

## 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, Michelle Williams, Reka Wrynn

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