

TELEPHONE MEETING OF THE INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE
University of Connecticut
June 9, 2020

MINUTES

Committee Trustees: Dr. Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Charles Bunnell, Shari Cantor, Jeanine Gouin, Rebecca Lobo and Bryan Pollard

University Senate Representative: Dr. David A. Yalof

Staff: Mo Cotton Kelly, Nathan Fuerst, Tysen Kendig, Joann Lombardo, Scott Roberts, Rachel Rubin and Lesley Salafia

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. via conference call.

An opportunity for public comment or participation was offered, with none heard, the meeting continued.

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Lobo, the meeting minutes dated April 14, 2020, were approved as circulated.

Ms. Salafia reviewed the UConn Foundation Master Agreement and Statement of Work for Fiscal Year 2021 with the Committee. After Committee discussion, each document was voted on separately. A motion was made by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Pollard, and accepted by the Committee to approve the Master Agreement. Then a motion was made by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Gouin and accepted by the Committee to approve the Statement of Work for Fiscal Year 2021.

Later in the meeting Ms. Salafia noted the Statement of Work shared with the Committee was incomplete. Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne called for a motion to revoke the vote for the Statement of Work FY21. Trustee Gouin made a motion, Trustee Lobo seconded and the Committee approved. A motion was then made to table the Statement of Work FY21 by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Pollard, and approved by the Committee.

Mr. Roberts provided the Committee with an update on the Foundation Board meeting the week before which was held virtually. He also touched upon fundraising activities. He then asked Ms. Cotton Kelly to provide an update on Alumni activities. Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne noted the moving communication sent to alumni and donors by Alumni Relations, standing in solidarity condemning the killing of George Floyd, and systemic racism. Ms. Cotton Kelly provided the Committee high-level details on how the Alumni Team as well as the Communications and Marketing Team are being more innovative during virtual engagement due to COVID-19.

Mr. Kendig noted the relationship between University Communications and the Foundation has been working exceptionally well. Mr. Kendig shared that University Communications has provided guidance to Deans and communication partners at the University in an effort to put forth the University's moral stance in the wake of George Floyd's killing. He also updated the Committee on the continued communications efforts during COVID-19, as well as upcoming communications surrounding the University's reentry plan, including a new website.

Ms. Lombardo noted the Legislative session ended on May 6, 2020, without returning due to COVID-19, with no major bills approved and no adjustments made to the already approved FY21 State budget. A request for UConn and UConn Health FY21 mid-term budget adjustment has been made. It is unknown at this time if there will be a Special Legislative Session this summer.

Trustee Gouin called for a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Trustee Lobo. Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Cote
Committee Secretary