MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
February 26, 2020

Committee Trustees: Dennis-LaVigne, Fang, Gouin, and Rubin

Additional Trustees: Bessette, Bunnell, Cardona, Ritter, and Toscano

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

Staff: Agwunobi, Burckhardt, Carone, Cruickshank, Elliott, Fuerst, Gilbert, Holsinger, Jordan, Katsouleas, Kirk, Locke, Roberts, Rubin, Shoulson, and Volin

Committee Chairwoman Gouin convened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. at the University of Connecticut, North Reading Room, Room 109, Wilbur Cross Building, Storrs Campus.

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Fang, the minutes of the December 11, 2019, meeting were approved as circulated.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced Action Item #2 Designation of Emeritus Status and Action Item #3 Appointment of Retired Faculty to Emeritus Status. Moved by Trustee Fang, 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 Professor Del Siegle to the Lynn and Ray Neag Endowed Chair for Talent Development. Moved by Trustee Fang, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced Action Item #6, New Graduate Certificate in Bridge Engineering, Action Item #7, New Graduate Engineering Data Sciences Certificate, and Action Item #8, New Graduate Certificate in Advanced Materials Characterization. Moved by Trustee Fang, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced Action Item #9, Faculty Hiring Plan. A motion was introduced to request that the hiring plan be approved with some amendments to ensure faculty diversity was explicitly addressed in the plan; moved by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Interim Provost Elliott shared Informational Item #10, Academic Program Inventory.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced a short presentation on UConn Engagement Initiatives by Kevin McLaughlin, Director of Engineering and Outreach Center, School of Engineering, focused on the BRIDGE Engineering Program.
Trustee Dennis-LaVigne called a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Trustee Fang. Chairwoman Gouin adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah K. Croucher
Committee Secretary