

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES

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

December 7, 2022

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m. by Board Chair Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated in person: Trustees Andy F. Bessette, Shari G. Cantor, Joshua Crow, Damani R. Douglas, Thomas D. Ritter, Daniel D. Toscano, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee.

The following Trustees participated by video or telephone: Trustees Mark L. Boxer, Charles F. Bunnell (partial attendance), Sanford Cloud, Jr., Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Jeanine A. Gouin, Kevin J. O'Connor (partial attendance), Bryan K. Pollard, and Philip E. Rubin.

Trustees Marilda L. Gandara, Bryan P. Hurlburt, David Lehman, Rebecca Lobo, and Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, were not in attendance.

The following University Senate Representatives attended the meeting in person: Joanne Conover, Jeffrey McCutcheon, Angela Rola, Angi Seth (partial attendance), Edward Weingart, and Sebastian Wogenstein.

The following University Senate Representatives participated by video or telephone: Robert Bird, Karen Bresciano, and Joseph MacDougald.

The following University staff attended the meeting in person: President Radenka Maric, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Anne D'Alleva, Interim Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer Lloyd Blanchard, UConn Health Interim Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Chief Executive Officer Bruce Liang, Executive Secretary to the Board Rachel Rubin, Chief of Staff Michelle Williams, General Counsel Nicole Gelston, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Nathan Fuerst, Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Gilbert, Vice President for Communications Tysen Kendig, Vice President and Chief Information Officer Michael Mundrane, Vice President for Global Affairs Daniel Weiner, Interim Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship S. Pamir Alpay, and Associate Vice President for Communications Michael Kirk.

OPEN SESSION

1. Public Participation

Students Lauren Dougher, President, Graduate Employees Union (GEU); Carol Ann Jackson, Vice President, GEU; Adam Opin, Harrison Raskin, Diego Horisberger, Zach Scrugges, representing the Student Labor Action Coalition, raised concerns about student fee increases.

Students Thomas Bonitz, representing Fossil Fuel Free UConn; Sydney Collins, Undergraduate Student Government (USG) Student Services Director and USG representative on the Board of Trustees Student Life Committee; and Matthew Plourd, USG Environmental Justice Advocacy Coordinator, spoke in support of UConn's commitment to carbon neutrality by 2030 but stressed continued transparency and student inclusion in the process.

Former student Phoebe Liou and Dr. Andrew Bostom, on behalf of UConn Families for Medical Freedom, expressed concerns about COVID-19 mandates for students.

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2. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters outstanding

Board Chair Toscano congratulated Dr. Anne D'Alleva for being named Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs.

He also thanked Paul Mounds, Jr. for his service over the last four years as the Governor's designee to the Board of Trustees during a very turbulent time.

(b) Minutes of the meeting of October 26, 2022

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Bessette, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 26, 2022.

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

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

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| (1) | Contracts and Agreements (Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Attachment 1.) | (Attachment 1) |
| (2) | Project Budget (Final) for Avery Point Seawall Exigent Improvements | (Attachment 2) |
| (3) | Project Budget (Final) for Gampel Pavilion Court Replacement | (Attachment 3) |
| (4) | Project Budget (Final) for Greer Field House Indoor Track Resurfacing | (Attachment 4) |
| (5) | Project Budget (Final) for Jorgensen Freight Elevator Modernization | (Attachment 5) |
| (6) | Project Budget (Final) for North and South Parking Garages Restoration, Phase 3 | (Attachment 6) |
| (7) | Project Budget (Final) for South Campus Infrastructure | (Attachment 7) |
| (8) | Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Cell and Genome Science Building (CGSB) and Academic Research Building (ARB) Autoclave and Washer Replacement | (Attachment 8) |
| (9) | Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Cardio Catheterization (Cath) & Electro Physiology (EP) Lab Renovation | (Attachment 9) |
| (10) | Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Main Building Lab Area Renovations – 2nd Floor | (Attachment 10) |
| (11) | Project Budget (Revised Final) for the UConn Health Psychiatry Seclusion Suite & Nurse Station Security Renovation | (Attachment 11) |
| (12) | Tenure at Hire | (Attachment 12) |
| (13) | Designation of Emeritus Status | (Attachment 13) |
| (14) | Sabbatical Leave Recommendations | (Attachment 14) |

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- (15) Bachelor of Arts in Applied Data Analysis (Attachment 15)
- (16) Bachelor of Science in Statistical Data Science (Attachment 16)
- (17) Graduate Certificate in Emerging Women's Leadership (Attachment 17)
- (18) Graduate Certificate in Genomic Data Analysis (Attachment 18)

3. President's Report

Assistant Vice Provost James Lowe gave an overview of the Center for Career Development.

On a motion by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Crow, the Board voted unanimously to amend the order of the agenda.

10. Student Life Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Eleanor Daugherty gave an overview on student mental health. Board Chair Toscano noted the Board's focus on this issue through resource allocation and reiterated the Board's commitment.

4. Academic Affairs Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

(b) Community Engagement Presentation

Presenter: Nina Heller, Dean
School of Social Work

5. Financial Affairs Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

(b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

- (1) Fiscal Year 2024 Student Fees for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 19)

On a motion by Trustee Ritter, seconded by Board Chair Toscano, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Student Fees, as presented by Dr. Blanchard during the meeting, which excluded an increase to the Visa Compliance Fee, and allowed for the Fiscal Year 2023 Transit Fee to be reduced or refunded if the State's U-Pass program provides cost savings to the University.

- (2) School of Dental Medicine Tuition and Fees Rates for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 (Attachment 20)

On a motion by Trustee Ritter, seconded by Board Chair Toscano, the Board voted unanimously to approve a 4% tuition and 2.5% professional school fee increase for the next two academic years (fiscal years 2024 and 2025) for the School of Dental Medicine.

6. UConn Health Report

(a) Report on UConn Health activities

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7. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no Report on Committee activities.
8. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
 - (b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:
 - (1) Second Amendment to Access and Utility Easement with 402 Farmington Avenue LLC at UConn Health (Attachment 21)
On a motion by Trustee Boxer, seconded by Trustee Douglas, the Board voted unanimously to approve a second amendment to the Access and Utility Easement with 402 Farmington Avenue LLC at UConn Health.
9. 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 on Compensation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no Report on Committee activities.
14. Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no Report on Committee activities.
15. Other business
No Other business was presented to the Board.
16. Executive Session anticipated

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 12:55 p.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.

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3. Discussion of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate by the state or a political subdivision of the state when publicity regarding such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction would adversely impact the price of such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction until such time as all of the property has been acquired or all proceedings or transactions concerning same have been terminated or abandoned [1-210(b)(7)]; and
4. 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 [1-200(6)].

The following Trustees were in attendance: Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Cloud, Crow, Dennis-LaVigne, Douglas, Gouin, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, Toscano, and Mounds.

The following University staff were in attendance for part of the Executive Session: Maric, D'Alleva, Blanchard, Williams, Kendig, and Kirk.

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

The Executive Session ended at 1:40 p.m., and the Board returned to Open Session at 1:41 p.m.

17. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Crow, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Board meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Secretary