 - (12) Project Budget (Final) for UConn Health Main Building Lab Area Renovations – 3rd Floor (Attachment 24)
6. UConn Health Report
 - (a) Report on UConn Health activities

There was no Report on Committee activities.

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7. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
8. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
 - (b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:

On a motion by Mr. Bessette, seconded by Mr. Fang, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Modification of Utility Easement to CL&P dba Eversource Energy.

 - (1) Modification of Utility Easement to CL&P dba Eversource Energy (Attachment 25)
9. Construction Management Oversight Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities

There was no Report on Committee activities.
10. Student Life Committee Report
 - (a) Report of Committee activities

There was no Report on Committee activities.
11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities

On a motion by Mr. Tumu, seconded by Ms. Gouin, the Board voted unanimously to add to the agenda a Naming Recommendation for Nayden Hall of Champions in the Werth Family Basketball Champions Center.

Mr. Tumu motioned, seconded by Ms. Gouin, to authorize the naming of the Hall of Champions in the Werth Family Basketball Champions Center lobby, to be known as the Nayden Hall of Champions. The Board voted unanimously in favor of this motion.
12. Committee on Compensation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities

There was no Report on Committee activities.
13. Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities

On a motion by Mr. Fang, seconded by Mr. Tumu, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Technology Transfer Plan.
 - (b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:
 - (1) Technology Transfer Plan (Attachment 26)
14. Other business

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15. Executive Session anticipated

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Tumu, seconded by Dr. Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 12:30 p.m. to discuss:

1. Preliminary drafts and notes whose disclosure does not outweigh the public benefit of withholding them pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-210(b)(1); and
2. Records pertaining to strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation to which the public agency is a party until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210(b)(4); and
3. Records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210(b)(9).

Trustees Bessette, Bunnell, Cantor, Dennis-LaVigne, Fang, Gouin, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, Toscano, Tumu, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee, were in attendance.

Trustees Boxer and Gandara participated by telephone.

The following University staff were present for the entire Executive Session: President Katsouleas, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Elliott, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Agwunobi, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, and Senior Advisor/Assistant Vice President for Communications Kirk.

The following University staff were present for part of the Executive Session: Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School Holsinger, Associate Vice President for Human Resources Delello, Executive Director of Employee Relations Buffkin, and Labor Relations Associate Brierley.

The Executive Session ended at 1:14 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 1:14 p.m.

16. Adjournment

Chairman Toscano announced that the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

On a motion by Ms. Cantor, seconded by Mr. Bessette, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Secretary