

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES

Meeting held by Telephone

March 25, 2020

The telephone meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairman Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated by telephone: Trustees Andy Bessette, Mark L. Boxer, Charles F. Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Sanford Cloud, Jr., Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Justin Fang, Marilda Gandara, Jeanine A. Gouin, Rebecca Lobo, Kevin J. O'Connor, Bryan K. Pollard, Thomas D. Ritter, Philip E. Rubin, and Daniel D. Toscano.

Trustees Miguel A. Cardona, Bryan P. Hurlburt, David Lehman, Renukanandan Tumu, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee, were not in attendance.

The following University staff participated by telephone: President Katsouleas, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Elliott, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Agwunobi, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Vice President for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Maric, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Fuerst, Vice President for Student Affairs Gilbert, Vice President for Global Affairs Weiner, Athletic Director Benedict, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, General Counsel Gelston, Senior Advisor/Assistant Vice President for Communications Kirk, Senior Governmental Relations Director Lombardo, Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning Blanchard, Associate Vice President of Financial Operations and Controller Casey, UConn Health Chief Financial Officer Geoghegan, Associate Vice President for Human Resources Delello, Executive Director of Employee Relations Buffkin, University Bursar Selleck, and Labor Relations Associate Brierley.

University Senate Representatives Rajeev Bansal, Robert Bird, Mark Boyer, Carol Polifroni, Anji Seth, Jaci Van Heest, and David Yalof also participated by telephone.

1. Public Participation

There were no members of the public who wished to address the Board.

2. Minutes of the meetings of February 26, March 9, and March 11, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Boxer, seconded by Mr. Bessette, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings of February 26, March 9, and March 11, 2020.

3. Notification of Proposed Changes to the *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut* (Attachment 1)

Interim Provost Elliott explained the rationale for extending the tenure clock for tenure-track faculty impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. Vice-Chair Gouin requested that the Academic Affairs Committee hold a special meeting to review the proposed changes to the By-laws prior to any vote by the full Board.

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4. Update on COVID-19: Preparedness and Planning
 - (a) President Katsouleas
 - (b) Student Life: Vice President for Student Affairs Gilbert
 - (c) International: Vice President for Global Affairs Weiner
Students
 - (d) Enrollment: Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management
Fuerst Management
 - (e) Academic Affairs: Interim Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs Elliott
 - (f) Employee Staffing: Associate Vice President for Human Resources Delello
 - (g) UConn Health: Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Agwunobi
 - (h) Financial Impact: Executive Vice President for Administration and
Chief Financial Officer Jordan
 - (i) Other
5. Executive Session anticipated

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Bunnell, seconded by Mr. Ritter, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:47 a.m. to discuss:

1. Preliminary drafts and notes whose disclosure does not outweigh the public benefit of withholding them pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-210(b)(1); and
2. Records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210(b)(9).

The following Trustees participated by telephone: Trustees Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Cloud, Dennis-LaVigne, Fang, Gandara, Gouin, Lobo, O'Connor, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, and Toscano.

The following University staff participated by telephone for the entire Executive Session: President Katsouleas, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Elliott, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Agwunobi, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, General Counsel Gelston, Senior Governmental Relations Director Lombardo, Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning Blanchard, Associate Vice President of Financial Operations and Controller Casey, UConn Health Chief Financial Officer Geoghegan, Senior Advisor/Assistant Vice President for Communications Kirk, Associate Vice President for Human Resources Delello, and University Bursar Selleck.

Executive Director of Employee Relations Buffkin and Labor Relations Associate Brierley participated by telephone for part of the Executive Session.

The Executive Session ended at 12:25 p.m.

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OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:27 p.m.

Trustee Tumu joined the meeting at this time. Trustees Bunnell, Gouin, and O'Connor left the meeting at this time.

- Refund of Student Housing and Dining Fees

On a motion by Mr. Bessette, seconded by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, the Board voted unanimously to add to the agenda a resolution authorizing the administration to refund student housing and dining fees to students required to vacate campus as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Rubin motioned, seconded by Mr. Fang, to approve the resolution to Refund the Student Housing and Dining Fees with an amendment to replace the word "Bursar" with "President."

After discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the resolution as amended.

6. Adjournment

Chairman Toscano announced that the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

On a motion by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Ms. Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Secretary