

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES

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

April 27, 2022

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Board Chair Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated in person: Trustees Andy F. Bessette, Justin M. Fang, Noah S. Frank, Jeanine A. Gouin, Philip E. Rubin, and Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated by video or telephone: Trustees Mark L. Boxer, Shari G. Cantor, Sanford Cloud, Jr., Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Marilda L. Gandara, Bryan K. Pollard, Thomas D. Ritter, Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee (partial attendance).

Trustees Charles F. Bunnell, Bryan P. Hurlburt, David Lehman, Rebecca Lobo, and Kevin J. O'Connor, were not in attendance.

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

The following University Senate Representatives participated by video or telephone: Robert Bird, Sandra Chafouleas, and Jaci Van Heest.

The following University staff attended the meeting in person: Interim President Radenka Maric, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Carl Lejuez, UConn Health Interim Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Chief Executive Officer Bruce Liang, Interim Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer Lloyd Blanchard, Executive Secretary to the Board Rachel Rubin, University Chief of Staff and General Counsel Nicole Gelston, Vice President for Communications Tysen Kendig, Associate Vice President for Communications Michael Kirk, Associate University Counsel Jonathan Heinlein, and Associate Professor Daniel Schwartz, Director of the Center for Open Research Resources and Equipment.

UConn Foundation President and CEO Jake Lemon also attended the meeting in person.

OPEN SESSION

1. Public Participation

Undergraduate Students Conner Caridad and Noah Liguori-Bills spoke in support of environmental sustainability and the status of the President's Working Group on Sustainability and the Environment.

Kathleen Fischer, Associate Director of the Women's Center, and President of the University of Connecticut Professional Employees Association, raised concerns from the union membership about the recent contract negotiation process.

MiChelle Pereira Lopes spoke about her experiences as an employee and as a person of color at the University.

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2. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters outstanding

Board Chair Toscano noted that the Governor has reappointed Trustees Boxer, Ritter, and Rubin for another six-year term. The Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee voted unanimously to recommend their re-appointments to the General Assembly. Trustee Lobo declined consideration for re-appointment due to other time commitments, but she has agreed to serve until a replacement has been appointed.

(b) Minutes of the meeting of March 30, 2022

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Frank, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 30, 2022.

(Trustee Gouin abstained from voting on this item.)

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda items.

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| (1) | Contracts and Agreements
(Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Item 1.) | (Attachment 1) |
| (2) | Project Budget (Revised Final) for North Eagleville Road and Discovery Drive Intersection Improvements | (Attachment 2) |
| (3) | Project Budget (Revised Final) for Main Campus Substation Switchgear Relay Replacement AET 5P – 14G SCADA | (Attachment 3) |
| (4) | Project Budget (Revised Final) for Facilities Operations Building Merger of Parking Services | (Attachment 4) |
| (5) | Project Budget (Final) for Andover Infrastructure and Software Upgrade Phases I, II & III | (Attachment 5) |
| (6) | Project Budget (Final) for UConn Health 836 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury Clinical Practice Relocation | (Attachment 6) |
| (7) | Easement with the co-trustees of the Norman Tehrani Marital Trust for 1194 Washington Street, Stamford, Connecticut | (Attachment 7) |
| (8) | Recommendations for Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2021-2022 | (Attachment 8) |
| (9) | Tenure at Hire | (Attachment 9) |
| (10) | Promotion & Tenure Recommendations | (Attachment 10) |
| (11) | Designation of Emeritus Status | (Attachment 11) |
| (12) | Sabbatical Leave Recommendations | (Attachment 12) |
| (13) | Appointment of Professor Cuihong Li to the Robert Cizik Chair in Manufacturing and Technology Management in the School of Business | (Attachment 13) |
| (14) | Appointment of Professor Robert Day to the GE Capital Professor in Business in the School of Business | (Attachment 14) |

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- (15) Appointment of Professor Xinxin Li to the Treibick Family Chair in the School of Business (Attachment 15)
- (16) Reappointment of Professor Matthew Singer to the Alan R. Bennett Honors Professorship in Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Attachment 16)
(Trustee Frank abstained from voting on Item 16.)
- (17) Undergraduate Major in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources (Attachment 17)
- (18) Undergraduate Major in Economics of Sustainable Development and Management in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources (Attachment 18)
- (19) Approval of Proposed Changes to the *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut* (Article XII – The Institutes and Centers in Academic Affairs) (Attachment 19)
- (20) Approval of Proposed Changes to the *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut* (Article XIV.K – Retirement) (Attachment 20)
- (21) Approval of Proposed Changes to the *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut* (Article XIV.L – Leaves of Absence) (Attachment 21)
3. President’s Report
4. Academic Affairs Committee Report
- (a) Report on Committee activities
- (b) Community Engagement Presentation
Presenter: Dr. Michael P. Lynch, Director
Humanities Institute
5. Financial Affairs Committee Report
- (a) Report on Committee activities
- (b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:
- On a motion by Trustee Frank, seconded by Trustee Gouin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Quali Financials System migration to the Cloud.
- (1) Quali Financials Migration to the Cloud (Attachment 22)
- On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Gouin, the Board voted unanimously to approve increases to the General University Fee, Student Health and Wellness Fee, Infrastructure Maintenance Fee, Technology Fee, Transit Fee, Housing and Board rates, and select Academic Program Fees for Fiscal Year 2023.
- (2) Fiscal Year 2023 Student Fees for the University of Connecticut, Storrs, and Regional Campuses (Attachment 23)
6. Student Life Committee Report
- (a) Report on Committee activities

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7. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
8. Construction Management Oversight Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
9. Institutional Advancement Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
10. Other business

Trustee Boxer left the meeting at this time.

11. Executive Session anticipated

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Frank, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:20 a.m. regarding:

1. Preliminary drafts or notes provided the public agency has determined that the public interest in withholding such documents clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure [pursuant to Connecticut General Statute (CGS) Section 1-210(b)(1)]; and
2. Commercial or financial information given in confidence, not required by statute [CGS Section 1-210(b)(5)(B)]; and
3. Discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may require that discussion be held at an open meeting [pursuant to CGS Section 1-200(6)(A)].

The following Trustees were in attendance: Trustees Bessette, Cantor, Cloud, Dennis-LaVigne, Fang, Frank, Gandara, Gouin, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, Russell-Tucker, and Toscano.

The following University staff were in attendance for the entire Executive Session: Maric, Rubin, Gelston, and Kirk.

The following University staff were in attendance for part of the Executive Session: Lejuez, Blanchard, Kendig, Heinlein, and Schwartz.

Mr. Lemon was also in attendance for part of the Executive Session.

The Executive Session ended at 11:59 a.m., and the Board returned to Open Session at 12:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Cloud, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Secretary