

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

University of Connecticut
Teleconference
April 26, 2022

Committee Trustees: Justin Fang, Jeanine Gouin, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Philip Rubin

Additional Trustees: Daniel Toscano

University Senate Representatives: Sandra Chafouleas and Sebastian Wogenstein

University Staff: Edith Barrett, Sarah Croucher, Morgaen Donaldson, Nathan Fuerst, Laurinda Jaffe, Gladis Kersaint, Carl Lejuez, Xinxin Li, Radenka Maric, Rachel O'Neill, Richard Pomp, Kimberly Rollins, Rachel Rubin, Jeffrey Shoulson, Manisha Sinha, Reka Wrynn

Vice-Chair Gouin convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

1. Public Participation

No members of the public wished to address the Committee.

2. Academic Affairs Update

Provost Lejuez introduced Professor Manisha Sinha, the James L. and Shirley Draper Chain in American History at UConn. Professor Sinha was recently awarded the 2022 Guggenheim Fellowship, which aims to further the development of scholars and artists by assisting them to engage in research in any field of knowledge and creation in any of the arts, under the freest possible conditions. Professor Sinha shared a brief summary of her ongoing work with those in attendance.

3. Test Optional Pilot Update

Provost Lejuez introduced Vice President Nathan Fuerst and Dr. Morgaen Donaldson, Associate Dean for Research in the School of Neag, who presented an update on the test optional pilot. There was a general discussion regarding the findings of the research conducted thus far. It was indicated that there would be an additional presentation at the next Academic Affairs Committee Meeting.

4. Minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting from March 29, 2022.

On a motion by Trustee Fang, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2022, meeting.

5. Minutes of the joint Academic Affairs & Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Committee Meeting of March 23, 2022

On a motion by Trustee Fang, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the joint Academic Affairs & Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Committee Meeting of March 23, 2022.

6. Recommendations for Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2021-2022

Provost Lejuez introduced *Agenda Item #6 Recommendations for Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2021-2022*. On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #6 to the full Board for approval.

7. Tenure at Hire

Provost Lejuez introduced *Agenda Item #7 Tenure at Hire*. On a motion by Trustee Fang, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #7 to the full Board for approval.

8. Promotion and Tenure

Provost Lejuez introduced *Agenda Item #8 Promotion and Tenure*. On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #8 to the full Board for approval.

9. Designation of Emeritus Status

Provost Lejuez introduced *Agenda Item #9 Designation of Emeritus Status*. On a motion by Trustee Fang, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #9 to the full Board for approval.

10. Sabbatical Leave Recommendations

Provost Lejuez introduced *Agenda Item #10 Sabbatical Leave Recommendations*. On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #10 to the full Board for approval.

11. Appointment of Professor Cuihong Li to the Robert Cizik Chair in Manufacturing and Technology Management in the School of Business

Provost Lejuez introduced *Agenda Item #11 Appointment of Professor Cuihong Li to the Robert Cizik Chair in Manufacturing and Technology Management in the School of Business*. On a motion by Trustee Fang, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #11 to the full Board for approval.

12. Appointment of Professor Robert Day to the GE Capital Professor in Business in the School of Business

Provost Lejuez introduced *Agenda Item #12 Appointment of Professor Robert Day to the GE Capital Professor in Business in the School of Business*. On a motion by Trustee Fang, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #12 to the full Board for approval.

13. Appointment of Professor Xinxin Li to the Treibick Family Chair in the School of Business

Provost Lejuez introduced ***Agenda Item #13 Appointment of Professor Xinxin Li to the Treibick Family Chair in the School of Business.*** On a motion by Trustee Fang, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #13 to the full Board for approval.

14. Reappointment of Professor Mathew Singer to the Alan R. Bennett Honors Professorship in Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Provost Lejuez introduced ***Agenda Item #14 Reappointment of Professor Mathew Singer to the Alan R. Bennett Honors Professorship in Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.*** On a motion by Trustee Fang, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #14 to the full Board for approval.

15. Undergraduate Major in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources)

Provost Lejuez introduced ***Agenda Item #15 Undergraduate Major in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources).*** On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #15 to the full Board for approval.

16. Undergraduate Major in Economics of Sustainable Development and Management (College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources)

Provost Lejuez introduced ***Agenda Item #16 Undergraduate Major in Economics of Sustainable Development and Management (College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources).*** On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #16 to the full Board for approval.

17. Proposed Changes to the By-Laws of the University of Connecticut

Provost Lejuez introduced ***Agenda Item #17, Proposed Changes to the By-Laws of the University of Connecticut.*** This includes proposed changes to Article XII – The Institutes and Centers in Academic Affairs, Article XIV.K – Retirement, and Article XIV.L – Leaves of Absence. Notification of these proposed By-Law changes were presented at the March 30, 2022, Board of Trustees Meeting. On a motion by Trustee Fang, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #17 to the full Board for approval.

18. Academic Program Inventory

Provost Lejuez introduced ***Agenda Item #18 Academic Program Inventory*** as informational for the Trustees in attendance.

19. Tenure Track Reappointments

Provost Lejuez introduced ***Agenda Item #19 Tenure Track Reappointments*** as informational for the Trustees in attendance.

20. Adjournment

There being no further business, Trustee Fang called a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Rubin. Vice-Chair Gouin adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis M. Cassan
Secretary to the Committee