

AGENDA

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Academic Affairs Committee September 24, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. Virtual Meeting

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(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 **8:30 a.m.**

1. Public Participation*

* Individuals who wish to speak during the Public Participation portion, of the Tuesday, September 24, meeting, must do so 24 hours in advance of the meeting's start time (i.e., 8:30 a.m. on Monday, September 23) 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

2. Minutes from the June 18, 2024, Special Meeting (Attachment 1)
3. Tenure at Hire (Attachment 2)
4. Designation of Emeritus Status (Attachment 3)
5. Sabbatical Leave Recommendations (Attachment 4)
6. Appointment of Associate Professor Jessica Cooperman to the Doris and Simon Konover Chair in Judaic Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Attachment 5)
7. Reappointment of Professor Robert Fahey to the George F. Cloutier Professorship in Forestry in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources (Attachment 6)
8. Modification of Name of the Wells Fargo Center for Neurodiversity and Employment Innovation (Attachment 7)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. Introduction of New Academic Deans
10. NECHE Accreditation Overview
11. University Senate Representative Report
12. Other Business
13. Executive Session (as needed)
14. Adjournment

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ATTACHMENT 1

DRAFT MINUTES

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Academic Affairs Committee June 18, 2024 Special Virtual Meeting

Committee Trustees: Jeanine Gouin, Joshua Crow, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne,
Bryan Pollard, Philip Rubin

Other Trustees: Daniel Toscano

University Senate Representatives: Joanne Conover

University Staff: Anne D'Alleva, Nora Berrah, Robert Bird, Sarah Croucher,
Morgaen Donaldson, John Elliott, Chinmoy Ghosh, Joseph
Golec, Amy Gorin, Kent Holsinger, Horea Ilies, Kazem
Kazerounian, Gladis Kersaint, Yiming Qian, Even Rawley,
Rachel Rubin, Jiong Tang, Reka Wrynn, Michelle Williams

Vice-Chair Trustee Gouin called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Vice-Chair Gouin recognized both University Senate Representative Joanne Conover and Trustee Joshua Crow, who are completing their terms serving on the Academic Affairs Committee.

1. Public Participation

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

2. Minutes from the April 16, 2024, Meeting (Attachment 1)

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024, Meeting.

3. Recommendations for Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2023-2024 (Attachment 2)

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

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne asked about recognition plans for the newly appointed Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors. Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs D'Alleva responded that there will be a reception held this fall, followed by a series of lectures given by the Distinguished Professors in a format of their choosing.

4. Promotion & Tenure (Attachment 3)
5. Tenure at Hire (Attachment 4)
6. Designation of Emeritus Status (Attachment 5)
7. Sabbatical Leave Recommendations (Attachment 6)

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Items #4 – #7 to the full Board for approval.

8. Appointment of Professor Jiong Tang to the Pratt & Whitney Chair in Design and Manufacturing in the College of Engineering (Attachment 7)
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)

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Items #8 – #16 to the full Board for approval.

17. Naming Recommendation for the Wells Fargo Center for Neurodiversity (Attachment 16) and Employment Innovation
18. Naming Recommendation for the Matthew and Margarethe Mashikian (Attachment 17) Entrepreneurship Hub

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Items #17 & #18 to the full Board for approval.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

19. School of Pharmacy Reappointments (Attachment A)

This item was provided to the Committee as an informational item.

20. Academic Centers and Institutes

This item was provided to the Committee as an informational item. (Attachment B)

21. University Senate Representative Report

There was no University Senate Representative Report.

22. Executive Session (as needed)

There was no Executive Session.

23. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Crow, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Lohrey
Secretary to the Committee

ATTACHMENT 2

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
TENURE AT HIRE RECOMMENDATIONS
PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - September 25, 2024

NAME

DEPARTMENT

SCHOOL/COLLEGE

Effective August 23, 2024

TENURE AS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Cooperman, Jessica

Ji, Shihao

Literatures, Cultures and Languages

School of Computing

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

College of Engineering

TENURE AS PROFESSOR

Fitzgerald, Deanna

Zhao, Ji-Cheng (JC)

Dramatic Arts

Materials Science and Engineering

School of Fine Arts

College of Engineering

ATTACHMENT 3

University of Connecticut Department of Human Resources
Emeritus Retirees
September 25, 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>					
Chill, Paul	Clinical Professor	Law	School of Law	8/1/2024	10/7/1988
Donkor, Eric	Associate Professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering	College of Engineering	8/1/2024	10/23/1990
Geary, Steven J.	Professor	Pathobiology	College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources	9/1/2024	4/1/1989
Grela, Bernard G.	Associate Professor	Speech, Language, and Hearing Science	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	9/1/2024	8/23/1999
Holsinger, Kent E.	Distinguished Professor & Dean, The Graduate School	Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	7/1/2024	9/1/1986
Moiseff, Andrew	Professor	Physiology and Neurobiology	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	9/1/2024	9/1/1983
Moss, David M.	Associate Professor	Curriculum and Instruction	Neag School of Education	9/1/2024	8/23/1998
Myers, Kathryn M.	Professor	Art and Art History	School of Fine Arts	9/1/2024	9/1/1984
Payne, Susan	Associate Clinical Professor	Curriculum and Instruction	Neag School of Education	9/1/2024	8/23/2006

University of Connecticut Department of Human Resources

Emeritus Retirees

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>SCHOOL/COLLEGE</u>	<u>RETIRED</u>	<u>HIRED</u>
Schultz, Eric T.	Professor	Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	7/1/2024	9/1/1995
Shoemaker, Nancy L.	Professor	History	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	8/1/2024	8/23/1998
Willig, Michael R.	Distinguished Professor	Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	9/1/2024	8/15/2005

ATTACHMENT 4

University of Connecticut Office of the Provost
Sabbatical Leave Recommendations Requiring Board of Trustees Approval
September 25, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting

SABBATICAL MODIFICATIONS/POSTPONEMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>SCHOOL/COLLEGE</u>	<u>PAY</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
Peng, Jing	Associate Professor	Operations and Info Management	Business	Half Change to Full	AY 2023-2024 Fall 2024.
Wing Kui Anson Ma	Assoc Professor	Chem and Biomolecular Engr	Engineering	Half Change to Full	AY 2024 - 2025 Fall 2024
Thomas, Rebecca	Professor	Social Work	Social Work	Full Change to Full	Spring 2025 Fall 2025
Berthold, Sarah Megan	Professor	Social Work	Social Work	Full Change to Full	Fall 2024 Fall 2025
Bercaw Edwards, Mary	Professor	English	Liberal Arts and Science	Half Change to Half	AY 2024-2025 CY 2025

SABBATICAL LEAVE REQUESTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>SCHOOL/COLLEGE</u>	<u>PAY</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
Angles-Alcazar, Daniel	Asst Professor	Physics	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2025
Capshaw, Katharine E	Assoc Dean & Professor	English	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2024

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>SCHOOL/COLLEGE</u>	<u>PAY</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
Cohen, Matthew I	Professor	Dramatic Arts	Fine Arts	Half	AY 2025-2026
Conover, Joanne	Professor	Physiology and Neurobiology	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Spring 2026
Eigsti, Inge-Marie	Professor & Director	Psychological Sciences	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Half	AY 2025-2026
Harmon, Oskar R	Assoc Professor	Economics	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2025
Hertel, Shareen	Professor	Political Science	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2027
Johnson, Blair T	Distinguished Professor	Psychological Sciences	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2025
Kuzovkina-Eischen, Yulia	Professor	Plant Sci and Landscape Arch	Agriculture,Health,Natural Rcs	Full	Spring 2025
Larned, Emily K	Assoc Professor	Art and Art History	Fine Arts	Half	AY 2025-2026
Lin, Carolyn A	Professor	Communication	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Spring 2025
Mukhopadhyay, Nitis	Professor	Statistics	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2025
Magnuson, James S	Professor	Psychological Sciences	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2025
Nakhmanson, Serge M	Assoc Professor	Material Science and Engr	Engineering	Full	Fall 2024
Paul, Alison N	Assoc Professor	Art and Art History	Fine Arts	Full	Fall 2025
Paxton, Alexandra E.	Asst Professor	Psychological Sciences	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2025

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>SCHOOL/COLLEGE</u>	<u>PAY</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
Purkayastha, Bandana	Assoc Dean & Dist Professor	Sociology	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2025
Ravishanker, Nalini	Professor	Statistics	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2025
Richards, David L.	Assoc Professor	Political Science	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2025
Sinha, Manisha	Professor	History	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Half	AY 2025-2026
Smith, Rhiannon	Assoc Professor	Psychological Sciences	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2025
Sochnikov, Ilya	Asst Professor	Physics	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2025
Tribble, Evelyn	Assoc Dean & Professor	English	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2024

ATTACHMENT 5

September 25, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D'Alleva

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs



RE: Appointment of Associate Professor Jessica Cooperman to the Doris and Simon Konover Chair in Judaic Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees appoint Associate Professor Jessica Cooperman to the Doris and Simon Konover Chair in Judaic Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

BACKGROUND:

The endowment by Doris and Simon Konover has made it possible for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to recruit an outstanding scholar and researcher, Associate Professor Jessica Cooperman, as the next Chair. Professor Cooperman will join the Department of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages and serve as the Director of the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life for five-year term beginning August 23, 2024 through August 22, 2029. Professor Cooperman comes to the University of Connecticut from Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania where she served as Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Religion Studies and Director of Jewish Studies Program.

As the Doris and Simon Konover Chair in Judaic Studies and Director of the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life, Professor Cooperman will increase awareness of Jewish heritage in the University community, the state, and beyond. She will provide creative leadership for the Center and will develop its programs, as well as contribute to associated interdisciplinary programs.

In 2008, the Board of Trustees appointed Professor Arnold Dashefsky as the inaugural interim Chair. Upon Professor Dashefsky's retirement, the College launched an international search and recruited Professor Jeffrey Shoulson to succeed him and to serve in this role from 2012 to 2018. Following Dr. Shoulson's tenure, a national search led to the appointment of Avinoam Patt as Director in 2019. Under his leadership, the program achieved notable growth and success through strategic educational events, seminars, and talks. No additional funding, support or investment is necessary in order to fulfill the terms of this appointment.

ATTACHMENT 6

September 25, 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 Associate Professor Robert Fahey to the George F. Cloutier Professorship in Forestry in the College of Agriculture, Health & Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees reappoint Associate Professor Robert Fahey to the George F. Cloutier Professorship in Forestry in the College of Agriculture, Health & Natural Resources.

BACKGROUND:

Newly established in 2021, Professor Fahey will be the first reappointment to the George F. Cloutier Professorship. This Professorship is supported by an endowment from alumnus and former Adjunct Instructor George F. Cloutier to recognize the importance of stewardship and engagement of working land. The Cloutier Professor will act as Director of the UConn Forest and Chair of the UConn Forest Committee. In this role, the Cloutier Professor is expected to coordinate and organize stewardship of the UConn Forest parcels by engaging with the UConn Forest Committee and associated stakeholders. This appointment will be effective from August 23, 2024, through August 22, 2027.

The decision to reappoint was made following the College of Agriculture, Health & Natural Resources procedure; Dean Chaubey is making his recommendation based on consultation with the College's executive council and the relevant department head in the College of Agriculture, Health & Natural Resources.


Professor Fahey (Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison) is an Associate Professor of Natural Resources and the Environment; he is an accomplished scholar with 54 publications since 2016. Professor Fahey's research examines the links between composition, structure, and functioning of forest ecosystems and their resilience to a variety of stressors. His research strives to help forests become more resilient against threats of climate change, introduction of exotic pests and pathogens, and urban and suburban development.

Professor Fahey is currently Associate Director of the UConn Eversource Energy Center. Beyond UConn, he is a research fellow at the nonprofit Center for Tree Science (The Morton Arboretum, IL), and is a board member of the Connecticut Urban Forest Council.

ATTACHMENT 7

September 25, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Modification of Name of the Wells Fargo Center for Neurodiversity and Employment Innovation

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees, as requested by the donor, modify the name of the Wells Fargo Center for Neurodiversity and Employment Innovation in the Werth Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, which was previously approved by the Board of Trustees on June 26, 2024, to be known instead as the “Wells Fargo Center for Neurodiversity and Inclusive Employment at UConn.”

BACKGROUND:

The Center’s current mission is to create inclusive workplaces and foster neurodiversity acceptance through increased employer awareness and understanding of the value of neurodivergent talent. The Center advances this mission by bringing forward innovative ways for higher education to provide customized career services that increase job preparation and connection for students. This updated change is being requested by both Wells Fargo and the University staff who will support the Center. Both groups feel the new name is more inclusive of the Center’s scope of work.

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 previously committed 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 September 20, 2024.