

## Telephone Meeting

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees  
Institutional Advancement Committee  
Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

#### Meeting held by Telephone

Public Call-In Number: (415) 655-0002 US Toll

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Public Streaming Link (with live captioning): <http://ait.uconn.edu/bot>

*(A recording of the meeting will be posted on the Board website <https://boardoftrustees.uconn.edu/> within seven days of the meeting.)*

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 24 hours in advance of the start of the meeting (by Monday, February 6 at 1:00 p.m.) to the following email address: [BoardCommittees@uconn.edu](mailto: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. Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2022, and October 12, 2022.....Dr. Dennis-LaVigne  
**Attachment 1**
3. Naming Resolutions.....Mr. Lemon  
**Attachment 2**
  - Boucher Management & Entrepreneurship Department
  - Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute
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**

## DRAFT MINUTES

### University of Connecticut Board of Trustees Institutional Advancement Committee

Meeting held by telephone

September 20, 2022

Committee Trustees: Dr. Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Charles Bunnell, Shari Cantor,  
Joshua Crow, Damani Douglas, Jeanine Gouin

University Senate Representative: David Yalof

University Staff: Radenka Maric, John Elliott, Nathan Fuerst, Kevin Freeman,  
Michael Kirk, Tysen Kendig, Rachel Rubin, Lesley Salafia

UConn Foundation Staff: Mo Cotton Kelly, Jake Lemon

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne convened the Committee at 1:00 p.m.

1. Public Participation

No members of the public signed up to address the Committee.

2. Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2022 and August 1, 2022

On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Bunnell, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2022, meeting, and August 1, 2022, special meeting. Trustees Crow and Douglas abstained from voting.

3. Proposed 2023 Institutional Advancement Committee Meeting Schedule

The proposed 2023 Institutional Advancement Committee Meeting Schedule was shared.

4. Naming Resolutions

On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Douglas, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Toscano Family Ice Forum.

On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Bunnell, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the naming of Room 103, the Linebacker Room, located in the Burton Family Football Complex as the Thaddeus R. Sobieski Linebacker Room.

On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the STEM Research Center (Science One) Building naming opportunities.

5. Honorary Naming Resolutions

On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Crow, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the naming of Ray Reid Field at Joseph J. Morrone Stadium.

On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Douglas, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following Honorary Naming Resolutions in the School of Business:

Suresh and Vidya Nair Classroom (formerly Classroom 218)  
Thomas O'Brien Classroom (formerly Classroom 226)  
Timothy J. Curt and Dona M. Bissonnette Classroom (formerly Classroom 112)

6. Legislative Update  
There was no Legislative Update.
7. UConn Foundation / Alumni / Communications Update  
Ms. Cotton Kelly and Mr. Lemon provided an update on Foundation and Alumni metrics and endeavors.
8. University Communications Update  
Mr. Kendig shared the most recent report of UConn in the Media.
9. Other Business  
No Other Business was presented to the Committee.
10. Executive Session (as needed)  
No Executive Session was needed.
11. Adjournment  
On a motion by Trustee Bunnell, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Cote  
Secretary to the Committee

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Special Telephone Meeting**

**University of Connecticut Board of Trustees  
Institutional Advancement Committee**

Meeting held by telephone

October 12, 2022

Committee Trustees: Dr. Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Charles Bunnell, Shari Cantor, Damani Douglas, Jeanine Gouin, Rebecca Lobo, Bryan K. Pollard

University Senate Representative: Joseph MacDougal

University Staff: Radenka Maric, Tysen Kendig, Lesley Salafia

UConn Foundation Staff: Jake Lemon

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne convened the Committee at 9:00 a.m.


1. Public Participation (limited to agenda items)  
No members of the public signed up to address the Committee.
2. Naming Resolution  
On a motion by Trustee Pollard, and seconded by Trustee Bunnell, the Committee voted unanimously to authorize the naming of the Bailey Student Athlete Success Center in the space of the former recreation center and areas within the Greer Field House.
3. Executive Session (as needed)  
No Executive Session was needed.
4. Adjournment  
On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Bunnell, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Cote  
Secretary to the Committee

## **ATTACHMENT 2**

February 22, 2023

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees  
FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric   
RE: Naming Recommendation for the Boucher Management & Entrepreneurship Department

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees rename the Management & Entrepreneurship Department in the School of Business as the “Boucher Management & Entrepreneurship Department.”

BACKGROUND:

With courses and programs at the undergraduate, masters and doctoral levels, the Management & Entrepreneurship (M&E) Department teaches students from all of UConn’s schools and colleges at every campus. M&E faculty lead academic institutes and centers that drive research and real-world impact, helping make the Department a major presence in the School of Business, across UConn, and in the global business community.

The Honorable Antonietta “Toni” Boucher is an alumna of the School of Business, where she earned her MBA in 2002. Mrs. Boucher was a member of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, where she served as both a Representative and a Senator for districts in Fairfield County. She was co-chair of the Education Committee and a leader on various other committees, including Higher Education, Finance, Appropriation, and Judiciary. Parallel to this public service, she also worked in various capacities at Commonfund, an independent asset management firm focused on not-for-profit institutions. Mrs. Boucher and her now-late husband, Henry “Bud” Boucher, created a scholarship for School of Business students in 2003, the year after her graduation, and she has been actively involved in the activities of the School ever since.

Renaming the Management & Entrepreneurship Department as the Boucher Management & Entrepreneurship Department acknowledges Mrs. Boucher’s significant philanthropic contributions supporting the School of Business, including a scholarship endowment, support for the Student Venture Fund program in her late husband’s name, and a pledge to provide lifetime annual contributions and other deferred commitments in amounts commensurate under the University’s *Named Gift Guidelines*.

February 22, 2023

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute

RECOMMENDATION:

That in honor of Gary Gladstein and his family's legacy of philanthropic and volunteer service to the human rights programs, the Board of Trustees authorize the naming of the Human Rights Institute, in the Office of Global Affairs, the "Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute."

BACKGROUND:

The Human Rights Institute (HRI) operates within the Office of Global Affairs. The Institute's mission is to advance human rights knowledge and practice through research, teaching, and engagement. As a university-wide program under the Office of Global Affairs, HRI supports interdisciplinary inquiry into the most pressing human rights questions and prepares the next generation of human rights advocates across a range of fields.

Over the past twenty years, Mr. Gary Gladstein and his family have generously supported the Human Rights Institute through personal philanthropy and multiple volunteer positions. Through their philanthropy, the Gladsteins have provided generous unrestricted support and established key endowment funds including the Judi and Gary Gladstein Distinguished Chair in Human Rights, the Gary and Phyllis Gladstein Fund for the Human Rights Institute, and the Marsha Lilien Gladstein Visiting Professor in Human Rights. Most recently, the Gladsteins generously contributed to the creation of the Wiktor Osiatyński Chair in Human Rights. The Gladsteins have also encouraged others in the UConn community to make human rights programs part of their philanthropy by supporting two dollar-to-dollar matches, the most recent of which was completed in December 2022.

In addition to his philanthropy, Mr. Gladstein has served in many volunteer roles with the Foundation and the University. He is a Director *emeritus* of the Foundation, having served from 1998 to 2008. During his tenure on the Foundation Board, he was a member of the Investment Committee and Chair of the Audit Committee. Mr. Gladstein is also a Life Member of the Alumni Association and a former member of the UConn Foundation Campaign Steering Committee, the CLAS Advisory Board (2011 to 2014), the Governing Board of UConn Hillel, and the UConn Technology Transfer Board. This past December, Mr. Gladstein, and his daughter, Mindy Grafstein, became founding members of the Dodd Advisory Board, which provides advisory support for Dodd Human Rights Impact Programs.



Through Mr. Gladstein and his family's legacy, the Human Rights Institute has established one of the largest and most vibrant interdisciplinary human rights studies programs in the country. The Institute is among the top programs in the country in terms of the number of students enrolled in its Human Rights major. HRI has also launched a Master's in Human Rights Program and is preparing to offer a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Holocaust and Genocide Studies in collaboration with Judaic Studies and the Neag School of Education. The Institute has hired new faculty and staff, adding four new faculty members in recent years (two jointly appointed with the School of Fine Arts) and two additional administrative support staff members. The Institute is in an active search for the new Wiktor Osiatyński Chair in Human Rights, which will rotate among UConn faculty who are distinguished teachers and scholars in human rights education. The Institute is also conducting a search for an endowed Christopher J. Dodd Chair in Human Rights Practice, who will direct Dodd Impact programs. The Human Rights Institute is poised to solidify its prominence through expanded programs, including a Human Rights Research and Data Hub, a faculty research cluster in Arts and Human Rights, and other new public engagement and outreach programs through Dodd Human Rights Impact.

The Gladsteins' contributions have enabled the Institute to grow substantively, yielding one of the finest programs in the world through their transformational support. The proposed naming recognizes Mr. Gladstein and his family's legacy of philanthropy and volunteer service to the University in support of human rights programs and is consistent with the amount recommended under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines* to name this institute.

## **ATTACHMENT 3**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Institutional Advancement Committee  
**From:** Tysen Kendig, Vice President for Communications  
**Date:** February 7, 2023  
**Subject:** UConn in the Media



[Why a Group of Christians is Fighting the Growing Threat of Christian Nationalism](#)

January 2, 2023 – Time Magazine

This level of religious fervor in service of a political—and ultimately violent—cause was shocking to many Americans, though experts argue it shouldn't have been. "The riot was a pitch perfect performance of the kind of white Christian nationalism that has ebbed and flowed throughout American history," Ruth Braunstein, a sociologist at the University of Connecticut who studies the movement, wrote in February 2021.

[Can Kids Get Seasonal Affective Disorder? Here's What the Experts Say](#)

January 8, 2023 – Yahoo News

Melissa Santos, associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and division chief of pediatric psychology at Connecticut Children's, agrees. "It's believed that seasonal affective disorder is caused by how the brain responds to decreased sunlight," she tells Yahoo Life. "That decreased sunlight is thought to cause the brain to create some imbalances in hormones, which causes the depression to occur."

[36 Bodies Were Found in Colonial Graves. DNA is Revealing Their Stories](#)

January 9, 2023 – The Washington Post

Raquel Fleskes, an anthropological geneticist at the University of Connecticut, wore a GoPro camera to document the process of extracting DNA from the bone samples, to share the experience with the community. "These ancestors are really diverse individuals, they're coming from all parts of Africa," Fleskes said.

[Pandemic Languishing is a Thing. But is it a Privilege?](#)

January 10, 2023 – Science News

Positive psychologists tend to believe that anyone can flourish if they just try hard enough, says Willen, of the University of Connecticut in Storrs. Consequently, she says, these researchers tend to downplay systemic barriers to flourishing, such as those related to race or class. Positive psychologists "presume that people have a good measure of control over what they are able to do in life," Willen says. But her own research, and that of others, shows that societal forces limit that control for many people.

[The 6-Year-Old Accused of Shooting His Teacher Shouldn't Be Punished Under the Law](#)

January 12, 2023 – NBC News

Damion Gross, a psychologist and associate professor at the University of Connecticut, also noted that often, "young children, especially those exposed to violence, can imitate violent behaviors without fully comprehending the ramifications of their actions." The good news, he said, is that this means that "there's a lot of 'catch-up' that can happen with proper nurturance and caregiving."

### [Musk Bets Big on Beating Shareholders at 'Funding Secured' Trial](#)

January 13, 2023 – Reuters

"Everything is lined up for a plaintiffs' win here," said Minor Myers, who teaches corporate law at the University of Connecticut. Judge Edward Chen's ruling in May means that shareholders are "starting with runners on base," he said.

### [Cooperation on Climate is Emerging in the Middle East](#)

January 14, 2023 – The New York Times

"But the new regional politics associated with the Abraham Accords and the key role of the U.A.E. in this process have made it less difficult for Jordan and Israel to execute initiatives" like Project Prosperity, said Daniel Weiner, vice president for global affairs at the University of Connecticut and founder of its Abrahamic Programs for Academic Collaboration.

### [If Affirmative Action Ends, College Admissions May Be Changed Forever](#)

January 15, 2023 – The New York Times

College officials warn that there is no way of knowing how sweeping the court decision will be. But the ruling, expected by June, is likely to have a broad impact on a range of schools, according to Vern Granger, the director of admissions at the University of Connecticut. "Most people are thinking about the admissions process at selective institutions," he said, "but I would say that this decision is going to be far-ranging and it's going to be expansive."

### [Anti-Aging Pills are Real, and Some of Us Are Taking Them without Knowing It](#)

January 18, 2023 – BBC Science Focus

"It's like a fire that spreads," says Ming Xu, who studies senescence at the University of Connecticut's Centre on Ageing. "It's a very small population of cells, but they have a very large and very damaging effect." Drugs that seek out and kill these senescent cells, known as senolytics, are among the most promising anti-ageing therapies.

### [Wind Farms Deliver Economic Jolt to Rural Middle America](#)

January 18, 2023 – Stateline (Pew Charitable Trusts)

Coke County's expenditures are typical of how counties are using their payments, said Eric Brunner, an economics professor at the University of Connecticut who studies the economic impacts of wind farms on local governments. "The incentive is to use it for one-time capital costs," Brunner said. "It doesn't work well for buying books, recurring things." Texas is especially generous to wind farm operators because it allows them to put their full value on the property rolls, making it easier to borrow money, even as it allows them to defer paying taxes on that value, he said.

### [Colliding Supermassive Black Holes Discovered in Nearby Galaxy](#)

January, 18, 2023 – Scientific American

"This pair was really exciting because they're so close to each other and they're so nearby," says [Chiara Mingarelli](#), one of the study's authors and an astrophysicist at the Flatiron Institute in New York City and the University of Connecticut.

### [New Guidelines Underscore How Complicated Childhood Obesity is for Parents and Providers](#)

January 20, 2023 – The New York Times

"Physicians are not immune to societal weight bias that is prevalent in our culture," said Rebecca Puhl, a professor and the deputy director of the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Health at the University of Connecticut. "Weight bias is rarely, if ever, addressed in medical school training."

### [On the Life of George Kennan, Divided Between the United States and the Soviet Union](#)

January 23, 2023 – Literary Hub

Recorded interview with Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of History Frank Costigliola.

### [New Study Examines the Effect of Parental Separation on Kids](#)

January 23, 2023 – Yahoo News

"The findings aren't surprising," Melissa Santos, an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and division chief of pediatric psychology at Connecticut Children's, tells Yahoo. "We know in the long term kids do better when parents divorce or separate than stay in a relationship that is marked by constant conflict and disagreement. But the road to those long-term benefits can be bumpy."

### [Combating Antisemitism Today: Holocaust Education in the Era of TikTok and Twitter](#)

January 24, 2023 – The Conversation

News analysis by Prof. Alan Marcus of the Neag School of Education.

### [Is Quad Graphics Decision Innocuous or a Jurisprudential Threat?](#)

January 25, 2023 – Bloomberg Law

Opinion column by Prof. Richard Pomp of the School of Law.

### [George Kennan's Warning on Ukraine](#)

January 27, 2023 – Foreign Affairs

News analysis by Prof. Frank Costigliola of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.