

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