

February 24, 2021

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Carl W. Lejuez, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Appointment of Retired Faculty to Emeritus Status



RECOMMENDATION:

Following recommendations of the Emeritus (Retirement) Committee and of President Thomas Katsouleas, that Rich Dino, Ph.D, be appointed to the status of Associate Professor Emeritus.

BACKGROUND:

Dr. Dino has excelled as an instructor. Both Dean Elliot and his Department Head, Dr. Reilly describe him as an outstanding teacher. He was MBA teacher of the year four times, and has also won the Innovation in Teaching Award from the School of Business. His students regularly use superlatives to describe his teaching, even in Spring 2020 when teaching during the pandemic. Dean Elliot describes him as “a leader within the School of Business for making entrepreneurship available to the University.” Professor Dino’s research focused on small to medium sized, closely held businesses, including Angel Investing and Founder-CEOS’s. He has published a number of research articles, book chapters, and conference proceedings. He also continues his program of research post retirement, with four in progress, first authored research papers.

Dr. Dino has particularly excelled in the area of service, with extensive contributions that have served to elevate the university. In fact, Dr. Dino’s vision and contributions over the past 25 years addresses multiple UConn goals, including entrepreneurship, transformative learning experiences, and becoming an Engine for CT. He served as Associate Dean for the School of Business, founded the Family Business program, and was the Founding Executive Director of the Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (CCEI).

According to Dean John Elliot, “I have no doubt that Rich Dino deserves this status for 25 years of service, including exemplary leadership, outstanding service and meritorious teaching... Rich Dino has my wholehearted support for emeritus status.” Dean Elliott and Dr. Reilly both describe Dr. Dino’s large contributions to the educational, mentoring, service, and leadership missions of the School of Business, which have benefited not only the School, but the greater UConn community. In summary, Dr. Dino has excelled as a faculty member in the area of service and teaching, and has made strong contributions to research. His contributions to the School of Business, and to UConn at large, far exceed expectations of faculty.