

MINUTES

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Academic Affairs Committee October 28, 2024 Special Virtual Meeting

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

University Senate Representatives: Karen Bresciano, D. Betsy McCoach

University Staff: Anne D'Alleva, Sarah Croucher, Laura Curran, Deanna Fitzgerald, Nathan Fuerst, Gladis Kersaint, Leslie Shor, Tadarrayl Starke, Victoria Vaughan Dickson, Michelle Williams, Rachel Rubin

Vice-Chair Trustee Gouin called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. Public Participation

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

2. Minutes from the September 24, 2024, Meeting (Attachment 1)

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2024, Meeting. Trustee Pollard abstained from voting on the minutes.

3. Sabbatical Leave Recommendations (Attachment 2)

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #3 to the full Board for approval.

4. Bachelor of Music in Jazz (Attachment 3)

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #4 to the full Board for approval.

5. Advanced Business Certificate in Financial Reporting (Attachment 4)

6. Advanced Business Certificate in Taxation (Attachment 5)

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #5 and Agenda Item #6 to the full Board for approval.

7. Location Modification: Master of Social Work (Stamford) (Attachment 6)

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. Modality Modification: Executive LLM (Online) (Attachment 7)

9. Modality Modification: LLM in Energy and Environmental Law (Online) (Attachment 8)

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #8 and Agenda Item #9 to the full Board for approval.

10. Appointment of Professor Ji-Cheng 'JC' Zhao to the Raytheon Technologies Chair in Fuel Cell Technology in the College of Engineering (Attachment 9)

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted to recommend Agenda Item #10 to the full Board for approval. Trustee Pollard abstained from voting on Agenda Item #10.

11. Reappointment of Professor Yiming Qian to the Toscano Family Chair in Finance in the School of Business (Attachment 10)

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #11 to the full Board for approval.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

12. Planned Master of Science in Nursing: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Attachment A)

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

13. Academic Program Inventory (Attachment B)

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

14. University Senate Representative Report

University Senate Representative Bresciano gave a report on the activities of the University Senate including the instrument used for student experience of teaching evaluations. There was a general discussion regarding review of programs with low enrollments and low completions.

15. Executive Session (as needed)

There was no Executive Session.

16. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Lohrey
Secretary to the Committee