

September 29, 2021

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Andrew Agwunobi, MD, MBA  
Interim President | University of Connecticut  
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.

At its September 21, 2021, meeting, the Institutional Advancement Committee recommended approval to the full Board.