SPECIAL TELEPHONE MEETING

Board of Trustees
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
University of Connecticut
Friday, June 23, 2023
12:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Meeting held by Telephone
Public Call-In Number:
(415) 655-0002 US Toll
Access Code: 2621 948 3989

Public Streaming Link (with live captioning): https://ait.uconn.edu/bot

(Call to order at 12:00 p.m.

1. Public Participation (limited to agenda items)*
   * Individuals who wish to speak during the Public Participation portion, limited to the agenda items, of the Friday, June 23, meeting must do so 24 hours in advance of the meeting’s start time (i.e., 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 22) by emailing BoardCommittees@uconn.edu. Speaking requests must include a name, telephone number, topic, and affiliation with the University (i.e., student, employee, member of the public). The Committee may limit the entirety of public comment to a maximum of 30 minutes. As an alternative, individuals may submit written comments to the Committee via email (BoardCommittees@uconn.edu), and all comments will be transmitted to the Committee.

ACTION ITEMS:

2. Minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of April 18, 2023

3. Recommendations for Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2022-2023

4. Tenure at Hire

5. Designation of Emeritus Status

6. Sabbatical Leave Recommendations

7. Appointment of Professor Robert Day to the Robert Cizik Professorship in Manufacturing and Technology Management in the School of Business

8. Appointment of Professor John Mathieu to the GE Capital Professor in Business in the School of Business

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9. Reappointment of Professor Timothy B. Folta to the Thomas John and Bette Wolff Family Chair in Strategic Entrepreneurship in the School of Business

10. Appointment of Professor James Waller to the Christopher J. Dodd Chair in Human Rights Practice in the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute, Office of Global Affairs

11. Appointment of Associate Professor Jessica Rouge to the Paul Krenicki Professorship of Chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

INFORMATION ITEMS:

12. Academic Program Inventory

13. Academic Centers & Institutes

14. Provost’s Summit for Student Success Update

15. Executive Session (as needed)

16. Adjournment
DRAFT MINUTES

TELEPHONE MEETING OF THE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

University of Connecticut
April 18, 2023

Committee Trustees: Jeanine Gouin, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Bryan Pollard, Philip Rubin

Other Trustees: Daniel Toscano

University Senate Representatives: Joanne Conover

University Staff: Anne D’Alleva, Indrajeet Chaubey, Sarah Croucher, Shareen Hertel, Kent Holsinger, Nathan Fuerst, Gladis Kersaint, Kathy Libal, Rachel Rubin, Jeffrey Shoulson, Tadarrayl Starke, Michelle Williams, Reka Wrynn

Vice-Chair Gouin convened the Committee at 8:30 a.m. Upon convening, the Committee lacked a quorum and discussed some informational items until 8:40 a.m. At 8:41 a.m. a quorum was reached, and the Committee considered the following action items and remaining topics for discussion.

1. Public Participation

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

2. Minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of February 21, 2023

   On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023, meeting. Trustee Pollard abstained from voting.

3. Promotion and Tenure
4. Designation of Emeritus Status
5. Sabbatical Leave Recommendations

   On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Items #3-5 to the full Board for approval.

6. Appointment of Professor Shareen Hertel to the Wiktor Ostiatyński Chair in Human Rights in the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute

   On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #6 to the full Board for approval.
7. Master of Science in Exercise Prescription

Provost D’Alleva invited Dean Indrajeet Chaubey to introduce the Master of Science in Exercise Prescription in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources.

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #7 to the full Board for approval.

8. Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Holocaust and Genocide Studies

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #8 to the full Board for approval.

9. Policy on Endowed Chairs and Professorships

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #9 to the full Board for approval.

10. Tenure Track Reappointments
11. Procedures on Endowed Chairs and Professorships
12. Academic Program Inventory

Items #10-12 were provided to the Committee as informational items.

13. Academic Affairs Presentation

Dr. Tadarrayl Starke, Associate Vice Provost, Institute for Student Success, presented on the role of the Institute.

14. Other Business

There was no Other Business.

15. Executive Session (as needed)

There was no Executive Session.

16. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting ended at 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis M. Cassan
Secretary to the Committee
June 28, 2023

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric

RE: Recommendations for Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2022-2023

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of the Distinguished Professor Review Committee and designate the following faculty members as University of Connecticut Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors: Dr. Douglas Casa (Department of Kinesiology), Dr. Lewis Gordon (Department of Philosophy) and Dr. Bandana Purkayastha (Department of Sociology).

BACKGROUND:

On November 10, 1998, the Board of Trustees voted to establish the title of Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor. This designation is the University’s highest academic honor.

Pursuant to the By-Laws of the University of Connecticut, the Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor award is reserved exclusively to recognize faculty who have achieved exceptional distinction in scholarship, teaching, and service while at the University of Connecticut. Faculty chosen must have distinguished themselves in all three of these categories. The designation process occurs annually, as a result of a peer review process.

After careful deliberations, the Review Committee recommended the three individuals named above. I am recommending that the Board of Trustees designate these faculty as its Distinguished Professors.
Dr. Douglas Casa

Dr. Douglas Casa has demonstrated a level of scholarly productivity that has led to an international reputation as one of the world’s leading experts in exertional heat illness, hydration, thermal physiology, sport performance monitoring and sport safety, and public policy regarding prevention of sudden death in sport. The work of Dr. Casa has not only added to our fundamental scientific understanding in these areas, but has impacted policy and quality of care changes globally to establish widely-used guidelines and practices that have not only improved performance and made sport safer, but have directly saved thousands of lives. As a scholar, there are 4 main areas in which Dr. Casa has demonstrated and exceeded in many cases, the university standards of scholarly excellence: 1) innovation and impact, 2) collaborations, 3) funding success, and 4) publication and public recognition. UConn’s Korey Stringer Institute was formed by Dr. Casa at the specific request of the NFL, Gatorade, and Kelci Stringer, whose husband Korey Stringer died a tragic and preventable death from exertional heatstroke during a football practice with the Minnesota Vikings. Dr. Casa has over 260 referred publications, ~60 non-referred publications (i.e., book reviews, letters to the editor, commentaries, roundtables, published conference proceedings), 7 books, and hundreds of abstracts and invited presentations (national and international). The innovative and impactful nature of the organization that Dr. Casa has created is unarguable and in many diverse ways, it has a broad-reaching positive ripple effect of scientific, service, and educational influence.

Dr. Casa has been Director of Athletic Training Education for 20 years and in that role oversees the entire athletic training education program and mentorship of athletic training master’s and doctoral students. In both his individual teaching and role in educational leadership/administration he has improved teaching at University of Connecticut in multiple ways. Dr. Casa has individually taught 24 courses in exercise science and athletic training. His contributions to undergraduate and graduate education have been important in establishing core competencies among individual students and enhancing the overall education quality. For the athletic training program alone, Dr. Casa developed 14 new classes and drove the change in the athletic training curriculum that resulted in successful accreditation by multiple athletic training professional organizations. His continued success as a teacher is demonstrated by the quality of his SET feedback each semester and the uniqueness of the course offerings at UConn thanks to his expertise and creativity in teaching.
Dr. Lewis Gordon

Dr. Lewis Gordon is one of the most important and highly regarded intellectuals in the world writing on anti-racism and Africana philosophy. He is internationally recognized as the leading contributor to the fields of Black existentialism, Africana Existential Phenomenology, Fanon, Teleological Studies of Disciplinarity (a field he invented), Decolonialism, and Afro-Jewish Studies. His original theories have generated widely discussed concepts such as “bad faith embodiment,” “epistemic closure,” “disciplinary decadence,” and “shifting the geography of reason”, among many others.

Dr. Gordon is the author of 12 books, editor and co-editor of 6 anthologies, and the author of over 92 articles in academic journals, 74 book chapters, and over 30 introductions and afterwards. His work has been translated into over two dozen languages. His seminal first book, Bad Faith and Anti-Black Racism is widely regarded as a classic in the study of existential philosophy and racism, while his recent Fear of Black Consciousness has been hailed by Judith Butler as expanding our understanding of “how race consciousness is made and lived.” The latter has received coverage and press in dozens of newspapers and radio media across the globe, including in Publishers Weekly. Considered together, Gordon’s works constitute a significant and original vision of the human condition and consciousness.

As a teacher, Dr. Gordon is a recognized innovator and leader—internationally and at UConn—in the movement to make philosophy and the humanities a more inclusive subject. Dr. Gordon’s courses integrate sources from ancient through contemporary Africa, Latin America, and Native America. This has attracted a diverse group of African and Latin American students to philosophy—especially at UConn. Thus, for example, at the undergraduate level, his introductory course, Phil 1106, started with 35 students in his first semester teaching it in 2014; it has since grown into a highly sought-over 370-student lecture course. Moreover, Gordon has designed a number of new courses for the philosophy department’s curriculum, including seminars on Africana Philosophy, Global Southern Phenomenologies, Global Existentialism, Race in the Formation of Human Science, Phenomenology, Philosophy of Psychoanalysis, and Philosophy of Social Science.

Beyond his extensive service to the University, Dr. Gordon is on the editorial board of many journals, book series, and a news outlet (one of which won the 2021 Izzy Award for Independent Media). His work as an institution-builder includes founding Radical Philosophy Review, for which he was the first executive editor and for which he edited 6 volumes. The 26th volume of that journal is now at-press. He co-founded the Caribbean Philosophical Association in 2003, for which he was the first president. He founded Temple University’s Center for Afro-Jewish Studies, and its Institute for the Study of Race and Social Thought; and at Brown University, he founded the Department of Africana Studies, for which he was the first chairperson. He serves as an evaluator for the MacArthur, Ford, Newcombe, South African Research Council, and ACLS fellowships.
Dr. Bandana Purkayastha

Dr. Purkayastha’s research focuses on the structures of inequalities and social transformation, with specific focus on migrants and migration, gender and intersectionality from a global perspective, and critical human rights. A prolific scholar, with a current tally of 15 books, 36 peer reviewed articles, 35 chapters, and many other publications that reach across the world. Eagerness to engage with her ideas are evident through her long list of invited talks in the US and across the world, as well as the invitations to share her expertise for policy purposes by WHO (on migrant women and health) and diverse United Nations (UN) offices (including on violence against women and forced migration). A brilliant sociologist, she has been at the forefront of challenging global conceptual and methodological hierarchies, including between the Global North and South, that act as barriers to robust and meaningful social science research.

Significant disciplinary accolades as well as international recognition of her expertise are testimonies to her national and global scholarly prominence. She received the 2017 Contributions to the Field (career) award from the Asia and Asian American research section of American Sociological Association (ASA) for her transformative work on Asian-origin, highly-skilled migrants (women and men) and their children, as well as low-wage migrant workers. She continues to publish on racism and gendering structures that affect migrants. Her recent work on trafficking and other victims of forced migration, and her theoretical perspective on voluntary and forced migration, was featured by UN-IOM in 2022.

Dr. Purkayastha’s teaching record reflects her commitment to international, interdisciplinary, teaching and mentoring. Her commitment is to engage students in an intellectual feast while making sure they are well supported to grow as people who are mindful of equity and justice, and the inherent humanity of others. During her time at UConn she has developed and taught seven graduate and undergraduate courses, and co-developed three others to fill department needs. These courses all meet diversity, international, and interdisciplinary initiatives of the university. Her courses are cross-listed with, or serve the requirements of Asia and Asian American Studies (AASI), Human Rights, India Studies, and Women’s Gender and Sexuality Studies. She has been a champion of using multiple methods for teaching and a consistent and enthusiastic early adopter of new technologies. Over the years she has used her national and global networks to bring outstanding scholars and prominent leaders to the university to enrich UConn’s educational offerings.
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TENURE AT HIRE RECOMMENDATIONS  
PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - June 28, 2023 

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### University of Connecticut Department of Human Resources
#### Emeritus Retirees
##### June 28, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting

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CAHNR – College of Agriculture, Health & Natural Resources
CLAS – College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Willena Price

Dr. Willena Price served as UConn’s African American Cultural Center (AACC) Director from 1993 through 2022. During her 29 years at the AACC, Dr. Price has provided UConn’s Black and African American students, faculty, and staff with support, spaces of community building, and mentorship. While she offered these to the UConn community, she went above and beyond by continuing to offer support, community building, and mentorship to UConn alumni.

Under Dr. Price’s leadership, the AACC was recognized for excellence in promoting the understanding and appreciation of the culture, history, and traditions of Black and African American communities. This work has been recognized by the University, including a commendation from President Susan Herbst for inaugurating UConn’s annual Black History Month celebrations and a commendation from Vice President of Student Affairs, Carol A. Wiggins, for her commitment to students. Dr. Price was also recognized by the state government, including State Representative Reginald G Beamon. Her proudest achievement, however, was when then-President of the Republic of Senegal, Abdou Diouf, received an honorary Doctorate from UConn. Dr. Price hosted a group of dignitaries who attended the Commencement Ceremony. She was also the University liaison to the Senegal Embassy, headed by Ambassador Mamadou Seck, and then led university faculty, staff, and Trustees on a trip to the Republic of Senegal where they were honored to have a private audience with the President. In addition, she was invited to have tea with the First Lady of Senegal in the Presidential Palace.

Dr. Price has received several awards and recognitions for her work as Director of AACC including a spot on the NAACP’s 100 Most Influential Blacks in the State of Connecticut, which celebrates the effectiveness in bringing about positive and far-reaching change for the benefit of their communities, cities, and the state. As Dr. Price served UConn as professional staff member, her nomination was reviewed by the Emeritus Committee and was accordingly recommended to and approved by President Marie, in accordance with Section XIV.K.2.d of the By-Laws.
University of Connecticut Office of the Provost

Sabbatical Leave Recommendations Requiring Board of Trustees Approval

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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D’Alleva, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Appointment of Professor Robert Day to the Robert Cizik Professorship in Manufacturing and Technology Management in the School of Business

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees appoint Professor Robert Day to the Robert Cizik Professorship in Manufacturing and Technology Management in the School of Business for the period of June 30, 2023, through August 24, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

The Robert Cizik Professorship in Manufacturing and Technology Management in the School of Business was established to support a professor who is nationally and internationally eminent in manufacturing and technology who will Foster leadership development, educate manufacturing professionals with engineering and business skills as well as collect a cohort of multi-disciplinary faculty to advance the Connecticut region as leaders in global manufacturing competitiveness. The decision to recommend this appointment was made following the School of Business policy; Dean Elliott is making his recommendation based on consultation with the associate deans and department heads in the School of Business.

Professor Day joined the UConn faculty in 2004 and was promoted to the rank of Professor in 2020. His research examines auctions, combinatorial (package) auctions, airport landing-slot auctions, bidding languages, core allocations, matching and allocation problems, healthcare management, operations research, mathematical programming, and optimization. His research has been published in many leading academic journals, which include Management Science, Production and Operations Management, Operation Research, and Decision Support Systems. He serves as the President of Institute for Operations Research and Management Sciences’ (INFORMS) Section of Auctions and Market Design and has won serval best paper, service and teaching awards throughout his career including the INFORMS Computing Society Prize in 2008 and the Dantzig Dissertation Award in 2005.

In addition to research, Professor Day served as the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs in the School of Business and teaches operations management and project management to undergraduate, masters, and Ph.D. level students.
June 28, 2023

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D’Alleva, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Appointment of Professor John Mathieu to the GE Capital Professor in Business in the School of Business

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees appoint Professor John Mathieu to the GE Capital Professor in Business in the School of Business for the period of June 30, 2023, through August 24, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

The GE Capital Professor in Business in the School of Business was established to support a professor who is a nationally recognized researcher, scholar, teacher, or business leader who has made significant contributions to the field of commerce. The decision to recommend this appointment was made following the School of Business policy; Dean Elliott is making his recommendation based on consultation with the associate deans and department heads in the School of Business.

Professor Mathieu joined the UConn faculty in 1999 and in 2016 was named a Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Management. His research focuses on the dynamics of teamwork; the management of new organizational forms (e.g., complex teams arrangements, Multi-Team Systems); interfaces with various forms of technology (e.g., virtuality, space flight, team optimization routines); and an emphasis on the Scientist/Practitioner model of learning and application. His research has been published in many of the top journals in his field including Journal of Clinical Oncology, Journal of Management, Military Psychology, Academy of Management Journal, and Journal of Applied Psychology. He is a recipient of the Academy of Management (Research Methods Division) Career Award, a prestigious award recognizing a lifetime achievement for advancing research methods, analysis, and inference.

In additional to research, Professor Mathieu is a mentor to Ph.D. students in a scientist/practitioner model whereby he engages them in his research and prepares them to conduct their own with the intention to contribute both to the scientific literature and to the welfare of organizations and their employees.
June 28, 2023

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D’Alleva, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Reappointment of Professor Timothy B. Folta to the Thomas John and Bette Wolff Family Chair in Strategic Entrepreneurship in the School of Business

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees reappoint Professor Timothy B. Folta to the Thomas John and Bette Wolff Family Chair in Strategic Entrepreneurship in the School of Business for the period of August 22, 2023, through August 24, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

The Thomas John and Bette Wolff Family Chair in Strategic Entrepreneurship was established to support a faculty member that is renowned in the field of strategic entrepreneurship who will provide leadership for teaching and research in the area of strategic entrepreneurship. The decision to recommend this reappointment was made following the School of Business policy; Dean Elliott is making his recommendation based on consultation with the associate deans and department heads in the School of Business.

Professor Folta joined the UConn faculty in August of 2013 as a professor of management and was appointed the Thomas John and Bette Wolff Family Chair in Strategic Entrepreneurship in the School of Business. Professor Folta’s research is in entrepreneurship, real options, and firm performance. He has received several awards honoring his research, including the 2021 Bright Idea Award for the paper titled “Does government fund the best entrepreneurial ventures? The case of the Small Business Innovation Research Program.” The award is selected annually for the top-ten publications by business school faculty in the State of New Jersey. He is a strong participant in the University’s entrepreneurship effort and has an international reputation in his field. He recently co-founded (January 2022), along with Maryann Feldman, the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Policy Virtual Research Seminar Series. For this project, he has assembled a team of scholars and policy makers from a range of elite institutions, which include ESADE (Barcelona), Instituto de Empresa (Madrid), Copenhagen Business School, Imperial College (London), Stanford, NYU, top US public universities, the NSF, and the U.S. Patent Office.

At UConn he has served as the Academic Director of the Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and was the Co-Founding Director of the Entrepreneurship Consortium. Further, he has made outstanding contributions through the Accelerate UConn programs.
June 28, 2023

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D’Alleva, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Appointment of Professor James Waller to the Christopher J. Dodd Chair in Human Rights Practice in the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute, Office of Global Affairs

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees appoint Professor James Waller to the Christopher J. Dodd Chair in Human Rights Practice in the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute effective August 23, 2023 through August 22, 2028.

BACKGROUND:

The Christopher J. Dodd Chair in Human Rights Practice (Dodd Chair) is awarded to a tenured associate or full professor who is appointed to serve as the Director of the Dodd Human Rights Impact programs. The Dodd Chair is linked to the directorship, and is eligible for renewal every five years, as long as the appointee continues to serve in the Director role. Jointly appointed to the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute (HRI), and a tenure home department, the Dodd Chair directs HRI’s Dodd Human Rights Impact Programs and advances the mission of The Dodd Center for Human Rights, in which HRI is housed. The Dodd Chair will help address the urgent need to protect human rights and preserve human dignity. The decision to recommend this appointment was made following an international search and in consultation with Provost Anne D’Alleva and Vice President for Global Affairs Dan Weiner.

Jointly appointed to the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute, and the department of Literatures, Cultures and Languages in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Dr. Waller is a world-renowned scholar of Holocaust and genocide studies. Most recently he was the Cohen Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State College where he developed and led the nation’s first undergraduate department and major in Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Dr. Waller also served as the Director of Academic Programs for the Auschwitz Institute for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities, through which he forged relationships with government policymakers worldwide, with seminars reaching nearly 9,000 government officials and security sector personnel from 90 countries. Dr. Waller is the author of nearly 50 articles and book chapters, and six books. The latter includes his award-winning *Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Killing* (Oxford University Press, 2nd ed., 2007 and *A Troubled Sleep: Risk and Resilience in Contemporary Northern Ireland* (Oxford University Press, 2021). His public writing includes pieces for *The Washington Post*, *The Irish News*, and *The Conversation*. 
June 28, 2023

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D’Alleva, Ph.D.  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Appointment Associate Professor Jessica Rouge to the Paul Krenicki Professorship of Chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees appoint Associate Professor Jessica Rouge to the Paul Krenicki Professorship of Chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for the period of August 23, 2023 through August 22, 2028.

BACKGROUND:

John and Donna Krenicki established the Paul Krenicki Professorship of Chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in January 2016 in memory of Mr. Krenicki’s brother, Paul Krenicki. Professor Jessica Rouge will be the second holder of this named professorship, following Professor James Rusling who held the professorship from August 23, 2018 to August 22, 2023. Professor Rouge was nominated by her faculty colleagues and department head based upon her record of outstanding scholarship as evidenced by the overall impact of publications, extraordinarily high citations, funding, external awards, invited presentations at major national and international meetings, all of which have elevated the visibility and standing of the department. This recommendation is support by Dean Juli Wade.

Professor Rouge’s research is interdisciplinary and focuses on understanding how nanomaterials interact with biological systems. This work provides the means by which new, advanced therapeutic approaches to diseases including cancer and inflammatory diseases can be designed and implemented. Dr. Rouge’s research is well-funded. These projects have resulted in numerous publications in highly respected journals. In addition, in 2019, she was awarded a patent for a universal enzyme responsive linker, and she has a second patent pending. Through this work, she has established a strong lab group and has been recognized internationally for her work.
June 23, 2023

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Anne D’Alleva, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Academic Program Inventory

BACKGROUND:

The Office of Higher Education maintains an inventory of approved academic programs offered by public and independent colleges and universities in Connecticut. Those listings are available to the general public through the Office’s web site and provide the most accurate up-to-date information about programs of study in our state.

The information on the Inventory of Approved Academic programs is an important resource and is used to convey educational information to a broad range of constituencies, both in Connecticut and across the country. Additionally, in order for veterans to receive their earned educational benefits, they must be enrolled in a program that is accredited.

The following non-substantive changes and updates are provided to the Board for informational purposes.

- Masters of Business Administration new area of concentration: Supply Chain Management
- Undergraduate program name change from Agriculture and Natural Resources (AGNR) to Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources (AHNR)
June 23, 2023

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D’Alleva, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Academic Centers and Institutes

The By-Laws of the University of Connecticut, Article XII, state that “All centers and institutes will be reviewed on a five-year cycle to determine their continued contribution to the University’s mission,” and that the “Provost will routinely inform the Board of Trustees … of the establishment and discontinuation of all centers and institutes.” This document represents such notice.

BACKGROUND:

Following review and deliberation, the following Academic Centers and Institutes are being established, renewed or discontinued:

Established

- Nursing and Engineering Innovation Center, School of Engineering & School of Nursing
- National Institute for Undersea Vehicle Technology, School of Engineering
- Center for mHealth and Social Media, Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention and Policy

Renewed for five-year term

- Center for Behavioral Education and Research, Neag School of Education
- Center for Land Use Education and Research, College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources
- Goldenson Center for Actuarial Research, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Insurance Law Center, School of Law

Discontinued

- Center for the Advancement of Business Analytics, School of Business
- Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Research Center, College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources

Mission statements for established and renewed Academic Centers and Institutes are available on the following pages.
Nursing and Engineering Innovation Center, School of Engineering & School of Nursing

The mission of the NursEng Innovation Center is to advance healthcare, workforce, and economic development through interdisciplinary collaborations between nursing and engineering that promote innovations in health technology.

National Institute for Undersea Vehicle Technology, School of Engineering

The National Institute for Undersea Vehicle Technology (NIUVT) is a partnership between the University of Connecticut (UConn), University of Rhode Island (URI) and General Dynamics Electric Boat (EB) to enhance performance and reduce costs of the shipbuilding process while ensuring that advanced technologies are implemented into the next generation and next platform of undersea vehicles. NIUVT builds upon the experience and expertise of EB, UConn and URI to engage in research, technology transition, and workforce development. Through these activities, NIUVT will develop the personnel and knowledge needed to accelerate critical research and enhance U.S. superiority in submarine and other undersea vehicle technologies.

Center for mHealth and Social Media, Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention and Policy

The mission of the UConn Center for mHealth and Social Media is to increase capacity for digital health and social media research at UConn and affiliated campuses, create research collaborations, facilitate industry-academic partnerships, and to become an international leader in the use of technology to improve public health.

Center for Behavioral Education and Research, Neag School of Education

The purpose of CBER is to conduct rigorous research and translate and disseminate empirically supported practices that promote equity and improve educational outcomes for all learners, especially those with or at risk for learning and behavioral difficulties.

Center for Land Use Education and Research, College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources

The mission of the Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR) is to provide information and assistance to land use decision makers and other audiences in support of better land use decisions, healthier natural resources, and more resilient communities.

Goldenson Center for Actuarial Research, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

To provide high quality applied actuarial research services to serve the needs of the insurance and financial services industry in the region. The strategy to achieve this is by partnering top actuarial students and faculty at UConn with actuarial professionals in industry in applied research projects.

Insurance Law Center, School of Law

The Insurance Law Center was founded in 1998 with a generous endowment from the insurance community and is unique for our interdisciplinary research on the role of insurance in society. Our full-time faculty brings a wide array of disciplines, including law, economics, finance, history, sociology, linguistics and philosophy, to the study of financial services law. Together with our experienced adjunct faculty, our students, financial regulators, members of the insurance bar and fellow scholars at other universities, we explore the issues of the day in scholarly workshops and conferences. The center also hosts visiting scholars from around the world, has an insurance law collection unmatched by any other U.S. university, and collaborates in publication of the Connecticut Insurance Law Journal.