# UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### **MINUTES**

University of Connecticut Wilbur Cross Building North Reading Room 233 Glenbrook Road Storrs, Connecticut April 19, 2023

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Board Chair Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated in person: Trustees Mark L. Boxer, Shari G. Cantor, Sanford Cloud, Jr., Joshua Crow, Jeanine A. Gouin, Aanya Mehta, Bryan K. Pollard, Thomas D. Ritter, and Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated by video or telephone: Trustees Andy F. Bessette, Charles F. Bunnell, Alexandra Daum, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Marilda L. Gandara, Kevin J. O'Connor, Philip E. Rubin, and Charlene M. Russell-Tucker (part of the meeting).

Trustees Bryan P. Hurlburt, Rebecca Lobo, and Jonathan Dach, Governor Lamont's designee, were not in attendance.

The following University Senate Representatives attended the meeting in person: Karen Bresciano, Joanne Conover, Jeffrey McCutcheon, Angela Rola, Edward Weingart, Michael White, and Sebastian Wogenstein.

The following University Senate Representatives participated by video or telephone: Alexander Agrios and Joseph MacDougald.

The following University staff attended the meeting in person: President Radenka Maric, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Anne D'Alleva, Executive Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer for UConn and UConn Health Jeffrey Geoghegan, UConn Health Interim Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Chief Executive Officer Bruce Liang, Executive Secretary to the Board Rachel Rubin, Chief of Staff Michelle Williams, General Counsel Nicole Gelston, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Planning and Chief Strategy Officer for UConn and UConn Health Lloyd Blanchard, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Nathan Fuerst, Vice President for Communications Tysen Kendig, Vice President and Chief Information Officer Michael Mundrane, Interim Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship S. Pamir Alpay, Associate Vice President, Master Planner and Chief Architect Laura Cruickshank, Associate Vice President for Communications Michael Kirk, Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Institutional Research Reka Wrynn, Executive Director and Director of Real Estate and Regional Projects Robert Corbett, Deputy General Counsel Nathan LaVallee, and Dr. Brandon Murray.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

# 1. Public Participation

Student Ramon Peters spoke about the importance of student participation and representation in student government and on the Board of Trustees.

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### 2. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters outstanding

Board Chair Toscano congratulated the Men's Basketball Team for winning their 5th NCAA Final Four Tournament.

Board Chair Toscano welcomed Aanya Mehta, who was elected by the undergraduate students to serve the unexpired term of Damani Douglas. She was also elected to serve a full two-year term beginning July 1.

He also welcomed Professor Alexander Agrios and Mr. Michael White as new University Senate Representatives. Professor Agrios replaced Professor Anji Seth on the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee, and Mr. White replaced Professor Robert Bird on the Financial Affairs Committee.

(b) Minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2023

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Gouin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2023.

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda items.

(1)	Contracts and Agreements	(Attachment 1)
	(Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Attachment 1.)	
(2)	Declaration of Official Intent for Certain UCONN 2000 Projects to be Reimbursed with UCONN 2000 Debt Proceeds at a Future Date	(Attachment 2)
(3)	Project Budget (Rev. Design) for Mirror Lake Improvements	(Attachment 3)
(4)	Project Budget (Final) for Freitas Renovation	(Attachment 4)
(5)	Project Budget (Final) for Fenton River Well Field and Road Replacement	(Attachment 5)
(6)	Project Budget (Rev. Final) for South Campus Infrastructure	(Attachment 6)
(7)	Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health Tomotherapy Unit Replacement	(Attachment 7)
(8)	Promotion and Tenure	(Attachment 8)
(9)	Designation of Emeritus Status	(Attachment 9)
(10)	Sabbatical Leave Recommendations	(Attachment 10)
(11)	Appointment of Professor Shareen Hertel to the Wiktor Ostiatyński Chair in Human Rights in the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute	(Attachment 11)
(12)	Master of Science in Exercise Prescription	(Attachment 12)

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Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report

Report on Committee activities

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Holocaust and (13)(Attachment 13) Genocide Studies (14)Policy on Endowed Chairs and Professorships (Attachment 14) (15)Policy on COVID 19 Immunization Record Requirement (Attachment 15) for Students President's Report Item requiring Board discussion and approval: On a motion by Trustee Crow, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the honorary degree nominations for this year's Commencement Ceremonies. (1) Honorary Degrees (Attachment 16) Academic Affairs Committee Report Report on Committee activities Community Engagement Presentation Presenter: Tadarrayl Starke, Associate Vice Provost **Institute for Student Success** Financial Affairs Committee Report Report on Committee activities UConn Health Report Report on UConn Health activities Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report Report on Committee activities Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report Report on Committee activities Construction Management Oversight Committee Report Report on Committee activities There was no Report on Committee activities. Student Life Committee Report Report on Committee activities Institutional Advancement Committee Report Report on Committee activities

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- 13. Committee on Compensation Report
  - (a) Report on Committee activities

There was no Report on Committee activities.

- 14. Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Report
  - (a) Report on Committee activities
- 15. Other business

No Other business was presented to the Board.

16. Executive Session anticipated

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. regarding:

1. Preliminary drafts or notes provided the public agency has determined that the public interest in withholding such documents clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure [pursuant to Connecticut General Statute (CGS) Section 1-210(b)(1)].

The following Trustees were in attendance: Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Cloud, Crow, Daum, Dennis-LaVigne, Gandara, Gouin, Mehta, O'Connor, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, Russell-Tucker, and Toscano.

The following University staff were in attendance for the entire Executive Session: Maric, D'Alleva, Blanchard, Corbett, Cruickshank, Gelston, Geoghegan, Kendig, Kirk, LaVallee, Liang, Murray, Rubin, Williams, and Wrynn.

The Executive Session ended at 11:15 a.m., and the Board returned to Open Session at 11:16 a.m.

17. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Crow, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne Secretary