

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES

Meeting held by Telephone

April 29, 2020

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(Note that the meeting will be recorded.)

OPEN SESSION

The telephone meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Chairman Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated by telephone: Trustees Andy Bessette, Mark L. Boxer, Charles F. Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Sanford Cloud, Jr., Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Justin Fang, Marilda Gandara, Jeanine A. Gouin, Rebecca Lobo, Kevin J. O'Connor, Bryan K. Pollard, Thomas D. Ritter, Philip E. Rubin, Daniel D. Toscano, and Renukanandan Tumu.

Trustees Miguel A. Cardona, Bryan P. Hurlburt, David Lehman, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee, were not in attendance.

The following University staff participated by telephone: President Katsouleas, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Elliott, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, UConn Health Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Chief Executive Officer Agwunobi, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Vice President for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Maric, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Fuerst, Vice President for Student Affairs Gilbert, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, General Counsel Gelston, Senior Advisor/Assistant Vice President for Communications Kirk, Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning Blanchard, UConn Health Chief Financial Officer Geoghegan, UConn Health Deputy General Counsel Blumenthal, Associate Vice President for Human Resources Delello, and Executive Director of Employee Relations Buffkin.

University Senate Representatives Rajeev Bansal, Robert Bird, Mark Boyer, Sandra Chafouleas, Maria-Luz Fernandez, Carol Polifroni, Anji Seth, Jaci Van Heest, and David Yalof also participated by telephone.

1. Public Participation

The following students spoke about the need for additional support for graduate students during COVID-19.

Ashley Robinson
Kiedra Taylor
M. Aynal Haque
Rob Smith
Manny Ramirez
Jordan McMillan

2. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters outstanding

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(b) Minutes of the meetings of March 25 and April 16, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Boxer, seconded by Mr. Bunnell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings of March 25 and April 16, 2020.

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Ms. Gouin, the Board voted to approve the following Consent Agenda Items.

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| (1) | Contracts and Agreements for the Storrs-based Programs and UConn Health

(Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on this item.) | (Attachment 1) |
| (2) | Recommendations for Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2019 – 2020 | (Attachment 2) |
| (3) | Promotion and Tenure | (Attachment 3) |
| (4) | Designation of Emeritus Status | (Attachment 4) |
| (5) | Sabbatical Leave Recommendations | (Attachment 5) |
| (6) | Modification of Naming Recommendation for Rose and Julius Urman | (Attachment 6) |
| (7) | Approval of Proposed Changes to the <i>By-Laws of the University of Connecticut</i> | (Attachment 7) |
| (8) | Naming Recommendation for the Richard H. Schimmelpfeng Gallery in the Thomas J. Dodd Center | (Attachment 8) |
| (9) | Naming Recommendation for the Margaret E. “Peggy” Sczesny ’69 ’79 Auditorium in the School of Nursing | (Attachment 9) |
| (10) | Travel and Entertainment Policies and Procedures – Revised | (Attachment 10) |

3. President’s Report

President Katsouleas announced that the University Senate recently approved extending the deadline from May 1 to May 15 to allow undergraduate students to elect a Pass/Fail grade option.

President Katsouleas called on Vice President Fuerst to give a brief update about the distribution of federal aid to undergraduate and graduate students through the CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.

4. Academic Affairs Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

(b) Informational Item:

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| (1) | Academic Program Inventory | (Attachment 11) |
| (2) | Faculty Consulting Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University of Connecticut Consulting Program FY 19 Annual Report • Report on the University of Connecticut’s Compliance with CGS 1-84(r) Faculty Consulting Program: Report Issued by the Faculty Consulting Oversight Committee | (Attachment 12) |
| (3) | Tenure-Track Reappointments | (Attachment 13) |

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5. Financial Affairs Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities
- (b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

Vice-Chair Bessette asked Executive Vice President Jordan to read the amendment below regarding the resolution for Deferral of Year 2021 Self-Supporting Program Fees for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses in Attachment 1.

RESOLUTION:

“Be it resolved, that the University shall defer for one year the implementation of fees for self-supporting programs approved by the Board of Trustees on December 11, 2019, upon the recommendation of the relevant Dean.”

On a motion by Mr. Tumu, seconded by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, the Board voted unanimously to amend the resolution as stated above.

On a motion by Ms. Gandara, seconded by Mr. Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as amended.

- (1) Deferral of Fiscal Year 2021 Self-Supporting Program Fees (Attachment 14)
for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the project budgets in Attachments 15 and 16.

- (2) Project Budget (Final) for Academic and Research Facilities – (Attachment 15)
STEM Research Center Science 1
- (3) Project Budget (Final) for the Northwest Quad – Science 1 – (Attachment 16)
Site Improvements and Tunnel Phase 2

6. UConn Health Report

- (a) Report on UConn Health activities

7. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities

8. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities

9. Construction Management Oversight Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities
- There was no Report on Committee activities.

10. Student Life Committee Report

- (a) Report of Committee activities
- There was no Report on Committee activities.

11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities

12. Committee on Compensation Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities
- There was no Report on Committee activities.

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13. Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
14. Other business
15. Executive Session anticipated

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Ritter, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss:

1. Preliminary drafts and notes whose disclosure does not outweigh the public benefit of withholding them pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-210(b)(1); and
2. Records pertaining to strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation to which the public agency is a party until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210(b)(4); and
3. Discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may require that discussion be held at an open meeting pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-200 (6)(A).

The following Trustees participated by telephone: Trustees Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Cloud, Dennis-LaVigne, Fang, Gandara, Gouin, Lobo, O'Connor, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, Toscano, and Tumu.

The following University staff participated by telephone for the entire Executive Session: President Katsouleas, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Elliott, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, UConn Health Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Chief Executive Officer Agwunobi, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, General Counsel Gelston, Senior Advisor/Assistant Vice President for Communications Kirk, and UConn Health Deputy General Counsel Blumenthal.

The following University staff participated by telephone for part of the Executive Session: Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning Blanchard, Associate Vice President for Human Resources Delello, Executive Director of Employee Relations Buffkin, and UConn Health Chief Financial Officer Geoghegan.

The Executive Session ended at 12:50 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:51 p.m.

16. Adjournment

Chairman Toscano asked Trustees to hold the May 20 reserve date on their calendars.

On a motion by Mr. Boxer, seconded by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Secretary