

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES

University of Connecticut
Wilbur Cross Building
North Reading Room
233 Glenbrook Road
Storrs, Connecticut

October 30, 2024

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Board Chair Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated in person: Trustees Andy F. Bessette, Mark L. Boxer, Charles F. Bunnell, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Sean K. Dunn, Jeanine A. Gouin, Joy A. Hamer, Bryan K. Pollard, Thomas D. Ritter, Philip E. Rubin, and Daniel D. Toscano.

Also in attendance was Jonathan Dach, Governor Lamont's designee on the Board.

The following Trustees participated virtually: Trustees Shari G. Cantor, Sanford Cloud, Jr., Marilda L. Gandara, Kevin J. O'Connor, and Daniel H. O'Keefe (part of the meeting).

Trustees Bryan P. Hurlburt, Rebecca Lobo, and Charlene Russell-Tucker, were not in attendance.

The following University Senate Representatives attended the meeting in person: Amvrossios Bagtzoglou, Karen Bresciano, Micah Heumann, Tina McCarthy, Lisa Park Boush, Edward Weingart, and Michael White.

University Senate Representative D. Betsy McCoach attended the meeting virtually.

The following University staff attended the meeting in person: President Radenka Maric, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Anne D'Alleva, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Chief Executive Officer for UConn Health Andrew Agwunobi, Executive Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Geoghegan, Executive Secretary to the Board Rachel Rubin, Chief of Staff Michelle Williams, General Counsel Nicole Gelston, Deputy Chief of Staff Philip Hunt, Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment Nathan Fuerst, Vice President for Global Affairs Daniel Weiner, Interim Vice President for Communications Michael Kirk, Deputy Director of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator Annie Fiorvanti (part of the meeting), Deputy Director of Athletics/Chief Operating Officer Jason Butikofer (part of the meeting), and Associate Athletic Director for Strategic Initiatives Dominic Godi (part of the meeting).

Athletic Director David Benedict attended the meeting virtually (part of the meeting).

OPEN SESSION

1. Public Participation

Kathleen Fischer, President, UCPEA, and Mary Ellen Petersen, UConn employee and alum, reiterated concerns about a tuition waiver issue that was brought to the Board's attention at its last meeting.

Christopher Vials, President, UConn Chapter of the AAUP and Professor of English commented about the review of low-completion and low-enrollment programs.

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2. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters Outstanding

Board Chair Toscano commented on the process and goal for the analysis of the issues raised regarding low-enrollment and low-completion academic programs.

(b) Minutes of the Meeting of September 25, 2024

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 25, 2024.

(Trustee Pollard abstained from voting.)

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Trustee Bunnell, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda items.

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| (1) | Contracts and Agreements
(Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Attachment 1.) | (Attachment 1) |
| (2) | Project Budget (Revised Planning) for Gampel Pavilion Renovation | (Attachment 2) |
| (3) | Project Budget (Design) for Northwest Residential Area – Thermal Comfort Improvements | (Attachment 3) |
| (4) | Project Budget (Final) for the School of Nursing Building | (Attachment 4) |
| (5) | Project Budget (Revised Final) for Field House – Old Recreation Center Renovation | (Attachment 5) |
| (6) | Sabbatical Leave Recommendations | (Attachment 6) |
| (7) | Bachelor of Music in Jazz | (Attachment 7) |
| (8) | Advanced Business Certificate in Financial Reporting in the School of Business | (Attachment 8) |
| (9) | Advanced Business Certificate in Taxation in the School of Business | (Attachment 9) |
| (10) | Location Modification: Master of Social Work (Stamford) | (Attachment 10) |
| (11) | Modality Modification: Executive LLM (Online)
(Attachment 11) | |
| (12) | Modality Modification: LLM in Energy and Environmental Law (Online) | (Attachment 12) |
| (13) | Appointment of Dr. Ji-Cheng Zhao to the Raytheon Technologies Chair in Fuel Cell Technology in the College of Engineering
(Trustee Pollard abstained from voting on Attachment 13.) | (Attachment 13) |
| (14) | Reappointment of Professor Yiming Qian to the Toscano Family Chair in Finance in the School of Business
(Board Chair Toscano abstained from voting on Attachment 14.) | (Attachment 14) |

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(d) Election of Board Secretary and Committee Vice-Chairs

Trustee Gouin nominated Trustee Dennis-LaVigne as Secretary to the Board. Trustee Dennis-LaVigne declined the nomination. Upon the nomination by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted to appoint Trustee Pollard as Secretary to the Board.

(Trustee Pollard abstained from voting.)

Chairman Toscano recommended that Trustee Dennis-LaVigne continue as the Vice-Chair who shall act as the Chair of the Board in case of the absence or incapacity of the Chair.

Chairman Toscano confirmed the continuation of the current Vice-Chairs as noted below:

Academic Affairs – Trustee Gouin
 Buildings, Grounds and Environment – Trustee Gandara
 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Trustee Dennis-LaVigne
 Compensation – Trustee Bunnell
 Financial Affairs – Trustee Bessette
 Institutional Advancement – Trustee Dennis-LaVigne
 Joint Audit & Compliance (UConn & UConn Health) – Trustee Boxer
 Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation – Trustee Rubin
 Student Life – Trustee Cantor
 UConn Health Board of Directors – Trustee Cloud as Interim
 Liaison to the Division of Athletics – Trustee O'Connor

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Dunn, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint all the current Vice-Chairs to standing Board Committees and Trustee O'Connor as the liaison to the Division of Athletics.

3. President's Report
4. University Senate Report
Senate Executive Committee Chair, Dr. Laura Burton
5. Academic Affairs Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
 - (b) Community Engagement Presentation
Presenter: Dr. Jason Irizarry, Dean
Neag School of Education
6. Financial Affairs Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
 - (b) Presentation: FY25 UConn and UConn Health Budget Update (Attachment 15)
Presenter: Jeffrey Geoghegan, Executive Vice President
for Finance and Chief Financial Officer
7. UConn Health Report
 - (a) Report on UConn Health activities
There was no activity to report.
8. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities

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9. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
10. Student Life Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
12. Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no activity to report.
13. Committee on Compensation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no activity to report.
14. Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
15. Other Business
16. Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. regarding:

1. Preliminary drafts or notes provided the public agency has determined that the public interest in withholding such documents clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure [CGS Section 1-210(b)(1)]; and
2. Commercial or financial information given in confidence, not required by statute [CGS Section 1-210(b)(5)(B)]; and
3. Records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining [CGS Section 1-210(b)(9)].

The following Trustees were in attendance: Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Cloud, Dennis-LaVigne, Dunn, Gandara, Gouin, Hamer, O'Connor, O'Keefe, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, and Toscano.

Governor Lamont's designee, Jonathan Dach, was also in attendance for the entire Executive Session.

President Maric and Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin were in the entire Executive Session.

The following University staff were in attendance for part of the Executive Session: Agwunobi, Benedict, Butikofer, D'Alleva, Fiorvanti, Fuerst, Gelston, Geoghegan, Godi, Hunt, Kirk, Williams, and Wrynn.

The Executive Session ended at 12:24 p.m., and the Board returned to Open Session at 12:26 p.m.

17. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Board meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan K. Pollard
Secretary