

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

University of Connecticut
Board of Trustees

Institutional Advancement Committee
June 18, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.
Virtual Meeting

Public Streaming Link (with live captioning upon request): <http://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 **11:30 a.m.**

1. Public Participation*

*Individuals who wish to speak during the Public Portion of the Tuesday, June 18, meeting, limited to agenda items, must do so 24 hours in advance of the meeting's start time (11:30 a.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.

2. Naming Resolutions
Attachment 1

Ms. Yancey

Naming Recommendations

Matthew and Margarethe Mashikian Entrepreneurship Hub
Professor Emeritus John E. Morral Conference Room.

3. Executive Session (as needed)

4. Adjournment

PLEASE NOTE: *If you are an individual with a disability and require accommodations, please e-mail the Board of Trustees Office at boardoftrustees@uconn.edu prior to the meeting.*

ATTACHMENT 1

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*.

June 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Professor Emeritus John E. Morral
Conference Room in the Science 1 Building

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees names Conference Room 1082 in the Science 1 Building on the Storrs campus as the “Professor Emeritus John E. Morral Conference Room.”

BACKGROUND:

The Science 1 Building opened in the summer of 2023, significantly expanding UConn’s educational and research work in STEM fields and houses the Institute of Materials Science. Conference Room 1082 is approximately 220 square feet and is located on the First Floor.

The late John E. Morral dedicated 32 years of his professional life to UConn students, teaching students in the then-School of Engineering and serving as Department Head of Materials Science and Engineering. Professor Morral is survived by his wife, Dorothy Morral, who gave a gift in support of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering to honor her husband’s legacy at UConn.

Mrs. Morral’s gift is consistent with the University’s *Named Gift Guidelines*.