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**TELEPHONE MEETING  
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**AGENDA**

Meeting held by Telephone

January 26, 2022

Public Call In Number:  
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Call to order at **9:00 a.m.**

1. Public Participation\*

\* If members of the public wish to address the Board of Trustees during the Public Participation portion of the meeting, you must submit a request in writing 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting (by 8:30 a.m.) to the following email address: [boardoftrustees@uconn.edu](mailto:boardoftrustees@uconn.edu). Please indicate your name, telephone number, and topic to be discussed. Per the University By-Laws, the Board may limit public comment to a maximum of 30 minutes. As an alternative, you may also submit your comments via email which will be shared with the Board.

2. Minutes of the meetings of December 8, 2021, and January 7, 2022

3. Appointment of Interim President (Attachment 1)

4. Information Item re Proposed Changes to the (Attachment 2)  
*By-Laws of the University of Connecticut*

5. Executive Session (as needed)

6. Adjournment

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# **ATTACHMENT 1**

January 26, 2022

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Daniel D. Toscano, Board Chair

RE: Appointment of Interim President

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Trustees appoint Dr. Radenka Maric to serve as Interim President of the University of Connecticut until a successor president is appointed. She will serve as successor to Interim President Andrew Agwunobi who will assist with the transition through February 20, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Trustees has the duty and authority to appoint the president of the University. Thomas Katsouleas resigned from his position as President, effective June 30, 2021, and Dr. Agwunobi served as Interim President since effective July 1. Dr. Agwunobi informed the Board of his resignation from the University. To ensure the continued operations of the University, it is necessary to make another interim appointment while a national search is conducted. Dr. Maric has served as Vice President for Research for the last five years and has worked to expand our research mission, foster collaborative research between Storrs and UConn Health, expanded technology transfer, innovation, and entrepreneurial activity through partnerships with University, State, and other external constituents. Dr. Maric's dynamic and very successful leadership of the University's research mission as well as her strong experience in working across campuses and as a member of the senior leadership teams of two UConn presidents provides an excellent basis for her to lead the University as a whole.

RESOLUTIONS:

In furtherance of the foregoing, I hereby recommend approval of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that Dr. Radenka Maric be appointed Interim President, effective February 1, 2022, and continuing until a successor president is appointed by the Board.

RESOLVED, that, Dr. Agwunobi will remain available to support and assist with the official transition through February 20.

RESOLVED, that the Board Chair be authorized to execute, deliver and perform, in the name of and on behalf of the University, such instruments as may be necessary in furtherance of the foregoing resolutions.

## **ATTACHMENT 2**

January 26, 2022

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustees Justin Fang and Noah Frank

RE: Proposed Changes to the *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees amend the *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut* Article IX – The University Senate.

BACKGROUND:

The *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut* may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board by a recorded majority of all members of the Board provided that notice of any proposed amendment, including a draft thereof, shall have been given at a previous regular meeting. Pursuant to this process, on December 8, 2021, the Board considered a proposal by the University Senate to add additional professional staff to its membership. Before adoption, an amendment to the proposal was offered by the student Trustees to also include additional student membership. The amendment offered by the student Trustees was discussed at some length by the Board, who called on the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee to participate in the discussion.

The Board approved the original proposal to add additional professional staff and asked that the Senate work with the student Trustees to follow the established Senate protocols regarding changes to this section of the bylaws before the Board voted on the amendment. The Board requested that the amendment proposed by the student Trustees be on the Board agenda at its February 2022 meeting. The University Senate will consider this proposal at its meeting on February 7, 2022.

The below reflects the amendment proposed by the student Trustees at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Article IX – The University Senate

(Deleted items struck through, proposed new language in red and underlined)

A. Membership

The University Senate shall consist of *ex officio* and elected members. The *ex officio* members shall be the President, the Provost, all Vice Presidents, except the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, and all Vice Provosts. These *ex officio* members shall not vote.

The Senate shall contain ~~ninety-nine~~ one-hundred four elected, voting members, as follows:

1. Three deans of the schools and colleges, which are Senate electoral constituencies(see Section B below).
2. Seventy-two members of the faculty elected according to one or the other of the twofaculty electoral processes described in Section B.2. below.
3. Seventeen professional staff members elected by and from the constituenciesdescribed in Section B.3. below.
4. ~~Five~~ Nine undergraduate students (see Section B.4 below).
5. ~~Two~~ Three graduate students (see Section B.5. below).

#### B. Elections

3. The professional staff members shall be elected according to procedures approved bythe Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs from seven constituencies as described below. Staff members are ineligible to stand for election or to vote in the first regular election following their initial appointment to the staff.
  - a. Academic Development (excluding regional campuses), who shall elect two senators.
  - b. Enrollment Planning and Management(excluding regional campuses), who shall elect two senators.
  - c. University libraries (excluding regional campuses), who shall elect one senator.
  - d. Regional campuses, who shall elect four senators; one per campus for Avery Point, Hartford (to include Hartford, Social Work and School of Law),Stamford, Waterbury.
  - e. Schools/Colleges (excluding regional campuses), who shall elect one senator.

f. Division of Student Affairs (excluding regional campuses), who shall elect two senators.

g. All professional staff shall elect five at-large senators.

4. Undergraduate student members shall be appointed by the President of the Undergraduate Student Government according to procedures established by the Undergraduate Student Government. Each regional campus shall be represented by one student senator appointed according to procedures established by the Undergraduate Student Government.
5. Graduate student members shall be appointed by the President of the Graduate Student Senate according to procedures established by the Graduate Student Senate. Regional campuses shall be represented by one student senator appointed according to procedures established by the Graduate Student Senate.

## G. Committees

### 1. The Senate Executive Committee

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) shall consist of eight faculty members, two professional staff members, and ~~one~~ two undergraduate and ~~one~~ two graduate student members. The faculty and professional staff members shall be elected by the Senate from among the elected members of the Senate who are not primarily administrators. Department heads and directors are not regarded as primarily administrators. The undergraduate and graduate members shall be selected from among and by all student members of the Senate. The Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate Student Senate Presidents or their student Senate member designees will serve as the interim student representatives to the Senate Executive Committee during the summer months until the permanent members are selected.

Elections shall follow the annual election of such members and shall normally take place in April. For faculty and professional staff members, a term of service on the Executive Committee shall begin on July 1 and shall be for three years. The term of membership in the Senate of a faculty or professional staff representative elected to the Executive Committee shall be automatically extended, if necessary, to be coterminal. For the student members, the term of service shall be one year, renewable to a maximum of three consecutive years. After the annual election, the Senate shall elect one of the ten faculty and professional staff members to serve as Chair of the SEC for a one-year term, which may be renewed. A vacancy on the SEC shall be filled by election for the duration of the vacancy.