


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*.

At their June 4 and June 18, 2024, meetings, respectively, the Institutional Advancement and Academic Affairs Committees recommended approval to the full Board.