

MINUTES

TELEPHONE MEETING ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

University of Connecticut
September 26, 2023

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

Other Trustees: Daniel Toscano, Shari Cantor

Senate Representatives: D. Betsy McCoach

University Staff: Radenka Maric, Anne D'Alleva, Sarah Croucher, Nathan Fuerst, Amy Gorin, Kazem Kazerounian, Gladis Kersaint, Rachel Rubin, Michelle Williams, Reka Wrynn

Vice-Chair Gouin called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

1. Public Participation

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

2. Minutes from the August 4, 2023, Meeting

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2023, meeting.

3. Tenure at Hire

4. Designation of Emeritus Status

5. Sabbatical Leave Recommendations

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Items #3-5 to the full Board for approval.

6. Proposal for naming of the College of Engineering, including the School of Computing and School of Mechanical, Aerospace and Manufacturing Engineering

There was a general discussion regarding the expected growth projections of UConn engineering programs and the demand from students for engineering education across the state of Connecticut and nationally.

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #6 to the full Board for approval.

7. Appointment of Associate Professor Ali Bazzi as the Charles H. Knapp Associate Professor in Electrical Engineering in the School of Engineering
8. Appointment of Associate Professor Matthew Stuber to the Pratt & Whitney Associate Professorship in Advanced Systems Engineering in the School of Engineering
9. Appointment of Associate Professor Liang Zhang to the Pratt & Whitney Associate Professorship in Advanced Systems Engineering in the School of Engineering

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Items #7-9 to the full Board for approval.

10. Title Change from Regional Campus Director to Campus Dean and Chief Administrative Officer
11. Academic Program Inventory

Items #10-11 were provided to the Committee as informational items.

12. Student Affairs Reorganization Update

Provost D'Alleva briefly reviewed the reorganization of the Division of Student Affairs including units absorbed by the newly renamed Division of Student Life and Enrollment and the Division of Academic Affairs. There was a general discussion regarding the gained efficiencies of intertwining these units and the need to enhance support of student success.

13. Other Business

There was no Other Business.

14. Executive Session (*as needed*)

There was no Executive Session.

15. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting ended at 9:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis M. Lohrey
Secretary to the Committee