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UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES

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

December 6, 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 Andy F. Bessette, Mark L. Boxer, Sanford Cloud, Jr., Joshua Crow, Marilda L. Gandara, Anya Mehta, Thomas D. Ritter, and Philip E. Rubin.

The following Trustees participated by video or telephone: Trustees Alexandra Daum (part of the meeting), Shari G. Cantor, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Jeanine A. Gouin, Bryan K. Pollard, and Daniel D. Toscano.

Trustees Charles F. Bunnell, Bryan P. Hurlburt, Rebecca Lobo, Kevin J. O'Connor, Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, and Jonathan Dach, Governor Lamont's designee, were not in attendance.

The following University Senate Representatives attended the meeting in person: Joanne Conover, D. Betsy McCoach, Jeffrey McCutcheon, Angela Rola, and Michael White.

The following University Senate Representatives participated by video or telephone: Alexander Agrios, Karen Bresciano, Joseph MacDougald, and Edward Weingart.

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 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 Student Life and Enrollment Nathan Fuerst, Vice President and Chief Information Officer Michael Mundrane, Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship S. Pamir Alpay, Associate Vice President for Communications Michael Kirk, Interim Vice President for Facilities Operations Stanley Nolan, Governmental Relations Senior Director Joann Lombardo, Governmental Relations Director Garber, and Executive Director of Engagement and Outreach Katherine Grady.

OPEN SESSION

1. Public Participation

Student Mahmoud Elsabbal spoke about his experiences as a Muslim student. Students Dylan Steer and Lillian Adamo addressed the Board on environmental sustainability on behalf of Fossil Fuel Free UConn.

2. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters Outstanding

Board Chair Toscano acknowledged the retirement of Associate Vice President, Master Planner and Chief Architect Laura Cruickshank on February 1, 2024, and welcomed new UConn Foundation and CEO President Amy Yancey, who will begin on February 12. The Board Chair also highlighted the University's 2023 accomplishments.

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(b) Minutes of the meeting of October 25, 2023

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 25, 2023.

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

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

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| (1) | Contracts and Agreements
(Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Attachment 1.) | (Attachment 1) |
| (2) | Project Budget (Planning) for Energy Savings Performance Contract Phase 2 Investment Grade Energy Audit | (Attachment 2) |
| (3) | Project Budget (Final) for Innovation Partnership Building Renovations for the Center for Clean Energy Engineering | (Attachment 3) |
| (4) | Project Budget (Revised Final) for Jones Annex Renovation | (Attachment 4) |
| (5) | Project Budget (Revised Final) for North and South Parking Garages Restoration, Phase 4 | (Attachment 5) |
| (6) | Project Budget (Revised Planning) for Werth Residence Tower High Humidity Mitigation | (Attachment 6) |
| (7) | Project Budget (Revised Design) for Field House – Old Recreation Center Renovation | (Attachment 7) |
| (8) | Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Anatomic Pathology and Autopsy Renovation | (Attachment 8) |
| (9) | Project Budget (Revised Final) for the UConn Health TB-121 Blood Bank Relocation | (Attachment 9) |
| (10) | Project Budget (Revised Final) for the UConn Health Central Sterile Washer and Sterilizer Replacement | (Attachment 10) |
| (11) | Designation of Emeritus Status | (Attachment 11) |
| (12) | Sabbatical Leave Recommendations | (Attachment 12) |
| (13) | Bachelor of Science in Economics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences | (Attachment 13) |
| (14) | Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering Education in the College of Engineering | (Attachment 14) |
| (15) | Online Master of Social Work | (Attachment 15) |
| (16) | Graduate Certificate in Diversity Science | (Attachment 16) |

3. President's Report

(a) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:

As recommended by Board Chair Toscano, Trustee Bessette moved to adopt the Strategic Plan: 2024 – 2034 allowing for non-substantive changes based on feedback. Trustee Boxer seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the University of Connecticut Strategic Plan: 2024 – 2034.

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- (1) University of Connecticut Strategic Plan: 2024 – 2034 (Attachment 17)
4. Academic Affairs Committee Report
- (a) Report on Committee activities
- (b) Presentation: Community Engagement
Presenter: Eboni S. Nelson, Dean
School of Law
- (This presentation was postponed to the next regular meeting of the Board.)
- (c) Presentation: 2023 First Destination Outcomes Reporting and Student Success Program
Presenter: James R. Lowe, Associate Vice Provost, Executive Director
Center for Career Development
5. Financial Affairs Committee Report
- (a) Report on Committee activities
- (b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:
- On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Student Fees for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses.
- (1) Fiscal Year 2025 Student Fees for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 18)
6. UConn Health Report
- (a) Report on UConn Health activities
7. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report
- (a) Report on Committee activities
- There was no Report on Committee activities.
8. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report
- (a) Report on Committee activities
9. Construction Management Oversight Committee Report
- (a) Report on Committee activities
10. Student Life Committee Report
- (a) Report on Committee activities
11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report
- (a) Report on Committee activities
- Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne acknowledged the appointment of Amy Yancey as the new UConn Foundation President and CEO and commented on the comprehensive search process.
12. Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report
- (a) Report on Committee activities
- There was no 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
There was no Report on Committee activities.
15. Other Business
University Senate Representative Jeffrey McCutcheon addressed the Board about staffing shortages.
16. Executive Session anticipated

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Crow, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:50 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 [CGS Section 1-210(b)(1)]; and
2. Discussion of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate by the state or a political subdivision of the state when publicity regarding such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction would adversely impact the price of such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction until such time as all of the property has been acquire or all proceedings or transactions concerning same have been terminated or abandoned [CGS Section 1-200(6)(D)]; and
3. Discussion of any matter which would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein described in subsection (b) of section 1-210 [CGS Section 1-200(6)(E)].

The following Trustees were in attendance: Bessette, Boxer, Cantor, Cloud, Crow, Dennis-LaVigne, Gandara, Gouin, Mehta, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, and Toscano.

The following University staff were in attendance for the Executive Session: Maric, D'Alleva, Fuerst, Garber, Gelston, Geoghegan, Grady, Kirk, Lombardo, Rubin, and Williams.

The Executive Session ended at 1:13 p.m., and the Board returned to Open Session at 1:14 p.m.

17. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Crow, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Board meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan K. Pollard
Secretary