

## INFORMATIONAL DISCUSSION

### COMMITTEE FOR RESEARCH, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees  
September 15, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.

Committee Trustees : Philip Rubin, Marilda Gandara  
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Committee Vice Chair Philip Rubin convened the meeting at 1:02 p.m. Due to a lack of a quorum, the meeting could not be conducted and adjourned at 1:03 p.m. The participants engaged in the following presentations/discussions.

#### Presentation/Discussion Items:

Vice-Chair Rubin stated that the Committee would provide time for discussion about innovation initiatives at the University at future meetings.

1. Dr. Pamir Alpay, Interim Vice President for Research, Entrepreneurship & Innovation

Interim Vice President Alpay discussed external funding with finalized data for Fiscal Year 2022. Dr. Alpay also discussed 12 internal funding programs and, separately, 4 signature programs launched to capitalize on interdisciplinary collaborations and target larger scale funding opportunities.

Dr. Alpay reviewed the Integrated Research & Educated STEM facility which will be the new home of the School of Material Science.

2. Dr. Lance Bauer – Professor, Department of Psychiatry – Principal Investigator of the Alcohol Research Center

With 44 years of funding, UConn's Alcohol Research Center is the oldest continually funded center regarding alcohol in the NIH. Dr. Bauer discussed the financial value to UConn since the Center's inception in 1978 and broke down its principal funding grants that support the Alcohol Research Center core facilities, research projects related to addictions, training programs for psychiatry fellows, junior faculty, and medical and graduate students. The Center has developed novel psychological and behavioral interventions and new technologies in the clinical setting.

3. Dr. Douglas Casa – Professor, Department of Kinesiology – CEO, Korey Stringer Institute

Dr. Casa recalled Korey Stringer's unfortunate passing in 2011 from heat stroke on the NFL field, which led to the establishment of the Institute. The Institute has recently celebrated its [10-year anniversary](#). The Institute provides research capabilities, consultation, and educational services and programs across the country. It has been nationally recognized for its dedication and innovative approaches for implementing policies.