

Telephone Meeting

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees Institutional Advancement Committee

MINUTES

Meeting held by Telephone

April 20, 2021

Committee Trustees: Dr. Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Charles Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Jeanine A. Gouin, Rebecca Lobo, and Bryan Pollard

Additional Trustees: Chairman Daniel Toscano

University Senate Representative: Dr. David A. Yalof

Guests: Melinda Brown

Staff: Nathan Fuerst, Nicole Gelston, Scott Jordan, Kazem Kazerounian, Thomas Katsouleas, Tysen Kendig, Mike Kirk, Jake Lemon, Susan Locke, Joann Lombardo, Maureen Magnan, Kayla Postler, Rachel Rubin, Lesley Salafia, and Don Swinton

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. She offered an opportunity for public participation, there being none the meeting continued.

On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Lobo, the minutes of the February 9, 2021, meeting were approved as circulated.

Mr. Roberts shared background on the *Richard DeFavero Conference Room*, *Beekley Lab for Biosymmetrix* and the *Joseph R. Marfuggi and Sherry L. Brown-Marfuggi Reception Area*. On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Gouin, all three recommendations were approved by the Committee to be presented to the full Board of Trustees.

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne requested a motion and second to add the Engineering Diversity and Outreach Center as the Vergnano Institute for Inclusion in the School of Engineering to the agenda. Trustee Cantor made a motion, seconded by Trustee Bunnell. Dean Kazerounian shared the background with the Committee. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Cantor and seconded by Trustee Gouin and the naming was approved.

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne announced a motion was needed to add the Named Gift Opportunities for the UConn Hockey Arena to the agenda. A motion was made by Trustee Pollard and seconded by Trustee Bunnell. After Mr. Lemon offered details of the opportunities, a motion was made by Trustee Gouin and seconded by Trustee Bunnell to approve the Named Gift Opportunities for the UConn Hockey Arena.

Ms. Lombardo shared the Legislative Session is approximately halfway through and will end on June 9, 2021. The Appropriations Committee along with the Finance Committee will be adopting a two-year budget, and a tax and bond package; both in response to the Governor. Once out of the Committees, the Legislature will

meet with the Governor and OPM for negotiations before those are presented to the House and Senate. Ms. Lombardo, and Mr. Roberts, gave credit to Ms. Gail Garber regarding all her effort with the SB996 bill, regarding a faculty hiring plan.

Mr. Roberts gave an update on this fiscal year's fundraising efforts and was happy to share the number of donors has increased over the past year 19,533 donors to date, up over 5,000 donors from last year at this time. The Foundation is tracking to hit 23,000 donors. He thanked Mo Cotton Kelly and Jennifer Sargent and team for their efforts in this area.

Mr. Kirk gave an update on a recent story regarding UConn Health finances, and how the University was quick to respond. University Communications will be covering Commencement with all safety protocols. The College Tour episode is in final stages of editing and will be aired on Amazon. Finally, the number of student vaccinations are being tracked.

President Katsouleas noted a message will be sent to the University Community regarding the verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial.

On a motion made by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Lobo, Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Postler