

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOT COMMITTEE FOR RESEARCH, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION
University of Connecticut
Webex/Telephone
July 23, 2020

COMMITTEE TRUSTEES: Philip Rubin, Sandy Cloud (*via telephone*), Marilda Gandara (*via telephone*)
ADDITIONAL TRUSTEES: Tom Ritter (*via telephone*)
COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Rich Vogel, Tim Shannon
UNIVERSITY SENATE REP: Rajeev Bansal
STAFF: Joanna Desjardin, Gail Garber, President Katsouleas, Radenka Maric, David Nobel, Rachel Rubin, Dan Schwartz, Jeffrey Shoulson

Committee Vice Chair Rubin convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. via Webex.

No public comment was volunteered on any of the agenda items.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Rubin, approved by Trustee Cloud and seconded by Mr. Vogel, the minutes from the December 19, 2019 meeting were approved as circulated.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Rubin, approved by Trustee Cloud and seconded by Mr. Vogel, the minutes from the January 23, 2020 meeting were approved as circulated.

Vice Chair Rubin introduced Dr. Abhijit (Jit) Banerjee, Associate Vice President for Innovation & Entrepreneurship.

Dr. Banerjee gave a report on his first six weeks since he joined UConn, his goals for the long-term, and actions items in Public Act 19-154 that have been completed. He shared his plan for strategic objectives, and plan for 2021 to deliver on some of the objectives proposed in Public Act 19-154.

Vice Chair Rubin introduced Dr. David Noble as the next presenter.

Dr. Noble gave an update on the Entrepreneurial Village.

Dr. Noble then gave a report on NetWerx as legislatively mandated by PA 19-154. (Attachment 1)

Dr. Noble along with Dr. Dan Schwartz gave an update on Stamford/Werth/OVPR Collaboration. Dan gave a brief background on himself and on the Stamford Initiative. David stated the #1 issue brought up by alumni is around data science and data analytics.

Vice Chair Rubin introduced Dr. Jeff Shoulson as the next presenter.

Dr. Shoulson explained how he became part of this group with the departure of Dr. John Volin and then gave an update on the Hiring Plan.

Vice Chair Rubin opened the meeting up to any other items or thoughts from participants. He stated if anyone wants to talk with him regarding this committee's business, they can contact him directly or go through staff members to set up a time to speak with him.

Mr. Rich Vogel stated how absolutely thrilled he is with the work of everyone who spoke on this call and in the university structure; as a consumer, donor, committee member, etc. this is great stuff. Applauded Vice Chair Rubin for leading these efforts home.

President Katsouleas thanked Vice Chair Rubin for his leadership and the Board for shining a light on this. He stated how wonderful to have Jit join along with the likes of David Noble, Radenka Maric, Dan Schwartz, and Jeff Shoulson to lead these initiatives.

There being no further business or need for executive session, on a motion made by Vice Chair Rubin approved by Mr. Vogel and seconded by Mr. Shannon, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanna L. Desjardin
Committee Secretary