

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**June 30, 2021**

Committee Trustees: Dennis-LaVigne, Fang, Gouin, and Rubin

Additional Trustees: Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Gandara, Pollard, O'Connor, Ritter, Toscano, and Werstler

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Committee Vice-Chair Gouin convened the meeting at 8:31 a.m. via phone call.

No public comment was volunteered on any of the agenda items.

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Fang, the minutes of the May 19, 2021, meeting were approved as circulated.

Provost Lejuez introduced *Action Item #2 Promotion and Tenure*. Moved by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Provost Lejuez introduced *Action Item #3 Tenure at Hire*. Moved by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Provost Lejuez introduced *Action Item #4 Designation of Emeritus Status*. Moved by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Provost Lejuez introduced *Action Item #5 Sabbatical Leaves*. Moved by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Provost Lejuez introduced *Action Items #6, 7, 8; Appointment of Jiong Tang, PhD to the United Technologies Corporation Professor of Advanced Materials and Processing in the School of Engineering, Appointment of Professor Jeffrey Cohen, PhD to the Kinnard Real Estate Scholar in the School of Business and Appointment of Assistant Professor Alexander van De Minne, PhD as the Real Estate Faculty Fellow in the School of Business*. Moved by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Provost Lejuez introduced *Action Items #9, 10; Appointment of Professor Morgaen L. Donaldson, EdD to the Philip E. Austin Endowed Chair (correction) and Reappointment of Professor Joseph Golec, PhD to the Finance Department Distinguished Scholar in the School of Business (correction)*. Moved by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Provost Lejuez introduced *Action Item #11 New Undergraduate Major in Robotics Engineering*. Moved by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Provost Lejuez shared *Informational Items; Academic Program Inventory and Name change from the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity to the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Health*.

Provost Lejuez introduced Professor Marlene Schwartz, Director of the Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity, who shared a presentation titled “Supporting Children’s Health through Policy and Research”.

Provost Lejuez shared that in future meetings there will be an “Academic Affairs Update” where he will share information about upcoming academic events, initiatives, and accomplishments.

Trustee Rubin called a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Trustee Fang. Vice-Chair Gouin adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis M. Cassan  
Committee Secretary