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MEETING OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
University of Connecticut
Special Telephone Meeting
August 19, 2020

TRUSTEES PARTICIPATING: Andy Bessette, Chuck Bunnell, Shari Cantor, Sanford Cloud, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Justin Fang, Marilda Gandara, Jeanine Gouin, Kevin O’Connor, Bryan Pollard, Thomas Ritter, Philip Rubin, Daniel Toscano, and Ethan Werstler

STAFF PARTICIPATING: Lloyd Blanchard, Debbie Carone, Sarah Chipman, Nicole Gelston, Michael Glasgow, Thomas Katsouleas, Nathan LaVallee, and Rachel Rubin

SENATE REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATING: Robert Bird, Carol Polifroni, Maria Luz-Fernandez, Jaci Van Heest, and David Yalof

Vice-Chair Bessette convened the meeting of the Financial Affairs Committee via teleconference at 4:31 p.m. He asked for a roll call of those participating and asked if there were any members of the public who wished to speak on the agenda items. There being no public comment, he directed the Committee to agenda Item #2, Approval of a U.S. Air Force Research Contract.

Michael Glasgow, Associate Vice President for Research, detailed the research planned for the contract. He stated that this is the largest single Federal contract that the University has ever received. The main objective of the research is to develop capabilities to predict performance of aerospace materials in a manufacturing environment as well as when subjugated to extreme thermomechanical influences. Additionally, it is critical to understand how systems function throughout a manufacturing lifecycle and how that affects production throughput. The project will be done in collaboration with Connecticut Industrial Partners to include Pratt & Whitney, Sikorsky Aircraft and others. UConn will be working with these companies and the Air Force research laboratories to solve problems that provide transformative capabilities on manufacturing technologies.

Terms of the agreement include general Federal Acquisition Requirements, specific export control clauses and standard financial requirements. Nicole Gelston, General Counsel, provided highlights of the contract terms and the contract review process. On a motion by Trustee Rubin and seconded by Trustee Cantor, the item was recommended to the full Board for approval.

There being no additional agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Rubin and seconded by Trustee Cantor.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Carone
Secretary to the Committee