

Telephone Meeting

**University of Connecticut Board of Trustees
Institutional Advancement Committee**

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Meeting held by Telephone

Public Call-In Number:
(415) 655-0002 US Toll
Access Code: 629 930 823

*(A recording of the meeting will be posted on the Board website
<https://boardoftrustees.uconn.edu/> within seven days of the meeting.)*

1. Public Participation*.....Dr. Dennis-LaVigne
*If members of the public wish to address the Committee during the Public Participation portion of the meeting, you must submit a request in writing 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting (by 12:30 p.m.) to the following email address: BoardCommittees@uconn.edu. Please indicate your name, telephone number, and topic to be discussed. Per the University By-Laws, the Board may limit public comment. As an alternative, you may also submit your comments via email which will be shared with the Board.
2. Acceptance of June 22, 2021 and July 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes.....Dr. Dennis-LaVigne
Attachment 1
3. Naming RecommendationsMr. Lemon
Attachment 2
 - Carole and Ray Neag Professorship
 - Rhoda Shivers Chair
4. Legislative Update.....Ms. Lombardo
5. UConn Foundation / Alumni / Communications Update.....Ms. Cotton Kelly & Mr. Lemon
6. University Communications Update.....Mr. Kendig
7. Other Business
8. Executive Session (as needed)
9. Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 1

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Telephone Meeting

**University of Connecticut Board of Trustees
Institutional Advancement Committee**

MINUTES

Meeting held by Telephone

June 22, 2021

Committee Trustees: Dr. Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Charles Bunnell, Jeanine A. Gouin, and Rebecca Lobo

Additional Trustees: Chairman Daniel Toscano

University Senate Representative: Dr. David A. Yalof

Guests: Melinda Brown

Staff: Andrew Agwunobi, Lloyd Blanchard, Nathan Fuerst, Gail Garber, Scott Jordan, Tysen Kendig, Mike Kirk, Jake Lemon, Susan Locke, Joann Lombardo, Maureen Magnan, Scott Roberts, Rachel Rubin, and Lesley Salafia

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. She offered an opportunity for public participation, there being none, the meeting continued.

On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Bunnell, the minutes of the April 20, 2021, meeting were approved as circulated, with one edit to add John Malfetone to the attendance.

Mr. Roberts shared background on the professorship in the UConn School of Medicine *Carole and Ray Neag Innovation Professorship*. On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Lobo, the recommendation was approved by the Committee to be presented to the full Board of Trustees.

Mr. Jordan outlined the FY2022 UConn Foundation Statement of Work, and how it relates to the UConn Foundation Master Agreement. There was Committee discussion, and suggestion to include more regarding on diversity in future documents. On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Bunnell the document was approved as circulated.

Ms. Lombardo shared an update on the current Legislative session. The General Assembly adjourned the regular 2021 legislative session on June 9th, however, met the following week in special session to discuss and pass several bills, including the two-year biennial budget being sent to the Governor for signature. She noted they are hopeful to return to in-person visits come fall and are preparing for the Fall session. Dr. Agwubobi thanked Ms. Lombardo, Ms. Magnan, and Ms. Garber for their continued efforts, as did the Trustees noting their extensive work.

Mr. Roberts shared an update on Foundation fundraising, noting it will reach \$90 million in fundraising by the end of the fiscal year, the most in Foundation history. Ms. Cotton Kelly was happy to share the work her Alumni team has continued to do over the past 12-18 months virtually, getting into 29 countries. She also noted the annual giving team has increased about 27% this year.

Mr. Kirk shared the latest activities within University Communications, including the recent announcement establishment of the Institute for Inclusion in the School of Engineering; the announcement was covered locally but also nationally from Inside Higher Education. He also noted work surrounding student messaging for required Covid vaccinations for the upcoming Fall semester.

On a motion made by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Bunnell, Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Cote

Special Telephone Meeting

**University of Connecticut Board of Trustees
Institutional Advancement Committee**

DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting held by Telephone

July 28, 2021

Committee Trustees: Dr. Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Shari G. Cantor, Jeanine A. Gouin, Rebecca Lobo, and Bryan K. Pollard

Additional Trustees: Board Chair Daniel D. Toscano

University Senate Representative: David A. Yalof

Guests: Kathryn Libal and Daniel Weiner

Staff: Interim President Agwunobi, Provost Lejuez, Lloyd Blanchard, Gail Garber, Tysen Kendig, Michael Kirk, Jake Lemon, Joann Lombardo, Rachel Rubin, and Lesley Salafia

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

- 1. Public Participation (limited to agenda items).....Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne

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

- 2. Renaming of The Thomas J. Dodd Research Center to The Dodd Center for Human Rights Attachment 1..... Mr. Lemon
Dr. Weiner

UConn Foundation Senior Vice President for Development Lemon, Vice President for Global Affairs Weiner, and Director of the Human Rights Institute Libal provided historical background regarding the creation of The Thomas J. Dodd Research Center in 1995 and an update on the recommendation to rename the building to The Dodd Center for Human Rights. This recommendation not only honors the public service and human rights legacy of both Senators Thomas J. Dodd and Christopher J. Dodd, but also serves to deepen the University’s identity and leadership in human rights efforts around the world.

Several Trustees and members of the administration spoke in support of this recommendation. After discussion, Dr. Dennis-LaVigne asked for a vote. On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the recommendation to rename The Thomas J. Dodd Research Center to The Dodd Center for Human Rights.

- 3. Executive Session (as needed)

- 4. Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Cantor, Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan A. Locke
Assistant Executive Secretary to the Board

ATTACHMENT 2



September 29, 2021

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Andrew Agwunobi, MD, MBA 
Interim President | University of Connecticut
EVP for Health Affairs and Chief Executive Officer | UConn Health

RE: Naming of the Carole and Ray Neag Professorship

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorize the naming of a professorship in the UConn School of Medicine to be the Carole and Ray Neag Professorship.

BACKGROUND:

The Neag Foundation has given a gift in the amount recommended under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines* to fund an endowed professorship. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial support to faculty specializing in transformational research at UConn School of Medicine.

The Neag Foundation serves as a philanthropic force for positive change in education, health, and human services initiatives dedicated to improving the human condition and making a positive difference in the world. We support requests to improve and enhance education, human services and make a medical impact, primarily in Pennsylvania and Connecticut. We encourage creative educational ideas, as well as exciting initiatives for health and wellness. Our mission is to provide grants that improve and enhance communities. In all cases, our goal is the same: to make a positive impact and help people live healthier, happier, and more productive lives.

Carole and Ray '56 Neag are among the most generous to the University. Their philanthropy has named and transformed the Neag School of Education and the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center. They have endowed professorships, research and programs that have supported faculty and students across UConn Health and the University. The Neag Medal is named in their honor and recognizes other generous philanthropists in the health sciences at UConn Health.