

MINUTES

SPECIAL TELEPHONE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR RESEARCH, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees
February 15, 2021

COMMITTEE TRUSTEES: Philip Rubin, Mark Boxer, Sandy Cloud, Marilda Gandara
ADDITIONAL TRUSTEES: Chairman Toscano
COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Rich Vogel, Tim Shannon
UNIVERSITY SENATE REP: Jeannette Pritchard
STAFF: Joanna Desjardin, President Katsouleas, Radenka Maric, David Nobel,
Rachel Rubin, Dan Schwartz, Jeffrey Shoulson, Dan Weiner

Committee Vice Chair Rubin convened the meeting at 10:01 a.m. by telephone.

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

On a motion by Trustee Cloud, seconded by Mr. Vogel, the minutes from the November 16, 2020, Special Meeting of the REI Committee were approved.

Vice Chair Rubin informed the committee that University Senate Representative Dr. Rajeev Bansal has retired and welcomed Dr. Jeanette Pritchard as the University Senate Representative on the committee.

Vice Chair Rubin gave opening remarks and presented the publication, UConn in the Media. If anyone wants a copy they can contact Vice Chair Rubin or Joanna Desjardin. Congratulated Dr. David Noble for a featured article in UConn Today on entrepreneurship. Congratulated Dr. Radenka Maric for becoming a member of AAAS and her publication, Atomistic Insights into the Hydrogen Oxidation Reaction of Palladium-Ceria Bifunctional Catalysts for Anion-Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells, which is about her important work she and her colleagues continue to do on fuel cells. Would like to hear more about this at a future meeting. Welcomed Dr. Daniel Weiner, Vice President for Global Affairs, to the meeting.

Vice Chair Rubin introduced Dr. Radenka Maric, Vice President for Research, Innovation & Entrepreneurship. Dr. Maric gave an update on UConn's research strengths, Sponsored Program metrics and highlights of Tech Transfer, Venture Development, and TIP Stamford. Attachment 1

Vice Chair Rubin introduced Dr. Jeffrey Shoulson, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, who gave a brief update on UConn's hiring plan under Public Act 19-154.

Vice Chair Rubin introduced Dr. David Noble, Director of the Peter J. Werth Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Dr. Noble gave an update on the status of the APLU innovation and economic prosperity designation. At a future BOT REI meeting David will give a presentation on progress and what they have learned to-date. He also provided an update on the Stamford Startup Studio launch.

Vice Chair Rubin introduced Dr. Abhijit Banerjee, Associate Vice President for Research, Innovation & Entrepreneurship. Dr. Banerjee presented on the need for an UConn Investment Fund and a proposal for Entrepreneurial Continuum. Attachment 2.

There being no further business, on a motion by Trustee Gandara, seconded by Mr. Vogel, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanna L. Desjardin

Secretary to the Committee