

AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING

University of Connecticut
Board of Trustees

Academic Affairs Committee
June 18, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Public Streaming Link (with live captioning upon request): <https://ait.uconn.edu/bot>

(A recording of the meeting will be posted on the Board website, <https://boardoftrustees.uconn.edu/>, within seven days of the meeting.)

Call to order at **12:00 p.m.**

1. Public Participation*

* Individuals who wish to speak during the Public Participation portion, limited to the agenda items, of the Tuesday, June 18, meeting, limited to agenda items, must do so 24 hours in advance of the meeting's start time (i.e., 12:00 p.m. on Monday, June 17) by emailing BoardCommittees@uconn.edu. Speaking requests must include a name, telephone number, topic, and affiliation with the University (i.e., student, employee, member of the public). The Committee may limit the entirety of public comment to a maximum of 30 minutes. As an alternative, individuals may submit written comments to the Committee via email (BoardCommittees@uconn.edu), and all comments will be transmitted to the Committee.

ACTION ITEMS

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| 2. Minutes from the April 16, 2024, Meeting | (Attachment 1) |
| 3. Recommendations for Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2023-2024 | (Attachment 2) |
| 4. Promotion & Tenure | (Attachment 3) |
| 5. Tenure at Hire | (Attachment 4) |
| 6. Designation of Emeritus Status | (Attachment 5) |
| 7. Sabbatical Leave Recommendations | (Attachment 6) |
| 8. Appointment of Professor Jiong Tang to the Pratt & Whitney Chair in Design and Manufacturing in the College of Engineering | (Attachment 7) |

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| 9. Appointment of Professor Horea Ilies to the Pratt & Whitney Professor of Advanced Materials and Processing in the College of Engineering | (Attachment 8) |
| 10. Reappointment of Professor Morgaen Donaldson to the Philip E. Austin Endowed Chair | (Attachment 9) |
| 11. Reappointment of Professor Robert Bird to the Eversource Chair in Business Ethics in the School of Business | (Attachment 10) |
| 12. Reappointment of Professor Evan Rawley to the Eversource Energy Scholar in Technological Entrepreneurship in the School of Business | (Attachment 11) |
| 13. Reappointment of Professor Joseph Golec to the Finance Department Distinguished Scholar in the School of Business | (Attachment 12) |
| 14. Reappointment of Professor Chinmoy Ghosh to the Gladstein Professor of Business and Innovation in the School of Business | (Attachment 13) |
| 15. Reappointment of Professor Michael Willenborg to the Richard F. Kochanek Professorship in Accounting in the School of Business | (Attachment 14) |
| 16. Reappointment of Professor Yiming Qian to the Toscano Family Chair in Finance in the School of Business | (Attachment 15) |
| 17. Naming Recommendation for the Wells Fargo Center for Neurodiversity and Employment Innovation | (Attachment 16) |
| 18. Naming Recommendation for the Matthew and Margarethe Mashikian Entrepreneurship Hub | (Attachment 17) |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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| 19. School of Pharmacy Reappointments | (Attachment A) |
| 20. Academic Centers & Institutes | (Attachment B) |
| 21. University Senate Representative Report | |
| 22. Executive Session (as needed) | |
| 23. Adjournment | |

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ATTACHMENT 1

DRAFT MINUTES

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Academic Affairs Committee April 16, 2024 Virtual Meeting

Committee Trustees: Jeanine Gouin, Bryan Pollard, Philip Rubin

University Senate Representatives: Joanne Conover, Betsy McCoach

University Staff: Radenka Maric, Anne D'alleva, Robin Coulter, Sarah Croucher, Marissa Chrysochoou, Amy Gorin, Kent Holsinger, Kazem Kazerounian, Gladis Kersaint, Brandon Murray, Dan Schwartz, Michelle Williams, Reka Wrynn

Vice-Chair Trustee Gouin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. Public Participation

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

2. Minutes from the February 27, 2024, Meeting

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2024, meeting.

3. Promotion & Tenure

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #3 to the full Board for approval.

4. Tenure at Hire

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #4 to the full Board for approval.

5. Sabbatical Leave Recommendations

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #5 to the full Board for approval.

6. Appointment of Professor Jeffrey R. McCutcheon as the General Electric Endowed Professor in Advanced Manufacturing in the College of Engineering

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

7. Renaming the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering as the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering in the College of Engineering

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #7 to the full Board for approval.

8. Master of Social Responsibility and Impact on Business in the School of Business

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #8 to the full Board for approval.

9. Innovation Faculty Hires and Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Initiative

Public Act No. 21-111 (*An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and Other Purposes, Establishing the Community Investment Fund 2030 Board, Authorizing State Grant Commitments for School Building Projects and Making Revisions to the School Building Project Statutes*)

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #9 to the full Board for approval.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. Reappointments

Item #10 was provided to the Committee as an informational item.

11. Academic Program Inventory

Item #11 was provided to the Committee as an informational item.

12. Professional Licensure Requirements

Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Croucher introduced updated federal regulations from the Department of Education regarding programs that lead to professional licensure or certification. Starting July 1, 2024, the University must provide applicable state licensure or certification information and disclosures to students at the time of enrollment into applicable programs. The University cannot enroll students in online programs leading to licensure and certification unless the University knows that the program meets requirements for licensure or certification in the student's home state, or the student has made an affirmative declaration that they intend to seek employment in a state where the program will meet educational requirements for licensure or certification. The number of impacted programs is not currently known.

13. University Senate Representative Report

Senate Representative Betsy McCoach introduced changes made to the to the Bylaws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate, II.E.13. Scholastic Standing & Dismissal. These bylaw changes were voted on at the last meeting of the Senate and will come into effect starting in Fall 2024. Key changes alter language from “scholastic probation” to “academic notice,” change criteria for students to return to good academic standing, and reduce the amount of time a student must spend away from campus to one semester after their first academic dismissal.

14. Other Business

There were no items introduced as other business.

15. Executive Session (as needed)

There was no executive session.

16. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.


Respectfully submitted,

Sarah K. Croucher
Acting Secretary to the Committee

ATTACHMENT 2

June 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Recommendations for Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors,
Academic Year 2023-2024

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of the Distinguished Professor Review Committee and designate the following faculty members as University of Connecticut Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors: Dr. Nora Berrah (Department of Physics), Dr. Ki H. Chon (Department of Biomedical Engineering), and Dr. Crystal L. Park (Department of Psychological Sciences).

BACKGROUND:

On November 10, 1998, the Board of Trustees voted to establish the title of Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor. This designation is the University's highest academic honor.

Pursuant to the By-Laws of the University of Connecticut, the Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor award is reserved exclusively to recognize faculty who have achieved exceptional distinction in scholarship, teaching, and service while at the University of Connecticut. Faculty chosen must have distinguished themselves in all three of these categories. The designation process occurs annually, as a result of a peer review process.

After careful deliberations, the Review Committee recommended the three individuals named above. I am recommending that the Board of Trustees designate these faculty as its Distinguished Professors.

Dr. Nora Berrah

Dr. Nora Berrah is a renowned experimental physicist specializing in investigating Quantum Systems and currently serves as a faculty member in the Department of Physics at the University of Connecticut. She joined UConn in 2014 as the Department Head of Physics and has significantly transformed both the administrative and academic landscapes of the department. Prior to her tenure at UConn, she held the title of University Distinguished Faculty Scholar at Western Michigan University and progressed through various academic ranks from Assistant to Full Professor.

Dr. Berrah earned her Ph.D. in Physics in 1987 from the University of Virginia. Throughout her illustrious career, she has held numerous prestigious positions across the United States and Europe, including the Blaise Pascal Chair d'Excellence at the Commissariat à l'énergie Atomique in Saclay, France.

Her research focuses on investigating ultrafast quantum phenomena through the interaction of molecules with high-intensity laser pulses that cover a broad energy range from infra-red to X-ray wavelengths. Her pioneering cutting-edge research has led to groundbreaking insights in Quantum Dynamics and Non-Linear Physics, supported by funding from the NSF and the Department of Energy, Basic Energy Sciences, amounting to \$1.33 million over three years. Dr. Berrah's career research funding totals approximately \$10 million.

Dr. Berrah's academic contributions include over 284 peer-reviewed publications in top-tier journals such as Nature, Science, and Physical Review Letters, among others. She has delivered 275 invited presentations at national and international levels. Her work has earned her numerous accolades, including a Humboldt award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany, an Honorary Doctoral Degree in Physics from the University of Turku, Finland, the 2014 Davisson-Germer Prize from the American Physical Society. She was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Physical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the National Academy of Sciences.

Beyond her research, Dr. Berrah is deeply committed to educational innovation and public engagement. She introduced Studio Physics at UConn, a research-based approach enhancing student comprehension in introductory physics courses. She also leads efforts in organizing significant scientific conferences and actively contributes to promoting diversity and inclusion within the scientific community.

In recognition of her outstanding scientific achievements and leadership in academia, Dr. Nora Berrah is nominated for the Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor award, reflecting her exceptional contributions to the University of Connecticut and the broader field of physics.

Dr. Ki H. Chon

Dr. Ki H. Chon, the Krenicki Professor of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Connecticut, is a pioneer in the field of biosignal processing and wearable devices. As the inaugural head of the Biomedical Engineering department from 2014 to 2022, Dr. Chon's leadership was instrumental in driving substantial growth in both faculty recruitment and research funding, securing a more than \$17 million increase in annual research allocations.

Having earned his undergraduate engineering degree from UConn, Dr. Chon has remained dedicated to advancing his alma mater's stature in the global academic community. His research has led to the development of a life-saving wearable device capable of predicting seizures in divers—a breakthrough that underscores his commitment to translating academic research into practical, real-world applications. This innovation has not only secured the backing of the U.S. Navy but also holds the potential to transform safety protocols in diving operations worldwide.

Dr. Chon's scholarly contributions are extensive, with an impressive tally of over 220 refereed journal articles and 13 U.S. patents granted, alongside substantial federal research funding totaling more than \$29 million. His work on real-time detection of atrial fibrillation and other physiological anomalies via mobile and wearable technology platforms has positioned him at the forefront of biomedical engineering.

Dr. Chon has demonstrated a profound commitment to educational innovation. He has developed three new courses, including Junior Design and Biomedical Signal Processing, which have significantly enhanced the biomedical engineering curriculum at UConn. These courses not only prepare students for real-world engineering challenges but also ensure that they are well-versed in the latest technological advancements and methodologies.

Beyond his technical and academic achievements, Dr. Chon has played a pivotal role in enhancing the department's diversity and inclusion efforts. His recruitment strategy led to the appointment of UConn's first female African American Professor in the College of Engineering, marking a significant step forward in fostering an inclusive academic environment.

As a fellow of six major societies and a distinguished member of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering, Dr. Chon's contributions to the field of biomedical engineering are widely recognized. His leadership and vision have not only elevated the Department of Biomedical Engineering at UConn but have also had a profound impact on the broader scientific and engineering communities.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to research, teaching, and service, Dr. Ki H. Chon is an exemplary candidate for the Board of Trustees Distinguished Dr. award. His ongoing dedication to the field and his alma mater makes him a deserving recipient of this prestigious honor.

Dr. Crystal L. Park

Dr. Crystal Park is a distinguished member of the faculty at the University of Connecticut, where she has served since 1999. As a clinical psychologist, her work in health psychology, particularly in the domains of holistic health, well-being, and spirituality, has set a new standard in the field. She is recognized for her superior trajectory of scholarly contributions, as evidenced by her impressive h-index of 101, highlighting her status as a top-tier researcher globally.

Dr. Park obtained her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology and has since directed her research efforts towards understanding the human capacity to thrive in adversity. Her work integrates meaning making, integrative medicine, and spirituality/religion, contributing significantly to the fields of psychological resilience and flourishing. To date, her research has garnered over \$17 million in direct costs through federal and foundational support, and her scholarly output includes 376 peer-reviewed articles and 70 book chapters.

Her development of the Meaning Making Model is particularly noteworthy, offering a robust framework for understanding how individuals navigate stressful and traumatic experiences. This model has become foundational in studies across a variety of contexts including serious illness and trauma. Dr. Park is also at the forefront of advancing the scientific rigor of yoga research, enhancing methodological approaches and contributing to its integration into mainstream medical practices.

As a mentor, Dr. Park is deeply committed to fostering the academic and professional growth of her students. She has successfully guided 17 doctoral students to completion, with several more currently underway, and has supervised over 800 undergraduate research assistants. Her mentorship has consistently enabled her students to achieve remarkable success in clinical and research careers.

In addition to her research and mentoring roles, Dr. Park's service contributions are substantial. She has played a critical role in integrating health psychology into UConn's curriculum and has been instrumental in developing interventions that improve student well-being. Nationally and internationally, she disseminates her Meaning Making Model widely, impacting diverse applied settings and advancing understanding of spirituality's role in mental and physical health.

Dr. Crystal Park's unparalleled expertise, her innovative contributions to psychological science, and her dedicated mentorship and service make her an exemplary candidate for the Board of Trustees Distinguished Dr. award at the University of Connecticut. Her work not only elevates the university's standing but also significantly advances the broader field of psychology.

ATTACHMENT 3

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT - College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
PROMOTION AND TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS (REVISED)
PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - June 26, 2024

NAME

DEPARTMENT

PROMOTION TO PROFESSOR

Embrick, David	Sociology
Furtado, Delia	Economics
Ghosh, Debarchana	Geography
Granger, Julie	Marine Sciences
Hancock, Jason	Physics
He, Jie	Chemistry
Leadbeater, Nicholas	Chemistry
Rosberg, Marcus	Philosophy
Russell, Beth	Human Dev and Family Sciences
Whitney, Michael	Marine Sciences
Willen, Sarah	Anthropology
Yuan, Yaowu	Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Zhao, Jing	Chemistry

PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND TENURE

Gabriel, Dexter	History
Heaslip, Aoife	Molecular and Cell Biology
Li, Sean	Mathematics
McCarron, Daniel	Physics
Ostroff, Linnaea	Physiology and Neurobiology
Paxton, Alexandra	Psychological Sciences
Perkoski, Evan	Political Science
Sarkar, Debapriya	English
Sochnikov, Ilya	Physics
Tabor, Clay	Earth Sciences
Llanera, Tracy	Philosophy
Chen, Xiang	Geography

TENURE AS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Wallace, Scott	Journalism
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PROMOTION TO PROFESSOR IN-RESIDENCE (Non-Tenure Track)

Blansett, Lisa	English
Finiguerra, Michael	Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Herrick, Susan	Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Zane, Sherry	Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies

PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN-RESIDENCE (Non-Tenure Track)

Aguirre, Jessica Dafhne	Chemistry
Basaran, Anne	Communication
Chen, Tianxu	Economics
DeCapua, Sarah	English
Divino, Jeffrey	Physiology and Neurobiology
Pathirana, Vindya	Mathematics

PROMOTION TO CLINICAL PROFESSOR (Non-Tenure Track)

Gallagher, Nicole	Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
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PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR (Non-Tenure Track)

Wittke, Kacie	Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
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PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE RESEARCH PROFESSOR (Non-Tenure Track)

Vaudrey, Jamie	Marine Sciences
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ATTACHMENT 4

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
TENURE AT HIRE RECOMMENDATIONS
PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - June 26, 2024

NAME

DEPARTMENT

SCHOOL/COLLEGE

Effective August 23, 2024

TENURE AS PROFESSOR

Eikenberry, Angela

Public Policy

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

ATTACHMENT 5

University of Connecticut Department of Human Resources

Emeritus Retirees

June 26, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>SCHOOL/COLLEGE*</u>	<u>RETIRED</u>	<u>HIRED</u>
<i>Faculty meeting “automatic” criteria for emeritus status</i>					
Ayers, John E.	Associate Professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering	School of Engineering	6/1/2024	9/1/1990
Brown, Pamela A.	Professor	English	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	6/1/2024	8/23/1998
Coppolino, Nina C.	Associate Professor in Residence	Literature, Cultures and Languages	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	6/1/2024	8/23/2010
Gitterman, Alex	Professor	Social Work Instruc and Rsrch	School of Social Work	4/1/2024	8/23/1999
Kerr, Kirklyn M.	Professor	Pathobiology	College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources	6/1/2024	6/1/1993
Levy, Elena T.	Associate Professor	Psychological Sciences	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	6/1/2024	9/1/1987

ATTACHMENT 6

University of Connecticut Office of the Provost
Sabbatical Leave Recommendations Requiring Board of Trustees Approval
June 26, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting

SABBATICAL MODIFICATION REQUESTS

NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	SCHOOL/COLLEGE	PAY	PERIOD
Atkinson-Palombo, Carol	Professor	Geography	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full Change to Full	Spring 2025 Spring 2026
Coppola, Marie	Professor	Psychological Sciences	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full Change to Full	Fall 2024 Fall 2025
Dayton, Cornelia H	Professor	History	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Half Change to Full	AY 24-25 Spring 2025
Igarashi, Yohei	Assoc Professor	English	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full Change to Full	Fall 2024 Fall 2025
Li, Cuihong	Director & Assoc Professor	Operations and Info Management	Business	Full Change to Full	Spring 2024 Spring 2025
Seth, Anji	Professor	Geography	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Half Change to Half	AY 2023-2024 AY 2025-2026

SABBATICAL LEAVE REQUESTS


NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	SCHOOL/COLLEGE	PAY	PERIOD
Ceglio, Clarissa J	Assoc Professor	Digital Media Design	Fine Arts	Full	Spring 2025
Cho, Yongku P	Assoc Professor	Chem and Biomolecular Engr	Engineering	Full	Fall 2024

NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	SCHOOL/COLLEGE	PAY	PERIOD
Dam Guerrero, Hans G	Professor	Marine Sciences	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Spring 2025
Fernando, Gayanath W	Professor	Physics	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2025
Irizarry, Guillermo B	Assoc Professor	Lit, Cultures and Languages	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Half	AY 2024-2025
Kinsella-Shaw, Jeffrey	Assoc Professor	Kinesiology	Agriculture,Health,Natural Rcs	Full	Spring 2025
Llanera, Tracy Ann Pelayo	Asst Professor	Philosophy	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Spring 2025
Ma, Wing Kui Anson	Assoc Professor	Chem and Biomolecular Engr	Engineering	Half	AY 2024-2025
Player, Grace D	Asst Professor	Ed Curriculum and Instruction	Education	Full	Spring 2025
Scapetis-Tycer, Jennifer	Asst Professor	Dramatic Arts	Fine Arts	Full	Fall 2024
Simpson, Bradley R	Assoc Professor	History	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Spring 2026
Shankar, Ramesh	Assoc Professor	Operations and Info Management	Business	Full	Spring 2025
Zhou, Ying	Assoc Professor	Accounting	Business	Full	Spring 2025
Zhu, Zhe	Assoc Professor	Natural Resources and Environ	Agriculture,Health,Natural Rcs	Full	Spring 2025

ATTACHMENT 7

June 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D'Alleva, Ph.D. 
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Appointment of Professor Jiong Tang to the Pratt & Whitney Chair in Design and Manufacturing in the College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees appoint Professor Jiong Tang to the Pratt & Whitney Chair in Design and Manufacturing in the College of Engineering.

BACKGROUND:

The Pratt & Whitney Chair in Design and Manufacturing was established in March 2000 through an endowment known as the United Technologies Corporation Endowment for Engineering. The Pratt & Whitney Chair in Design and Manufacturing is reserved for a renowned researcher and teacher in application-based Design and Manufacturing fields who will provide leadership and vision in evolving areas of these fields. This appointment will be effective from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029.

Professor Jiong Tang is an internationally renowned scholar and technology leader in the areas of design and manufacturing, with research and teaching interests focused on system dynamics, sensing, control, and automation. He is serving or has served as PI or Co-PI on over 50 externally funded research projects, resulting in over \$33M in total funding. He has published 118 refereed journal papers, 1 book, 2 book chapters, and 133 refereed conference proceedings.


Professor Tang received the 2022 Department of Defense Manufacturing Achievement Award as lead PI of the winning team. He currently holds the P&W Professor of Advanced Materials & Processing in the College of Engineering; was named Distinguished Engineer of the Year, ASME Hartford Chapter (2017); is an elected member of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (2014) and is a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Professor Tang has graduated 14 Ph.D. students, five of whom obtained faculty positions at reputable U.S. and international universities. He serves as the Co-Director of the Management and Engineering for Manufacturing Program (MEM), a joint program by College of Engineering and School of Business, securing ABET accreditation for the program in 2019, and lifting MEM to become the leading manufacturing engineering college program in Connecticut.

ATTACHMENT 8

June 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D'Alleva, Ph.D. 
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Appointment of Professor Horea Ilies to the Pratt & Whitney Professor of
Advanced Materials and Processing in the College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees appoint Professor Horea Ilies to the Pratt & Whitney Professor of Advanced Materials and Processing in the College of Engineering.

BACKGROUND:

The United Technologies Corporation Professor of Advanced Materials and Processing was established in February 2006 by agreement of the Provost's Office, the College of Engineering and the Institute of Material Science. The Pratt & Whitney Professorship of Advanced Materials and Processing is reserved for a renowned researcher and teacher in an area of materials science and engineering who will provide leadership and vision toward the development of advanced technologies and processes, the enhancement of graduate and undergraduate education, and the elevation of UConn's reputation for excellence in materials science and allied areas. The name was changed to the Pratt & Whitney Professor of Advanced Materials and Processing as part of an agreement between Raytheon Technologies Corporation, The University of Connecticut Foundation, Inc., and UConn dated August 31, 2022. This appointment will be effective from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029.


Professor Horea Ilies is a Professor of Mechanical Engineering and an international leader in digital design and advanced manufacturing, with research and teaching interests focused on systematic and efficient design, analysis, and manufacturing of engineering artifacts. Professor Ilies is serving or has served as PI or Co-PI for 23 externally funded research projects, with a total amount of funding over \$16M. He has published 50 refereed journal papers, 9 book chapters, and holds 8 patents/invention disclosures. He has delivered over 20 invited and keynote talks, is an elected member of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering, and serves as a member of the Editorial Board for three journals.

Professor Ilies has graduated 12 Ph.D. students and has 6 in his research group at this time. In addition to his position as Director of the DREAM Research Center, he is currently the Director of the School of Mechanical, Aerospace and Manufacturing Engineering within the College of Engineering.

ATTACHMENT 9

June 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D'Alleva, Ph.D. 
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Reappointment of Professor Morgaen Donaldson to the Philip E. Austin Endowed Chair

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees reappoint Professor Morgaen Donaldson to the Philip E. Austin Endowed Chair.

BACKGROUND:


Established in 2007, the Philip E. Austin Endowed Chair is awarded to a tenured associate or full professor in either the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences or the Neag School of Education who has a distinguished record in both policy-relevant research and public engagement. In addition, incumbents are expected to use funds to enhance the impact of their work by promoting it to external audiences. This appointment will be effective from August 23, 2024, through August 22, 2027.

Professor Donaldson is a Professor of Educational Leadership, the Director for the Center for Education Policy Analysis, Research, & Evaluation, and Director of the EdD. program. Professor Donaldson's research has centered on educator development, including educator performance evaluation, teaching and leadership quality, and school reform broadly. Her research on teacher evaluation practices has gained state and national attention due to high-quality research on these prominent policy issues and her work in translating her research into policy and practice. Her work is also tightly connected to the work of policymakers affiliated with the Connecticut State Department of Education, superintendents, principals, and teachers within the state's public schools.

ATTACHMENT 10

June 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D'Alleva, Ph.D. 
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Reappointment of Professor Robert Bird to the Eversource Chair in Business Ethics in the School of Business

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees reappoint Professor Robert Bird to the Eversource Energy Chair in Business Ethics in the School of Business.

BACKGROUND:

Established in 2000, this Chair is supported by an endowment from the Northeast Utilities Corporation to recognize a researcher and teacher having made significant contributions to business ethics. The Chair will provide intellectual leadership for existing courses, offer specific dedicated classes, conduct and oversee faculty research, as well as publish in business ethics. This appointment will be effective from August 23, 2024, through August 22, 2027.


The decision to reappoint was made following the School of Business policy. Dean Elliott is making his recommendation based on consultation with the associate deans and the relevant department head in the School of Business.

Professor Bird is a tenured Professor in the Marketing Department who is nationally recognized within his profession as a leader in the field and a very accomplished scholar with 10 publications since 2018 (66 total to date). Professor Bird's research examines business ethics on a global scale, including the impact of compulsory licensing laws on the availability of pharmaceutical drugs in developing countries; the obligation and opportunity in global human rights; and the procedural and substantive justice issues underlying fair and unfair termination of employees in the workplace arena.

ATTACHMENT 11

June 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D'Alleva, Ph.D. 
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Reappointment of Professor Evan Rawley to the Eversource Energy Scholar in
Technological Entrepreneurship in the School of Business

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees reappoint Professor Evan Rawley to the Eversource Energy Scholar in Technological Entrepreneurship in the School of Business.

BACKGROUND:

Established in 2018, this Scholar is supported by Eversource Energy to recognize a tenured faculty member with experience in building productive partnerships between academia and businesses focusing on entrepreneurship. This appointment will be effective from August 23, 2024, through August 22, 2027.

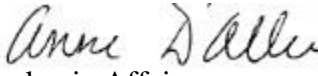
The decision to reappoint was made following the School of Business policy. Dean Elliott is making his recommendation based on consultation with the associate deans and the relevant department head in the School of Business.

Professor Rawley is an Associate Professor in the Boucher Management and Entrepreneurship Department and award-winning researcher on corporate strategy and entrepreneurship has been widely published in the leading academic journals in his field. Professor Rawley holds a Ph.D. from the UC Berkeley Haas School of Business and an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago. Prior to completing his Ph.D., Professor Rawley worked for the Boston Consulting Group in New York and for Deloitte in Detroit.

ATTACHMENT 12

June 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D'Alleva, Ph.D. 
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Reappointment of Professor Joseph Golec to the Finance Department
Distinguished Scholar in the School of Business

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees reappoint Professor Joseph Golec to the Finance Department Distinguished Scholar in the School of Business.

BACKGROUND:

The Finance Department Distinguished Scholar is awarded to a department faculty member for distinguished research record, strong teaching and exemplary leadership and service to the School, the University and/or the Academic Community. This appointment will be effective from August 23, 2024, through August 22, 2027.


The decision to reappoint was made following the School of Business policy. Dean Elliott is making his recommendation based on consultation with the associate deans and the relevant department head in the School of Business.

Joseph Golec (Ph.D. Washington University, St. Louis) is a tenured Professor of Finance recognized for his work in investments, financial institutions, mutual funds, healthcare, real estate, and regulation. In addition to publishing in top journals, his work is relevant. For example, he has modeled how to use options prices to estimate the stock market's expectation of the probability that an event would occur and applied it to estimate the probability that Obamacare would pass Congress. This work appears in the *Journal of Financial Economics*, one of the top three premier journals in finance.

ATTACHMENT 13

June 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D'Alleva, Ph.D. 
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Reappointment of Professor Chinmoy Ghosh to the Gladstein Professor of
Business and Innovation in the School of Business

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees reappoint Professor Chinmoy Ghosh to the Gladstein Professor of Business and Innovation in the School of Business.

BACKGROUND:

On November 9, 2010, the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Professor Chinmoy Ghosh to the Gladstein Professor of Business and Innovation. The Gladstein Professor of Business and Innovation was established to endow a Professorship to be awarded to a nationally or internationally recognized researcher, scholar and teacher who will provide leadership in building the School's reputation focused on innovative business education and research in the areas of Finance and Accounting. This appointment will be effective from August 23, 2024, through August 22, 2027.


The decision to reappoint was made following the School of Business policy. Dean Elliott is making his recommendation based on consultation with the associate deans and the relevant department head in the School of Business.

Chinmoy Ghosh (Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University) is a tenured Professor of Finance in the School of Business and has served on the faculty at the University of Connecticut since 1986. His research focuses on the impact of corporate governance on firm value, the effect of change in disclosure regulatory on firm performance, and the effect of financial innovation on IPO valuation and performance. He has an international reputation and is widely regarded as an interdisciplinary scholar in Finance and Real Estate. He works closely with doctoral students and has distinguished service to the Department, School, and University.

ATTACHMENT 14

June 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D'Alleva, Ph.D. 
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Reappointment of Professor Michael Willenborg to the Richard F. Kochanek
Professorship in Accounting in the School of Business

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees reappoint Professor Michael Willenborg to the Richard F. Kochanek Professorship in Accounting in the School of Business.

BACKGROUND:

The Richard F. Kochanek Professorship in Accounting was established to support a faculty member who demonstrates outstanding contributions within the Department in one or more areas of teaching, research, and service. This appointment will be effective from August 23, 2024, through August 22, 2027.


The decision to reappoint was made following the School of Business policy. Dean Elliott is making his recommendation based on consultation with the associate deans and the relevant department head in the School of Business.

Michael Willenborg (Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University) is a tenured Professor of Accounting in the School of Business. He has served on the faculty at the University of Connecticut since 1996. His research focuses on empirical, economics-based research in auditing and financial accounting. Professor Willenborg was chosen as the Kochanek Professor because of his strong research record, interest in and history of working with doctoral students, and his distinguished service to the Department, School, University, and Profession. He is a highly regarded faculty member in our M.B.A. program, as evidenced by his receipt of several teaching awards.

ATTACHMENT 15

June 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D'Alleva, Ph.D. 
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Reappointment of Professor Yiming Qian to the Toscano Family Chair in Finance
in the School of Business

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees reappoint Professor Yiming Qian to the Toscano Family Chair in Finance in the School of Business.

BACKGROUND:

Established in 2014, this Chair is supported by an endowment from the Toscano Family to recognize a notionally or internationally researcher, scholar and teacher and will have made significant contributions to the field of finance. The Chair will provide intellectual leadership for existing courses, offer specific dedicated classes, conduct and oversee faculty research, as well as publish in the field of finance. This appointment will be effective from August 23, 2024, through August 22, 2027.

The decision to reappoint was made following the School of Business policy. Dean Elliott is making his recommendation based on consultation with the associate deans and the relevant department head in the School of Business.

Professor Yiming Qian (Ph.D. in Finance, New York University) is a tenured Professor who is nationally recognized within her profession as a leader in the field and a very accomplished scholar with over 20 publications. Professor Qian's research focuses on varying topics in corporate finance, including initial public offerings, mergers and acquisitions, behavioral finance, and emerging markets. She is widely published in leading finance journals including the Journal of Financial Economics, the Review of Financial Studies, Management Science, Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, and Review of Finance, among others.

Professor Qian has served as a board member of Midwest Finance Association. She is on the editorial board of Journal of Empirical Finance and Quarterly Journal of Finance. She has also served on the program committees for many international finance conferences.

ATTACHMENT 16

June 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric



RE: Naming Recommendation for the Wells Fargo Center for Neurodiversity
and Employment Innovation

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees name the Center for Neurodiversity and Employment Innovation (CNDEI) in the Werth Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation as the “Wells Fargo Center for Neurodiversity and Employment Innovation.”

BACKGROUND:

The Center for Neurodiversity and Employment Innovation’s current mission is to create inclusive workplaces and foster neurodiversity acceptance through increased employer awareness and understanding of the value of neurodivergent talent. CNDEI advances this mission by bringing forward innovative ways for higher education to provide customized career services that increase job preparation and connection for students.

Wells Fargo is a founding and strategic corporate partner of the Center and is acknowledged globally as a prominent corporate advocate for neurodiversity employment. This partnership between Wells Fargo and the University is a step towards advancing UConn as a national leader in this field.

Wells Fargo is committing outright operational support to the Center over a five-year period. The amount is consistent with the University’s *Named Gift Guidelines*.

The Institutional Advancement Committee approved this recommendation on June 4, 2024.

ATTACHMENT 17

June 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric



RE: Naming Recommendation for the Matthew and Margarethe Mashikian
Entrepreneurship Hub

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees name the existing Entrepreneurship Hub Program (“eHub”) in the College of Engineering as the “Matthew and Margarethe Mashikian Entrepreneurship Hub.”

BACKGROUND:

The eHub program was created to promote technological innovation and support entrepreneurship, from ideation and conceptualization to fully launching startups and scaling businesses. The program advances this mission by offering courses, programs, and activities that provide training and support in the skills, tools, and mindset of being an entrepreneur.

Dr. and Mrs. Mashikian are long-time members of the UConn community. Dr. Mashikian is a Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering and was the Founding Director of UConn’s Electrical Insulation Research Center. He taught in the then-School of Engineering for 14 years until his retirement in 1997. In addition to his work at UConn, he led research in engineering at Detroit Edison and later founded Imcorp, a technology leader in underground power cable life cycle condition assessment and performance. Mrs. Mashikian worked as an orthoptist with a focus on therapeutic exercises for adults with double vision and eye fatigue.

The Mashikians have made an outright gift and pledged additional donations for an endowed fund to provide substantial ongoing operational support to the existing Entrepreneurship Hub in the College of Engineering. The amount is consistent with the University’s *Named Gift Guideline*.

ATTACHMENT A

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TENURE TRACK REAPPOINTMENTS
PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR INFORMATION - June 18, 2024

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>SCHOOL/COLLEGE</u>
Gernant, Stephanie	Assistant Professor	Pharmacy Practice	School of Pharmacy
Sartor, Gregory	Assistant Professor	Pharmaceutical Sciences	School of Pharmacy
Li, Na	Assistant Professor	Pharmaceutical Sciences	School of Pharmacy
Hunmin, Jung	Assistant Professor	Pharmaceutical Sciences	School of Pharmacy
Smith, L. Cody	Assistant Professor	Pharmaceutical Sciences	School of Pharmacy
Abeywickrama, Chathura	Assistant Professor	Pharmaceutical Sciences	School of Pharmacy

ATTACHMENT B

June 18, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D'Alleva, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs



RE: Academic Centers and Institutes

The *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut*, Article XII, state that “All centers and institutes will be reviewed on a five-year cycle to determine their continued contribution to the University’s mission,” and that the “Provost will routinely inform the Board of Trustees ... of the establishment and discontinuation of all centers and institutes.” This document represents such notice.

BACKGROUND:

Following review and deliberation, the following Academic Centers and Institutes are being established, renewed or discontinued:

Established

- Center for Biomedical and Bioengineering Innovation, College of Engineering
- Center for Neurodiversity and Employment Innovation, Werth Institute

Renewed for five-year term

- Connecticut Information Technology Institute, School of Business
- Center for the Study of Popular Music College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Center of Biological Risk, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Connecticut Advanced Computing Center, College of Engineering
- Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, School of Business
- Korey Stringer Institute, College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources
- Pratt & Whitney Institute for Advanced Systems Engineering, College of Engineering

Renewed for one-year term

- Connecticut Manufacturing Simulation Center, UConn Tech Park

Discontinued

- Center for International Business Education and Research, School of Business

Mission statements for established and renewed Academic Centers and Institutes are available on the following pages.

Center for Biomedical and Bioengineering Innovation, College of Engineering

The Mission of CBBI is to empower application-agnostic innovation at the intersection of biodevices, bio-computation, and bio-systems technologies.

Center for Neurodiversity and Employment Innovation, Werth Institute

To improve employment outcomes for neurodivergent individuals at the college level, both current students and alumni, by developing and disseminating work and services that provide employers and universities with leadership, education, information sharing, activities, and innovative solutions needed to close the gap on employment inequity for ND individuals with college-level aptitude.

Connecticut Information Technology Institute, School of Business

Our mission is to empower individuals and organizations by providing comprehensive training in IT, business analytics, and emerging technologies. We strive to foster a culture of continuous learning and innovation, offering a blend of academic excellence, professional development opportunities, and experiential learning to cultivate the next generation of leaders, entrepreneurs, and innovators.

Center for the Study of Popular Music College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

The CSPM seeks to expand its scope to forge more collaborative ventures across campus. Conferences, collaboration with the Jorgensen and more visible thought leader engagement are goals for the next five years. The Center aims to draw upon intersecting interests with law, cognitive science, engineering, and business for future programming. Financially, the Center will broaden its scope of development, by applying for federal, state and private grants and donations.

Center of Biological Risk, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

To improve the capacity to assess, manage, and communicate biological risks of global change through research, teaching, and community outreach.

Connecticut Advanced Computing Center, College of Engineering

Their mission is to expand theoretical models and the boundary of cybersecurity technology to enable organizations to protect and safe keep the digital assets under their purview as well as enable safe, private, reliable and trustworthy computing in adversarial settings.

Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, School of Business

At CCEI, we aim to empower entrepreneurs and innovators, create a vibrant startup ecosystem, and contribute to economic development in Connecticut. We strive to provide the necessary resources, mentorship, and networking opportunities to help entrepreneurs build sustainable businesses and make a positive impact on society. Our commitment to fostering a culture of collaboration and knowledge exchange further enhances the foundation for success in our vibrant startup community at CCEI.

Korey Stringer Institute, College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources

The mission of the Korey Stringer Institute is to provide research, education, advocacy and consultation to maximize performance, optimize safety and prevent sudden death for the athlete, warfighter and laborer.

Pratt & Whitney Institute for Advanced Systems Engineering, College of Engineering

Motivated by the increasing complexity of advanced products and the digital revolution, the Institute trains engineers in urgently needed CPS-related disciplines that are pivotal to innovation and product enhancement in the globally competitive economy. The Institute is positioned to advance the science base of CPS and to accelerate its technological translation into sustained industrial growth.

Connecticut Manufacturing Simulation Center, UConn Tech Park

To promote innovation & economic development through modeling & simulation and develop the next-generation workforce with computing and simulation skills.