AGENDA

Meeting held by Telephone

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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 November 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes ..............................................Dr. Dennis-LaVigne
   Attachment 1

3. Naming Resolutions
   Attachment 2
   - Named Gift Opportunities for New England Sickle Cell Institute .................... Mr. Lemon
   - Nicolas Morizio Classroom 214 ...................................................................... Mr. Lemon
   - Stimson Drive ................................................................................................ Mr. Kendig
   - Center for International Students and Scholars .............................................. Provost Lejuez
   - Lorraine Rose Williams Stage ...................................................................... Provost Lejuez

4. Legislative Update .........................................................................................Ms. Lombardo

5. UConn Foundation / Alumni / Communications Update .........................Ms. Cotton Kelly & Mr. Lemon

6. University Communications Update ..............................................................Mr. Kendig
   Attachment 3

7. Other Business

8. Executive Session (as needed)

9. Adjournment
ATTACHMENT 1
Meeting held by Telephone November 16, 2021

Committee Trustees: Dr. Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Charles Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Rebecca Lobo, and Bryan K. Pollard

Additional Trustees: Board Chair Daniel D. Toscano and Trustee Noah S. Frank

University Senate Representative: Dr. David A. Yalof

Guests: Melinda Brown and John Mafletone

Staff: Interim President Agwunobi, Mo Cotton Kelly, Gail Garber, Nicole Gelston, Nathan Fuerst, Provost Lejuez, Mona Luca, Tysen Kendig, Michael Kirk, Jake Lemon, Joann Lombardo, and Rachel Rubin

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for their time.

1. Public Participation* ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………...Dr. Dennis-LaVigne

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

2. Acceptance of September 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes……………………………………………………………………..Dr. Dennis-LaVigne

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne called for a motion to approve meeting minutes from September 21, 2021. On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Bunnell, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

3. Legislative Update……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..Ms. Lombardo

Ms. Lombardo was happy to share Marie Schweitzer has joined the Office of Governmental Relations, who had been a longtime staff attorney with the House Republican Caucus. She filled the Director of Governmental Relations for Health Affairs. The Legislative Rural Caucus recently visited campus to visit the CT Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab. Most recently, Governor Lamont visited and toured UConn Health to celebrate the advances made in research funding in the past fiscal year.
4. UConn Foundation / Alumni / Communications Update…………………………Ms. Cotton Kelly & Mr. Lemon

Mr. Lemon shared with the Committee the Foundation’s new CFO Dave Carney and also that Peter Lamothe has been named interim vice president for development.

Ms. Cotton Kelly noted Alumni events are still mostly being held virtually. Annual Giving’s focus has been on donor count this year, specifically UConn Law Ignite and club sports programs, Ignite Club Sports which started today, with the first gift from Malaysia.

Vice-Chair Dennis LaVigne congratulated the Alumni and Foundation team for the successful visit of President Joseph Biden to celebrate The Dodd Human Rights Center dedication.

5. University Communications Update…………………………………………….…..……………………….…….…Mr. Kendig

Mr. Kendig shared the UConn in the Media report, noting some of the high-level media clips over the past several weeks. He also noted Communications contributions to The Dodd Human Rights Center dedication.

Also noted was a few organizational changes among Communications most notably Michael Kirk had been promoted to Associate Vice President for Communications and Tracy Anderson was promoted to Senior Director for Creative Strategy and Brand Management. Mr. Kendig shared his role in Athletics Communications has been made permanent where he developed a strategic plan to rebuild the Athletics Marketing Communications staff.

6. Other Business

7. Executive Session (as needed)

8. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Bunnell, seconded by Trustee Cantor, Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.
ATTACHMENT 2
February 8, 2022

TO: Members of the Committee on Institutional Advancement

FROM: Jake Lemon, President and Chief Executive Officer

RE: Named Gift Opportunities for New England Sickle Cell Institute

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee on Institutional Advancement endorses the proposed named gift opportunities to be offered in UConn Health’s New England Sickle Cell Institute as follows. Individual naming opportunities will be submitted for approval in accordance with the University’s naming procedures.

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BACKGROUND:

The New England Sickle Cell Institute (NESCI) will be moving from its current location at UConn Health in University Tower to the 4th floor. NESCI currently has a national reputation of excellence in patient care and innovative clinical research trials. The relocated and renovated institute is expected to enhance and expand the physical space, while offering new patient and family support opportunities, wrap around services and other nontraditional programs and care. The area will include exam and procedure rooms, including infusion and apheresis rooms. In addition, the space will offer designated areas for research, resource, and consultation.
March 30, 2002

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric, Ph.D.
Interim President | University of Connecticut

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Nicholas Morizio Classroom 214

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorize the naming of Room 214 in the School of Business Building on the Storrs Campus as the “Nicholas Morizio Classroom.”

BACKGROUND:

Nicholas Morizio BUS ’74 is a highly engaged alumnus. His service to the School began in the School’s Center for Real Estate, where he was a long-time member of the Real Estate Center Council. Mr. Morizio has been an active member of the School of Business Dean’s Advisory Cabinet since 2016, and his expertise is highly regarded. Through this involvement, Mr. Morizio has hired many UConn students and alumni, whose professional development he has consistently and intentionally fostered. He was nominated to the School of Business Hall of Fame in 2020, and was celebrated at a virtual event in April, 2021.

Mr. Morizio has been a donor to his alma mater for 22 years, and he has made generous provisions for a future scholarship in his family’s name. His support for UConn is largely focused on need-based scholarships for students who intend to pursue careers in real estate.

Mr. Morizio was an engaged student while he attended the University. He majored in Real Estate and Urban Economics on the Hartford campus, within the School of Business, and he has put that education to use, choosing to remain in Hartford throughout his career. Now the president and owner of the Hartford and New Haven offices of Colliers International, Mr. Morizio maintains his office in Hartford. Though Mr. Morizio has provided financial support to the University, he has contributed in ways that exceed a purely financial contribution.

The naming of the “Nicholas Morizio Classroom” will be an appropriate tribute for Mr. Morizio’s steadfast support of the University and its students. The proposed classroom 214 is a 948 square foot room on the second floor of the School of Business, located on the Storrs campus.
March 30, 2022

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric, Ph.D.  
Interim President | University of Connecticut

RE: Naming of Stimson Drive

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorize the naming of the road that serves the Horsebarn Hill Sciences Complex and other facilities on the Storrs campus as Stimson Drive.

BACKGROUND:

Rufus Whitaker Stimson came to UConn in 1897 as a professor of English, having received degrees at Harvard and Yale. He was named acting president in 1901, and permanent president from the following year until 1908.

In 1901, the future of what was then called Connecticut Agricultural College was very much in doubt. Attempts to introduce a liberal arts curriculum alongside agricultural studies had been met with stiff opposition from farmers, politicians, and the state’s press, and there was even agitation to close the school altogether.

When he became president, Stimson not only steadied the institution but helped it grow beyond anything its founders had imagined. An accomplished public speaker with a gift for publicity, Stimson courted newspapers and lawmakers, inviting them to Storrs to tour the campus and meet students, which helped turn the tide of public opinion.

Among the accomplishments of his seven years as president were: the first summer session classes; the growth of the student body from 18 to 150, including students from as far away as Japan, Ecuador, and Bulgaria; the arrival of electricity and paved roads on campus; an increase in the state appropriation from $5,000 to $25,000 a year; the construction of Storrs Hall, the first brick dormitory on campus; and the beginning of construction of greenhouses and what is now Gulley Hall, which were completed after Stimson left to found an agricultural school in Massachusetts.

This recommendation is presented jointly from the Office of the Provost, University Planning, Design and Construction, and University Communications. Once the resolution is passed, the three offices will focus on: installing a street sign; notifying Mail Services to provide building numbers; notifying campus database owners to update facility addresses; notifying department heads for stationary purposes; incorporating the name on our campus map; and notifying external mapping entities such as Google Maps.
March 30, 2022

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Carl W. Lejuez, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Center for International Scholars and Students

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of 2019 Hillside Road on the Storrs Campus as the “Center for International Students and Scholars.”

BACKGROUND:

International Student and Scholar Services, a unit under Global Affairs that provides immigration and cross-cultural support services and programs to international students and visiting scholars at UConn, is moving from its current space in McMahon Hall into 2019 Hillside Road.

More than 3,000 international students and visiting scholars from around 90 countries are currently studying, researching and teaching at UConn. They bring a diverse perspective to UConn’s teaching, learning and scholarship that is essential to the University’s global mission. With this move, the unit aims to provide UConn’s international students and visiting scholars with a “home away from home” where they can engage in programs and activities, meet with staff who are dedicated to their support, and find community with others who share common experience or an interest in global engagement. Center for International Students and Scholars as a facility name captures the variety of functions and purposes served within the building, which will include dedicated space for events and programs, administrative support and advising services, and a student/scholar lounge area.

As Global Affairs will be the sole building occupants, the University has a unique opportunity with this move to name the facility for its purpose and audience. By naming this space, we recognize the importance of international students and scholars to the UConn community and highlight the Center for International Students and Scholars as an important landmark for them while at UConn.
March 30, 2022

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric, Ph.D.
Interim President | University of Connecticut

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Lorraine Rose Williams Stage

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the stage within von der Mehden Recital Hall the “Lorraine Rose Williams Stage.”

BACKGROUND:

The late Lorraine Rose Williams began her academic career at UConn as a music major where she aimed to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for her peers. She founded the Black Voice of Freedom (BVF) Gospel Choir, which in its inaugural year performed in several campus locations, including houses of worship, the Student Union, residence halls, and the von der Mehden Recital Hall.

Her purpose in founding the BVF was to create an environment that helped support the social, intellectual, and emotional growth and developmental needs of African American students. Under her leadership, the BVF grew quickly performing across Connecticut and New York. Now named the Voices of Freedom, the choir continues on today with more than 100 active members from diverse races and ethnicities.

The naming of the Lorraine Rose Williams Stage will be a testament to the rich inheritance left by Ms. Williams on the University’s campus and a way to honor her significant impact on the community.

This recommendation is presented jointly from the Office of the Provost, University Planning, Design and Construction, and University Communications.
ATTACHMENT 3
MEMORANDUM

To: Institutional Advancement Committee
From: Tysen Kendig, Vice President for Communications
Date: February 8, 2022
Subject: UConn in the media

Investigation Reveals a Stunning Shift in the Way Rain Falls in America
December 1, 2021 – USA Today
The downpours bring a deluge of problems. Stormwater, sewage and drinking water pipes are 50 to 100 years old and nearing the end of their life expectancy, said Christine Kirchhoff, an associate professor in civil and environmental engineering at the University of Connecticut.

A West Virginia Mountain Embodies the Long History of the Coal Industry’s Grip
December 3, 2021 – NPR
“I think maybe one way to think about it is an anchor, that the place itself, the land anchors memory,” said Ken Foote, geographer at the University of Connecticut.

White Students Have an Advantage in College Admissions, New Survey Says
December 6, 2021 – Forbes
Vern Granger, director of admissions at the University of Connecticut and the incoming board chair of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) agrees that the survey results are not surprising. But they’re important. “The survey speaks to the structural inequities that we already know exist in the system,” he says.

In Dress Code Case, Federal Appeals Court to Weigh in on Public Status of Charter Schools
December 7, 2021 – The 74
Preston Green, an education professor at the University of Connecticut, said a Supreme Court opinion in favor of the plaintiffs in Carson would strengthen the case for religious charters.

The Era of the Celebrity Meal
December 8, 2021 – The New York Times
“Young people become these unintentional marketers,” said Frances Fleming-Milici, the director of marketing initiatives for the University of Connecticut’s Rudd Center for Food Policy and Health. “Companies don’t have to pay for that organic content and all the TikToks that people make.”

Why Teacher Shortages are Growing in New England
December 9, 2021 – New England Public Media
“The stress is really the number one reason that we have. The teachers are reporting leaving the field prior to retirement and the rates of stress are increasing across all teachers and increasing at faster rates for elementary school teachers,” Lisa Sanetti, a professor of educational psychology at the University of Connecticut, told And Another Thing.

How Conspiracy Theories in the US Became More Mainstream After Sandy Hook
December 10, 2021 – The Conversation
Opinion article by Journalism Prof. Amanda Crawford.
Latest Trials Confirm the Benefits of MDMA – the Drug in Ecstasy – in Treating PTSD
December 17, 2021 – The Conversation
Opinion article by Professor of Pharmacy Practice C. Michael White.

Tweaks to US Christmas Trees Could Help Them Survive Climate Change
December 17, 2021 – Scientific American
But locating these markers is no easy task in light of the sheer size of conifer genomes, says Jill Wegryzn, a computational biologist at the University of Connecticut. “They’re about eight times the size of the human genome,” she says. Researchers are probably more than five years away from being able to use genetic markers to help growers produce better trees, Wegryzn adds.

More Tinsel and Less Tension: How to Get the Best Out of the Holiday Season
December 22, 2021 – CNN
"Some of us still continue to face what seem to be insurmountable challenges, but everyone was exposed to doing something different," said Sandra Chafouleas, professor of educational psychology at the University of Connecticut. "It did let us let go of a lot of things."

Depressed About Getting Old?
December 23, 2021 – Market Watch
“By engaging in rewarding and meaningful activities and staying mentally active, we can retrain our brains,” said Kevin Manning, a neuropsychologist and associate professor of psychiatry at UConn Health. “These activities can enhance our self-efficacy, lessen fears of decline and sharpen our cognitive functioning.”

The Science of Forming Healthy Habits
January 3, 2022 – Discover Magazine
One proven way to add a new habit is called stacking, where you pair the new habit with an existing habit, says Blair T. Johnson, psychology professor at the University of Connecticut. Habits are formed in the primitive side of the brain in all animals, he says, so another key to developing a habit is doing it at the same time of day, the same days per week. That way, you don’t really have to think about it.

American Support for Conspiracy Theories and Armed Rebellion is Nothing New
January 4, 2022 – The Conversation
Opinion article by Professor of Journalism Amanda Crawford.

One Method to Overcome Your Depression
January 4, 2022 – Psychology Today
“People with depression find it difficult to engage with their routines and activities that were previously pleasant or rewarding,” says Jerin Lee, a psychologist at the University of Connecticut and lead author of the research. “When people withdraw and isolate, they lose opportunities to be rewarded and reinforced with pleasant activities, which can exacerbate their depression.”

One Year after the Capitol Attack, Why it Could Happen Again
January 6, 2022 – Diverse Issues in Higher Education
Dr. Manisha Sinha, the James L. and Shirley A. Draper Chair in American History at the University of Connecticut and an expert on the Civil War and slavery, taught a seminar on Reconstruction last January. “Most of my students could draw the parallels between what happened then and now,” said Sinha. “The main takeaway that I tried to convey was how contested and fragile American democracy has been, something that had not occurred to many Americans, including my students.

How to Use Homework to Support Student Success
January 12, 2022 – Psychology Today
Opinion article by Professor of Educational Psychology Sandra M. Chafouleas.
**Electric Knee Implants Could be the Answer for Millions of Arthritis Sufferers**

January 13, 2022 – The Daily Mail

The research has been led by Thanh Nguyen, a bioengineer at the University of Connecticut, who says he is cautious making the step up to experiments in humans. “This is a fascinating result, but we need to test this in a larger animal, one with a size and weight closer to a human,” Nguyen said.

**Scholar: America is Still Reacting to the Religious Right, in More Ways than One**

January 13, 2022 – Religion News Service

The sweeping theory is outlined in a new paper penned by Ruth Braunstein, an associate professor of sociology at the University of Connecticut. Her paper, titled “A Theory of Political Backlash: Assessing the Religious Right’s Effects on the Religious Field,” published late last year in Sociology of Religion, offers an unusually broad-based examination of the interplay between the religious right, the religiously unaffiliated and the power of political backlash.

**Being Bad at World Doesn’t Mean You’re Dumb. Here’s Why**

January 14, 2022 – NBC LX

The first assurance I got that I’m not a total idiot came from psycholinguist Gerry Altmann, Ph.D., a professor at the University of Connecticut. "Most people have good implicit knowledge of their language. But word games often require meta knowledge (knowledge ABOUT the words or their structure), which often has to be explicit," he told NBCLX via email.

**From Generation to Generation: King’s Legacy Endures in Families’ Movement Stories**

January 16, 2022 – Jewish Daily Forward

Opinion article by Professor of Philosophy Lewis Gordon.

**Report Details Widening Pandemic-Era Wealth Gap**

January 17, 2022 – Marketplace Morning Report

“Unless you can put a wealth tax on everything, essentially, globally, where there’s no way to globally avoid that, you’re going to end up with economic distortions,” said University of Connecticut Professor Steve Utke.

**More than Masks and Critical Race Theory**

January 18, 2022 – The Conversation

Opinion article by Professor of Educational Policy Casey Cobb.

**Crystal-Free Crystallography**

January 19, 2022 – Cosmos Magazine

“Now that we can solve these hard-to-crystallise structures, we can design the best structures for our purposes,” says Nate Hohman, a chemical physicist at the University of Connecticut, US.

**Conflicts between Nursing Home Residents are Often Chalked Up to Dementia – But the Real Problem is Inadequate Care and Neglect**

January 21, 2022 – The Conversation

Opinion article by Assistant Research Professor of Health, Intervention and Policy Eilon Caspi.

**Helping Black Men Feel Less Alone in College**

January 25, 2022 – The Chronicle of Higher Education

About six years ago, the University of Connecticut at Storrs started Scholars House, a living-learning community for Black undergraduate men. The program aimed to improve retention and foster a sense of belonging among Black men, who often felt isolated on campus. Here’s how the program has gone so far and what the university has learned along the way.
The Backlash against Rightwing Evangelicals is Reshaping American Politics and Faith
January 25, 2022 – The Guardian (UK)
Opinion article by Sociology Prof. Ruth Braunstein.

Why Our Brain Craves Pattern-Seeking Rituals like Wordle
Humans’ brains are designed for pattern-seeking in order to help us make sense of the world, said Dimitris Xygalatas, an anthropologist and cognitive scientist at the University of Connecticut. When humans aren’t able to find patterns, we can experience stress, he said. Something like doing Wordle daily can give people a sense of regularity and a sense of control.

11 Things to Know About Where to Get Free N95 Masks and How to Use Them
January 28, 2022 – Buzzfeed News
The main difference between nonsurgical and surgical N95s is that the latter are also fluid resistant to protect doctors and nurses from blood and other bodily fluid sprays, Dr. David Banach, an infectious disease physician and hospital epidemiologist at UConn Health of the University of Connecticut, told BuzzFeed News.