

TELEPHONE MEETING
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES

Meeting held by Telephone

February 24, 2021

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. by Chairman Daniel D. Toscano.

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

Trustee Lobo joined the Board meeting during the Executive Session.

Trustees Mark L. Boxer, 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 in the meeting: President Katsouleas, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Lejuez, 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 on Special Assignment Kendig, Acting Vice President for Communications Kirk, Vice President for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Maric, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Fuerst, Vice President for Student Affairs Gilbert, Vice President for Global Affairs Weiner, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, University Chief of Staff and General Counsel Gelston, Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning Blanchard, and UConn Health Chief Financial Officer Geoghegan.

University Senate Representatives Mark Boyer, Maria-Luz Fernandez, Carol Polifroni, Janet Pritchard, Anji Seth, Jaci Van Heest, and David Yalof also participated.

1. Public Participation

There were no members of the public who wished to address the Board.

2. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters outstanding

Chairman Toscano welcomed Professor Janet Pritchard as University Senate representative to the Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation effective January 1. Professor Pritchard replaced Dr. Rajeev Bansal.

(b) Minutes of the meetings of December 9, 2020, and February 5, 2021

On a motion by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Ms. Gouin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings of December 9, 2020, and February 5, 2021.

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(c) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Mr. Bessette, seconded by Mr. Bunnell, the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda items:

(Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Item 1 of the Consent Agenda.)

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| (1) | Contracts and Agreements | (Attachment 1) |
| (2) | Designation of Emeritus Status | (Attachment 2) |
| (3) | Appointment of Retired Faculty to Emeritus Status | (Attachment 3) |
| (4) | Appointment of Retired Faculty to Emeritus Status | (Attachment 4) |
| (5) | Appointment of Retired Faculty to Emeritus Status | (Attachment 5) |
| (6) | Appointment of Retired Faculty to Emeritus Status | (Attachment 6) |
| (7) | Sabbatical Leave Recommendations | (Attachment 7) |
| (8) | Master of Science in Personalized Nutrition | (Attachment 8) |
| (9) | Relocation and Moving Policy | (Attachment 9) |

3. President's Report

4. Academic Affairs Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

(b) Informational Item:

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| (1) | Academic Program Inventory | (Attachment 10) |
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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 that the Board of Trustees defer action on the proposed recommendations for tuition and fee increases for Fiscal Year 2022 as indicated in Attachments 11 and 12. The Financial Affairs Committee is expected to hold a meeting to reconsider the proposed recommendations. He encouraged all Trustees to join this discussion.

Dr. Rubin motioned, seconded by Ms. Cantor, to table the recommendations.

Trustee Ritter raised concerns about the proposed increases and welcomed further review.

After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to table Attachments 11 and 12.

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| (1) | Fiscal Year 2022 Tuition and Fees for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses | (Attachment 11) |
| (2) | Fiscal Year 2022 Academic Program and Course Fees for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses | (Attachment 12) |

On a motion by Mr. Cloud, seconded by Ms. Gandara, the Board voted to approve the School of Medicine Tuition and Fee Rates for Fiscal Years 2022, 2023, and 2024 in Attachment 13.

(Trustee Bessette abstained from voting on Attachment 13.)

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| (3) | School of Medicine Tuition and Fee Rates for Fiscal Years 2022, 2023, and 2024 | (Attachment 13) |
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On a motion by Mr. Cloud, seconded by Mr. Pollard, the Board voted unanimously to approve the School of Dental Medicine Tuition and Fee Rates for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 in Attachment 14.

- (4) School of Dental Medicine Tuition and Fee Rates for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 (Attachment 14)

On a motion by Ms. Gandara, seconded by Ms. Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following project budgets in Attachments 15 – 17.

- (5) Project Budget (Revised Final) for UCONN 2000 Code Remediation: Stamford Downtown Relocation (Attachment 15)

- (6) Project Budget (Final) for Andover Infrastructure and Software Upgrade Phase I and II (Attachment 16)

- (7) Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Musculoskeletal Institute Building (MSI) Roof Top Unit Replacement (Attachment 17)

(c) Informational Item:

- (8) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Campus Wayfinding Improvements (*Informational*) (Attachment 18)

6. UConn Health Report

- (a) Report on UConn Health activities

There was no Report on Committee activities.

7. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities

There was no 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 on Committee activities

11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities

12. Committee on Compensation Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities

13. Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities

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14. Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no Report on Committee activities.
15. Other business
16. Executive Session anticipated

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Pollard, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:10 a.m. regarding:

1. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210(b)(1), preliminary drafts and notes whose disclosure does not outweigh the public benefit of withholding them; and
2. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210 (b)(4), strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation to which the public agency or a member thereof, because of the member's conduct as a member of such agency, is a party until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled.

The following Trustees were in attendance: Trustees Bessette, Bunnell, Cantor, Cloud, Dennis-LaVigne, Fang, Gandara, Gouin, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, Toscano, and Werstler.

Trustee Lobo joined the Board meeting at this time.

The following University staff were in attendance for the Executive Session: President Katsouleas, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Lejuez, 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 on Special Assignment Kendig, Acting Vice President for Communications Kirk, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, and University Chief of Staff and General Counsel Gelston.

Director of University Events and Conference Services Workman was in attendance for part of the Executive Session.

The Executive Session ended at 11:44 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 11:45 a.m.

17. Adjournment

Chairman Toscano asked Trustees to hold the March 24 reserve date on their calendars.

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

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Secretary