

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*.

The Institutional Advancement Committee approved this recommendation on February 7, 2023.