

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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University of Connecticut
Wilbur Cross Building
North Reading Room
233 Glenbrook Road
Storrs, Connecticut

December 8, 2021

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 9:47 a.m. by Board Chair Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated in person: Trustees Justin Fang, Noah S. Frank, Jeanine A. Gouin, Thomas D. Ritter, and Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated by video or telephone: Trustees Andy Bessette, Mark L. Boxer, Charles F. Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Sanford Cloud, Jr., Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Marilda L. Gandara, David Lehman, Rebecca Lobo, Bryan K. Pollard, Philip E. Rubin, Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee.

Trustees Bryan P. Hurlburt and Kevin J. O'Connor and were not in attendance.

The following University Senate Representatives attended the meeting in person: Maria-Luz Fernandez, Carol Polifroni, Anji Seth, and Edward Weingart.

The following University Senate Representatives participated by video or telephone: Sandra Chafouleas, Jaci Van Heest, Sebastian Wogenstein, and David Yalof.

The following University staff attended the meeting in person: Interim President Agwunobi, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Lejuez, Interim Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer Blanchard, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, University Chief of Staff and General Counsel Gelston, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Maric, Senior Governmental Relations Director Lombardo, Governmental Relations Director Garber, Associate Vice President for Communications Kirk, Dr. Seigle, Senate Executive Committee Chair, and Dr. Murray.

OPEN SESSION

1. Public Participation

Professor Jeffrey Ogbar (History) and Professor and Department Head Heather Elliott-Famularo (Digital Media & Design) commented on the status of the AAUP negotiations and issues regarding faculty compensation.

2. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters outstanding

Board Chair Toscano highlighted the unveiling dedication ceremony of the Olympic and Paralympic Monument that was held prior to the December 5 Women's basketball game. He commended Trustee Andy Bessette, a former Olympian, for pursuing the concept to honor all UConn student-athletes (current and former) that have competed in the Olympic and Paralympic games.

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He also noted for Trustees that Interim President Agwunobi has called a meeting of the Trustee-Administration-Faculty-Student (TAFS) Committee to be held on December 14 at 3:30 p.m. He noted the Committee meets to discuss issues that have impact across all constituencies and to recommend issues/policies it deems important for the Board and/or the administration to consider. He encouraged all Board members to attend.

(b) Minutes of the meeting of October 27, 2021

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Ms. Gouin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 27, 2021.

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

Board Chair Toscano asked for a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Fang asked that Item #21, Approval of Proposed Changes to the *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut*, be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Cantor motioned, seconded by Dr. Boxer, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 – 20, with the modification to Item #2 of the Contracts and Agreements list as adopted by the Financial Affairs Committee. The Board voted to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 – 20 with the modification in Attachment 1.

At this time, the Board began a discussion of the By-Law recommendation in Attachment 21. Trustees Frank and Fang proposed an amendment to add undergraduate and graduate student representation to the University Senate as a whole and to the Senate Executive Committee.

Dr. Del Siegle, Chair of the Senate Executive Committee, addressed the Board to endorse the proposed changes in Attachment 21 and requested this change be approved now in order to have these changes coincide with the upcoming elections. He also noted his support of the amendment but encouraged the Student Trustees to follow the established process and formally submit their proposal to the University Senate.

After discussion, Trustee Ritter moved to approve the By-Law resolution in Attachment 21 with the recommendation that the University Senate work with the Student Trustees on their proposal to add more students and come back to the Board with a compromise.

Chairman Toscano recognized the Student Trustees' concerns that there has been difficulty having a full discussion on similar proposals in the past and will expect a discussion of the University Senate's actions at the upcoming February Board meeting.

Trustee Gandara seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the proposed By-Law resolution.

Trustees Fang and Frank voted in opposition.

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| (1) | Contracts and Agreements
(Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Item 1 of the Consent Agenda.) | (Attachment 1) |
| (2) | Project Budget (Design) for South Campus Residence Hall | (Attachment 2) |
| (3) | Project Budget (Design) for Eversource Second Electrical Feed | (Attachment 3) |
| (4) | Transfer/Return of Bergin Correctional Institute and Additional Adjacent Land to the State of Connecticut Office of Policy & Management (OPM) | (Attachment 4) |

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| (5) | Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Replace Building F & H Hot Water Tanks | (Attachment 5) |
| (6) | Project Budget (Design) for the UConn Health 16 Munson Road Emergency Lighting & Egress Upgrades | (Attachment 6) |
| (7) | Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health 16 Munson Road Parking Lot Repaving | (Attachment 7) |
| (8) | Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health Buildings D & N Roof Replacement | (Attachment 8) |
| (9) | Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health Buildings E & K Roof Replacement | (Attachment 9) |
| (10) | Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Replace Chilled Water Pump CHWP#4 | (Attachment 10) |
| (11) | Project Budget (Design) for the UConn Health 836 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury Clinical Practice Relocation | (Attachment 11) |
| (12) | Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health Main Building Lab Area Renovations – 2nd Floor | (Attachment 12) |
| (13) | Promotion and Tenure | (Attachment 13) |
| (14) | Sabbatical Leave Recommendations | (Attachment 14) |
| (15) | Master of Science in Data Science | (Attachment 15) |
| (16) | Graduate Certificate in Precision Nutrition | (Attachment 16) |
| (17) | New Undergraduate Major in Italian Language Education in the Neag School of Education | (Attachment 17) |
| (18) | New Undergraduate Major in Latin Language Education in the Neag School of Education | (Attachment 18) |
| (19) | Name Change from Department of Geosciences to Earth Sciences in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences | (Attachment 19) |
| (20) | Name Change from Department of Management to Management and Entrepreneurship in the School of Business | (Attachment 20) |
| (21) | Approval of Proposed Changes to the <i>By-Laws of the University of Connecticut</i> | (Attachment 21) |

The Board took a brief break at this time.

3. President's Report
4. Academic Affairs Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
 - (1) Community Engagement Presentation
Presenter: Dean Eboni Nelson
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5. Financial Affairs Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
6. UConn Health Report
 - (a) Report on UConn Health activities
7. Joint Audit & Compliance Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
8. Student Life Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
9. Buildings, Grounds & Environment Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
10. Construction Management Oversight Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no 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
13. Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
14. Other business
15. Executive Session anticipated

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Mr. Frank, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:55 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.

The following Trustees were in attendance: Trustees Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Cloud, Dennis-LaVigne, Fang, Frank, Gandara, Gouin, Lehman, Lobo, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, Russell-Tucker, Toscano, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee.

The following University staff were in attendance for the entire Executive Session: Interim President Agwunobi, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Lejuez, Interim Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer Blanchard, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, University Chief of Staff and General Counsel Gelston, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Maric, Senior Governmental Relations Director Lombardo, Governmental Relations Director Garber, Associate Vice President for Communications Kirk, and Dr. Murray.

The Executive Session ended at 12:48 p.m., and the Board returned to Open Session at 12:50 p.m.

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16. Adjournment

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

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Secretary