

MINUTES

Special Telephone Meeting

**University of Connecticut Board of Trustees
Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation
Thursday, April 27, 2023**

Committee Trustees: Philip Rubin, Sandy Cloud, Jr.

Other Trustees: Daniel Toscano

Other Committee Members: Konstantine Drakonakis, Richard Vogel

University Senate Representative: Edward Weingart

University Staff: Pamir Alpay, Abhijit Banerjee, Anne D'Alleva, Jorge Paricio-Garcia, Amy Gorin, Michael Glasgow, Amy Gorin, Victor Hesselbrock, Joann Lombardo, David Noble, Diane Quinn, Rachel Rubin, Daniel Schwartz, Julie Schwager

Vice-Chair Rubin convened the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

1. Public Participation (limited to agenda items)

No members of the public signed up to address the Committee.

2. Minutes of the Meetings of February 23, 2023

On a motion by Trustee Cloud, seconded by Committee Member Vogel, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 23, 2023.

Vice Chair Rubin acknowledged that Committee Secretary Nicole Barkley was leaving the University and thanked her for her assistance and wished her well in her future endeavors.

Vice Chair Rubin also gave a brief report on the Showcase of the Future Climate Venture Studio Showcase event that was held on campus April 20th.

3. Update from the Vice President for Research
Pamir Alpay, Interim Vice President for Research, Innovation, &
Entrepreneurship

Interim Vice President Alpay spoke briefly about the Future Climate Venture Studio and the six companies that were part of the Showcase. In addition, he noted that UConn led the Regional Type 1 Award with Yale to build small engines to serve as an accelerator for Quantum Technologies in the State.

4. Update on the Krenicki Arts and Engineering Institute
Edward Weingart, Professor, Dramatic Arts, School of Fine Arts
Co-Director, Krenicki Arts and Engineering Institute
Jorge Paricio Garcia, Professor, School of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering
Co-Director, Krenicki Arts and Engineering Institute

Professors Weingart and Garcia gave an update on the Krenicki Arts and Engineering Institute, which is resulting in greater growth, and creation of new majors and scholarships. The goal is to be a leader in Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) education.

5. Update on UConn Department of Psychological Sciences
Diane Quinn, Department Head, Professor of Psychology

Professor Quinn presented an update on the Department of Psychological Sciences, which is the largest department in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. She presented their data and statistics highlighting their research which is funded externally and through grants. Their research programs range in areas of study and size and often overlap. It was also noted that their Community Outreach brings their research to the community's children with a play and learn environment.

6. Executive Session (as needed)

There was no Executive Session.

7. Adjournment

On a motion by Committee Member Rich Vogel, seconded by Trustee Cloud, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Committee adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole E. Barkley
Secretary to the Committee