

DRAFT MINUTES

**University of Connecticut
Board of Trustees**

**Academic Affairs Committee
December 10, 2024
Virtual Meeting**

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

Trustees: Daniel Toscano

University Senate Representatives: Karen Bresciano, D. Betsy McCoach

University Staff: Radenka Maric, Anne D’Alleva, Sarah Croucher, John Elliott, Philip Hunt, Gladis Kersaint, Michael Kirk, Cuihong Li, Leslie Shor, Michelle Williams, Reka Wrynn, Rachel Rubin

Vice-Chair Trustee Gouin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. Public Participation

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

2. Minutes from the October 28, 2024, Meeting (Attachment 1)

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2024, Meeting. Trustee Pollard abstained from voting on the minutes.

Requested by Provost D’Alleva, on a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted to amend the agenda to include the Master of Science in Supply Chain Management in the School of Business as a new agenda item #6.

3. Tenure at Hire (Attachment 2)

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

4. Designation of Emeritus Status (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. Sabbatical Leave Recommendations (Attachment 4)

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #5 to the full Board for approval.

6. Master of Science in Supply Chain Management in the School of Business (Attachment 5)

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #6 to the full Board for approval.

7. Appointment of Dr. Song Han to the Pratt & Whitney Associate Professorship in Advanced Systems Engineering in the College of Engineering (Attachment 6)

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #7 to the full Board for approval. Trustee Pollard abstained from voting.

8. Program Closure: Graduate Certificate in Global Health (Attachment 7)

9. Program Closure: Graduate Certificate in Obesity Prevention and Weight Management (Attachment 8)

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

10. Program Closure: Master of Arts in Politics and Popular Culture (Attachment 9)

There was a general discussion regarding the process for removal of a program from the State Inventory and application systems within the University.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11. Fall 2024 Report on Review of Programs with Low-Completion Rates (Attachment A)

Provost D'Alleva gave an update on the review of programs with low-completion rates. Led by Vice Provost Kersaint and Assistant Vice Provost Croucher, academic deans, department heads, and program faculty have submitted reports in response to this process with outcomes that include continuation, continuation with modifications, suspension, or closure. Provost D'Alleva will continue to provide updates to the Committee as plans for program changes are developed by the relevant academic leaders.

12. University Senate Representative Report

Senate Representative McCoach gave an update on activities in the University Senate including the final stages of the Common Curriculum implementation and a review of its membership including appropriate constituencies.

13. Other Business

There was no Other Business.

14. Executive Session (as needed)

There was no Executive Session.

15. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dunn, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Lohrey
Secretary to the Committee