

MINUTES

Special Telephone Meeting
TRUSTEE-ADMINISTRATION-FACULTY-STUDENT (TAFS) COMMITTEE
University of Connecticut
Wednesday, November 16, 2022
3:00 p.m.

Committee Members

Committee Trustees: Jeanine Gouin, Joshua Crow, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Philip Rubin, Bryan Pollard

University Administration: Radenka Maric, Anne D'Alleva, Pamir Alpay, Nathan Fuerst, Michael Gilbert, Michael Mundrane

University Faculty: Pamela Bedore, Laura Burton, Kate Fuller, Joseph MacDougald, Carl Rivers, Peter Spinelli, Manuela Wagner

Guests

Trustees: Daniel Toscano, Marilda Gandara, Damani Douglas

University Faculty: Maureen Johnson

University Staff: Amy Gorin, Fany Hannon, Jeffrey Hines, Gladis Kersaint, Rachel Rubin, Jeffrey Shoulson, Michelle Williams

Interim Provost D'Alleva convened the meeting on behalf of President Maric at 3:06 p.m.

1) Welcome and Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves by name, title and affiliation.

2) Election of Trustee-Administration-Faculty-Student (TAFS) Committee Chair

On a motion by Interim Provost D'Alleva, seconded by Committee Member Fuerst, the Committee voted unanimously to appoint Trustee Jeanine Gouin as Chair of the TAFS Committee for the Academic Year 2022-2023.

3) Minutes of Trustee-Administration-Faculty-Student (TAFS) Meeting of December 14, 2021

On a motion by Interim Provost D'Alleva, seconded by Committee Member Fuerst, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021, special meeting.

4) Report from previous Trustee-Administration-Faculty-Student (TAFS) Meeting

Vice-Chair Gouin shared a summary of the previous TAFS meeting held in December 2021 which included discussions around food insecurity.

5) Affirmative Action in Admissions: Preparing UConn for the U.S. Supreme Court Decisions

Vice President for Enrollment, Planning and Management Nathan Fuerst and UConn Health Chief Diversity Officer Jeffrey Hines shared a presentation on the two cases currently pending with the Supreme Court; Students for Fair Admissions vs. Harvard/UNC, related to using race in higher education admissions processes.

6) Open Discussion and Identification of Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There was a general discussion regarding the potential impacts of the pending Supreme Court decision and how it might impact UConn's current practices of individual holistic review of applications. There is a planning group who meets monthly to monitor the progress of the Supreme Court cases and continue to educate the UConn community on potential outcomes to prepare for a final decision.

Chair Gouin thanked all in attendance for their participation in the discussion, and asked Committee Members to reach out with suggestions for future agenda items.

7) Adjournment

On a motion by Interim Provost D'Alleva, seconded by Committee Member Fuerst, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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