

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, D. 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

University 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