

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

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>DEPARTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>SCHOOL/COLLEGE*</u></b>	<b><u>RETIRED</u></b>	<b><u>HIRED</u></b>
<i>Faculty meeting “automatic” criteria for emeritus status</i>					
Bozorgmanesh, Hadi	Professor in Residence	Engineering	School of Engineering	2/11/2023	7/1/2012
Cole, James	Professor	Molecular and Cell Biology	CLAS	6/1/2023	8/23/2001
Kivenzor, Gregory	Associate Professor In Residence	Marketing	School of Business	8/23/2021	8/23/2015
Kurz, Brenda J.	Associate Professor	Social Work	School of Social Work	6/1/2023	8/23/1999
Robbins, Gary A.	Professor	Natural Resources and Environment	CAHNR	6/1/2023	9/1/1986
<i>Recommendations from the Emeritus Committee</i>					
Price, Willena	Director	African American Cultural Center	Office of Diversity and Inclusion	7/1/22	8/23/1993

\*Key

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 Maric, in accordance with Section XIV.K.2.d of the *By-Laws*.