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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.