

**TELEPHONE MEETING**  
**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES**

Meeting held by Telephone

April 28, 2021

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 10:23 a.m. by Vice-Chair Andrea Dennis-LaVigne on behalf of Chairman Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated: 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, David Lehman, Rebecca Lobo, Kevin J. O'Connor, Bryan K. Pollard, Thomas D. Ritter, Philip E. Rubin, Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Daniel D. Toscano, and Ethan Werstler.

Trustees Bryan P. Hurlburt 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, Innovation and Entrepreneurship 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, Master Planner and Chief Architect Cruickshank, Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning Blanchard, Associate Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer Delello, Executive Director of Employee Relations Buffkin, Executive Director & Director of Real Estate and Regional Projects Corbett, and UConn Health Chief Financial Officer Geoghegan.

University Senate Representatives Robert Bird, Sandra Chafouleas, 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

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne welcomed Undergraduate Student Trustee-elect Noah Frank, who will replace Ethan Werstler effective July 1. He also welcomed Acting Commissioner of Education Charlene Russell-Tucker, who replaced Dr. Miguel Cardona in early March.

(b) Minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2021

On a motion by Mr. Pollard, seconded by Dr. Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to add to the agenda the minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Boxer, seconded by Ms. Gouin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings of February 5 and February 24, 2021.

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## (c) Consent Agenda Items:

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

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| (1)   | Contracts and Agreements  | (Attachment 1)  |
| (Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Item 1 of the Consent Agenda.) |   |                 |
| (2)   | Recommendations for Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2020 – 2021                            | (Attachment 2)  |
| (3)   | Promotion and Tenure  | (Attachment 3)  |
| (4)   | Sabbatical Leave Recommendations  | (Attachment 4)  |
| (5)   | Appointment of Professor David Weber, PhD to the Deloitte Foundation Professorship of Accounting in the School of Business          | (Attachment 5)  |
| (6)   | Reappointment of Professor Robert Bird, PhD to the Eversource Chair in Business Ethics in the School of Business                    | (Attachment 6)  |
| (7)   | Reappointment of Professor Chinmoy Ghosh, PhD to the Gladstein Professor of Business and Innovation in the School of Business       | (Attachment 7)  |
| (8)   | Reappointment of Professor Nicholas H. Lurie, PhD to the Voya Financial Professor in the School of Business                         | (Attachment 8)  |
| (9)   | Reappointment of Professor Michael Willenborg, PhD to the Richard F. Kochanek Professorship in Accounting in the School of Business | (Attachment 9)  |
| (10)  | Reappointment of Professor Joseph Golec, PhD to the Finance Department Distinguished Scholar in the School of Business              | (Attachment 10) |
| (11)  | Appointment of Associate Professor Guojin Gong, PhD as the Deloitte Foundation Faculty Fellow in the School of Business             | (Attachment 11) |
| (12)  | Doctor of Philosophy in Integrative Studies   | (Attachment 12) |
| (13)  | Master of Arts in Human Rights  | (Attachment 13) |
| (14)  | Master of Science in Business Research  | (Attachment 14) |
| (15)  | Master of Science in Financial Technology (Fintech)   | (Attachment 15) |
| (16)  | Master of Laws in Governance, Risk-Management and Compliance  | (Attachment 16) |
| (17)  | Post-Master's Nurse Leader Certificate  | (Attachment 17) |
| (18)  | Post-Master's Nurse Educator Certificate  | (Attachment 18) |
| (19)  | Graduate Certificate in Dementia Care   | (Attachment 19) |
| (20)  | Naming Recommendation for the Richard DeFavero Conference Room  | (Attachment 20) |

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- (21) Naming Recommendation for the Joseph R. Marfuggi and Sherry L. Brown-Marfuggi Reception Area at UConn Hartford (Attachment 21)
- (22) Naming Recommendation for Beekley Lab for Biosymmetrix at UConn Health (Attachment 22)
- (23) Appointment to Canvassing Board – Election of Alumni Trustee (Attachment 23)
- (d) Informational item:
- (1) Notification of Proposed Changes to the *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut* (Attachment 24)
3. President’s Report
4. Academic Affairs Committee Report
- (a) Report on Committee activities
- (b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:
- On a motion by Ms. Gouin, seconded by Dr. Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to approve naming the Engineering Diversity and Outreach Center as the Vergnano Institute for Inclusion in the School of Engineering.
- (1) Naming Recommendation for the Vergnano Institute for Inclusion in the School of Engineering (Attachment 25)
- (c) Informational Items:
- (1) Academic Program Inventory (Attachment 26)
- (2) Faculty Consulting Program (Attachment 27)
- The University of Connecticut Consulting Program FY 20 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
- (3) Tenure-Track Reappointments (Attachment 28)
5. Financial Affairs Committee Report
- (a) Report on Committee activities
- (b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:
- On a motion by Ms. Cantor, seconded by Mr. Bunnell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following project budgets in Attachments 29 – 35.
- (1) Purchase of Mobile Office Buildings (Attachment 29)
- (2) Project Budget (Final) for UConn Hockey Arena (Attachment 30)
- (3) Project Budget (Final) for the I-Lot Improvements (Attachment 31)
- (4) Project Budget (Final) for NER East Steam Repair (Phase I) (Attachment 32)
- (5) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Residential Life Facilities – Hicks and Grange Student Room and Common Area Renovations (Attachment 33)

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- (6) Project Budget (Final) for Atwater Laboratory Emergency Power Installation (Attachment 34)
  - (7) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Werth Family Basketball Champions Center Hall of Fame (Attachment 35)
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 on Committee activities
  11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report
    - (a) Report on Committee activities
  12. Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report
    - (a) Report on Committee activities  
There was no Report on Committee activities.
- Trustee Bunnell left the meeting at this time.
13. Committee on Compensation Report
    - (a) Report on Committee activities  
There was no Report on Committee activities.
  14. Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation 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 11:30 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 1-200(6)(B), 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; and

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3. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210 (b)(9), records, reports and statement of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining.

The following Trustees were in attendance: Trustees Bessette, Boxer, Cantor, Cloud, Dennis-LaVigne, Fang, Gandara, Gouin, Lobo, O'Connor, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, Russell-Tucker, Toscano, and Werstler.

The following University staff were in attendance for part of 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, Associate Vice President, Master Planner and Chief Architect Cruickshank, Associate Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer Delello, Executive Director of Employee Relations Buffkin, and Executive Director & Director of Real Estate and Regional Projects Corbett.

Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin and University Chief of Staff and General Counsel Gelston were in attendance for the entire Executive Session.

The Executive Session ended at 12:30 p.m.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:31 p.m.

17. Adjournment

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne asked Trustees to hold the May 19 reserve date on their calendars.

On a motion by Mr. Bessette, seconded by Dr. Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne  
Secretary