

AGENDA

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Institutional Advancement Committee November 26, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

Public Streaming Link (with live captioning upon request): <http://ait.uconn.edu/bot>

(A recording of the meeting will be posted on the Board website, <https://boardoftrustees.uconn.edu/>, within seven days of the meeting.)

Call to order at **1:00 p.m.**

1. Public Participation*

*Individuals who wish to speak during the Public Portion of the Tuesday, November 26, meeting must do so 24 hours in advance of the meeting's start time (1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 25) by emailing BoardCommittees@uconn.edu. Speaking requests must include a name, telephone number, topic, and affiliation with the University (i.e., student, employee, member of the public). The Committee may limit the entirety of public comment to a maximum of 30 minutes. As an alternative, individuals may submit written comments to the Committee via email (BoardCommittees@uconn.edu), and all comments will be transmitted to the Committee.

2. Institutional Advancement Committee 2025 Meeting Dates
Attachment 1

3. Minutes from October 15, 2024, Meeting
Attachment 2

Dr. Dennis-LaVigne

4. Naming Resolutions
Attachment 3

Ms. Yancey

Naming Recommendation for the Stuart F. Smith Reading Room

Named Gift Opportunities for the Harford Campus
(previously approved memo dated 04.12.16 attached for reference)

5. Legislative Update

Ms. Lombardo

6. UConn Foundation / Alumni Update

Ms. Cotton Kelley /
Ms. Yancey

7. University Communications Update
Attachment 4

Mr. Kirk

8. University Senate Representative Report

Dr. Timothy Folta

9. Other Business

10. Executive Session (as needed)

11. Adjournment

PLEASE NOTE: *If you are an individual with a disability and require accommodations, please e-mail the Board of Trustees Office at boardoftrustees@uconn.edu prior to the meeting.*

ATTACHMENT 1



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

MEETING DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Wednesday February 19, 2025	Virtual (See agenda for public streaming link.)	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday April 9, 2025	Virtual (See agenda for public streaming link.)	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday June 11, 2025	Virtual (See agenda for public streaming link.)	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday September 10, 2025	Virtual (See agenda for public streaming link.)	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday October 15, 2025	Virtual (See agenda for public streaming link.)	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday November 12, 2025	Virtual (See agenda for public streaming link.)	1:00 p.m.

ATTACHMENT 2

DRAFT MINUTES

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Institutional Advancement Committee October 15, 2024 Virtual Meeting

Committee Trustees:	Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Charles Bunnell, Shari Cantor, Bryan Pollard
Other Trustees:	Daniel Toscano
University Senate Representative:	Timothy Folta
University Staff:	Radenka Maric (part of the meeting), Anne D'Alleva, Michael Kirk, Joann Lombardo, Lesley Salafia
UConn Foundation Staff:	Mo Cotton Kelly, Amy Yancey

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

1. Public Participation

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

2. Minutes from October 15, 2024, Meeting

On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Bunnell, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 4, June 18, and September 20, 2024, Meetings.

3. Naming Resolutions

On a motion by Trustee Bunnell seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Named Gift Opportunities for the School of Nursing Building.

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Named Gift Opportunity of open lab space in UConn Health.

4. Legislative Update

Governmental Relations Senior Director Lombardo provided the Committee with a legislative update.

5. UConn Foundation / Alumni Update

UConn Foundation President and Chief Executive Officer Yancey and Chief People Officer and Senior Vice President for Alumni Relations Cotton Kelly provided the Committee with an overview of recent UConn Foundation fundraising, outreach, and goals.

6. University Communications Update

Interim Vice President for Communications Kirk shared an update of work happening in University Communications.

7. University Senate Representative Report

University Senate Representative Folta shared a Senate report with the Committee.

8. Other Business

There was no Other Business.

9. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Bunnell, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,

Jen Cote

Secretary to the Committee

ATTACHMENT 3

December 11, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 
RE: Naming Recommendation for the Stuart F. Smith Reading Room

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the Reading Room located in William F. Starr Hall on the campus of the UConn School of Law as the “Stuart F. Smith Reading Room.”

BACKGROUND:

The Reading Room at UConn School of Law comprises 3,195 square feet on the second floor of Starr Hall. It is used throughout the year for a variety of large and small law school events including conferences, receptions, and student career programs. Before the Thomas J. Meskill Law Library was constructed and opened in the early 1990s, the Reading Room served as the library for the Law School.

Stuart Smith is a graduate of the UConn School of Law, Class of 1980. He is a strategic advisor at Centerview Partners based in New York and has had a long and successful career in the investment banking industry following a short stint as a lawyer. Mr. Smith has been engaged with the Law School for many years and has been a generous supporter funding a variety of initiatives.

Mr. Smith’s pledge is consistent with the University’s *Named Gift Guidelines*.

UConn FOUNDATION

November 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Institutional Advancement Committee

FROM: Amy Yancey, President and Chief Executive Officer

RE: Named Gift Opportunities for the Hartford Campus

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Institutional Advancement Committee endorses the proposed gift opportunities to be offered in the University of Connecticut Hartford campus. The following spaces and dollar amounts shall replace the original opportunities presented April 12, 2016, in accordance with additions and changes made. Individual opportunities will be submitted for approval in accordance with the University's naming procedures.

<u>Named Space</u>	<u>Spaces</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Café	1	\$300,000.00
Computer Lab	1	\$250,000.00
Lecture Hall	2	\$250,000.00
Classroom	1	\$200,000.00
Front Street Entrance Lobby	1	\$250,000.00

Interfaith and Reflection Space, 2 nd Floor	1	\$100,000.00
Executive Conference Room (medium), 2 nd Floor	1	\$200,000.00
Executive Conference Room (large), 2 nd Floor	1	\$250,000.00
Academic Achievement Center, 2 nd Floor*	1	\$250,000.00
Computer Lab/Classroom, 2 nd Floor	1	\$200,000.00
Executive Conference Room (small), 2 nd Floor	1	\$100,000.00
W Center for Writing Guidance, 2 nd floor**	1	\$50,000.00
Q Center for Math Tutoring, 2 nd Floor**	1	\$50,000.00

B Center for Biology Tutoring, 2 nd Floor**	1	\$50,000.00
ShaW Wellness/Conference Room, 2 nd floor	1	\$30,000.00
Veterans Oasis Lounge, 2 nd floor*	1	\$30,000.00
Executive Conference Room, Mezzanine	1	\$200,000.00
Classroom, 3 rd Floor	2	\$75,000.00
Physics/Geology Lab, 3 rd Floor	1	\$100,000.00
General Chemistry Lab, 3 rd Floor	1	\$100,000.00
Organic Chemistry Lab, 3 rd Floor	1	\$100,000.00
General Biology Lab, 3 rd Floor	1	\$100,000.00
Break out room/Adjunct Lounge, 3 rd Floor	1	\$15,000.00
Faculty & Graduate Assistant Lounge, 4 th Floor	1	\$50,000.00
Seminar Classroom, 5 th Floor	1	\$25,000.00
Reception (CLAS), 5 th Floor	1	\$25,000.00

BACKGROUND:

UConn Hartford interweaves top-tier academic programs with unique educational and service opportunities offered by Connecticut's capital city. UConn Hartford is part of a dynamic, urban environment with educational, arts, business, and government partners just minutes away. Home to a number of unique undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs, UConn Hartford leverages its metropolitan setting to provide a remarkable learning environment for a diverse student population. The campus includes more than 232,000 square feet of learning and community space.

*new space

**new purpose for space

UConn FOUNDATION

April 12, 2016

TO: Members of the Institutional Advancement Committee

FROM: Joshua R. Newton, President and Chief Executive Officer

RE: Named Gift Opportunities for the Hartford Campus

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Institutional Advancement Committee endorses the proposed gift opportunities to be offered in the University of Connecticut Hartford campus project. Individual opportunities will be submitted for approval in accordance with the University's naming procedures.

<u>Named Space</u>	<u>Spaces</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Café	1	\$300,000.00
Bookstore/Retail/Display	1	\$250,000.00
Computer Lab	1	\$250,000.00
Lecture Hall	1	\$500,000.00
Classroom	2	\$400,000.00
Collaboration zone/lounge	1	\$100,000.00
Conference Room	1	\$50,000.00
Front Street Entrance Lobby	1	\$250,000.00
Collaboration Zone/Lounge 2nd floor	1	\$100,000.00
Student Center 2nd Floor	1	\$75,000.00
Executive Conference Room (medium) 2nd Floor	1	\$200,000.00
Executive Conference Room (large) 2nd Floor	1	\$250,000.00
Computer Lab 2nd Floor	1	\$200,000.00
Executive Conference Room (small) 2nd Floor	1	\$100,000.00
Tutoring Center 2nd floor	1	\$50,000.00
Conference Room 2nd floor	1	\$30,000.00

Bridge 2nd Floor	1	\$30,000.00
Mezzanine Executive Conference Room	1	\$200,000.00
Mezzanine Executive Landing Zone	1	\$40,000.00
Roof Terrace 3rd Floor	1	\$25,000.00
Classroom 3rd Floor	2	\$75,000.00
STEM Faculty Reception 3rd Floor	1	\$25,000.00
Physics Lab 3rd Floor	1	\$100,000.00
General Chemistry Lab 3rd Floor	1	\$100,000.00
Organic Chemistry Lab 3rd Floor	1	\$100,000.00
General Biology Lab 3rd Floor	1	\$100,000.00
Micro Biology Lab 3rd Floor	1	\$100,000.00
Break out room 3rd Floor	4	\$15,000.00
Lounge/Landing Zone 4th Floor	1	\$50,000.00
Reception Department of Public Policy 4th Floor	1	\$25,000.00
Reception Department of Education 4th Floor	1	\$25,000.00
Seminar Classroom 5th Floor	1	\$25,000.00
Reception (CLAS) 5th Floor	1	\$25,000.00
Reception (Business) 5th Floor	1	\$25,000.00
Main Courtyard	1	\$1,000,000.00
South West Terrace	1	\$750,000.00
Hartford Times Building Portico	1	\$250,000.00
Hartford Times Building Terrace	1	\$500,000.00
Monumental Stair to courtyard	1	\$250,000.00

BACKGROUND:

Classes are expected to start in 2017 at the brand-new \$115 million campus. UConn Hartford offers all the benefits of a national top 25 public research university in a small college setting. The diverse student body reflects the metropolitan area that surrounds it and the proximity to the state capital and its institutions provides students with a wealth of opportunities to learn and grow.

The total square footage of the building is approximately 177,807. This is inclusive of all walls, shafts, stairwells, elevator cores, structure and assignable square footage.

ATTACHMENT 4



MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Executive Committee
From: Mike Kirk, Interim Vice President for Communications
Date: November 8, 2024
Subject: UConn in the media

[Bird Flu Fears Stoke the Race for an mRNA Flu Vaccine](#)

Wired – Oct. 3, 2024

A new wave of mRNA flu vaccines could be particularly impactful for older patients, says Jenna Bartley, an assistant professor at UConn Health, a health research center and hospital. Older people are among the most at risk from flu, but current vaccines are less effective in higher age groups, as their immune response tends to be weaker. mRNA Covid-19 jabs, however, have proven effective in older people as well as younger people.

[University of Connecticut to Test-Drive Autonomous Vehicles](#)

Government Technology – Oct. 5, 2024

Just a couple miles from the University of Connecticut's main Storrs campus, lies a stark juxtaposition to those lively school grounds. With acres of undeveloped land, abandoned buildings and overgrown weeds, a large portion of UConn's Depot Campus has sat unused for years. But that is set to change, as the Depot Campus could see a renaissance as the new home to a planned test driving track for autonomous vehicles and research facility for high-tech transportation planning. It would be the first of its kind not only in Connecticut, but in the entire Northeast.

[UConn Endowment Returns 12.1% in Fiscal 2024, Plans Major Fundraising](#)

Chief Investment Officer – Oct. 5, 2024

The University of Connecticut [on Monday announced](#) that the university's endowment, managed by the UConn Foundation, achieved a 12.1% return in fiscal 2024. During the period, which ended June 30, UConn's endowment assets rose by \$57 million to \$634 million. Staff of the fund attributed the fiscal year's returns to technology stocks, as well as diversification strategies. The endowment returned negative 1.07% in fiscal year 2023.

[Professor Xygalatas Helps UConn Students Discover Greece's Riches](#)

The National Herald (Greece) – Oct. 5, 2024

Seven University of Connecticut undergraduate students who had a study abroad course in Greece this summer had the perfect guide: Professor of Anthology Dimitris Xygalatas, who designed the course. "This is a field school that relates both to my own culture and my background as an anthropologist. I did my doctoral fieldwork in Greece," Xygalatas said about the 16-day Greek History and Culture experience.

[Several Universities Report Double-Digit Gains in Their Endowments](#)

Forbes – Oct. 5, 2024

The University of Connecticut Foundation's endowment achieved a 12.1% return in the last fiscal year, increasing the institution's endowment by \$57 million to a total of \$634 million. David Carney, the foundation's senior vice president for finance and administration and CFO, attributed much of this year's strong performance to robust technology stock returns and various diversification strategies.

[Screening for Intimate Partner Violence Represents New Strategy to Increase PrEP Uptake](#)

Physician's Weekly – Oct. 7, 2024

"In the past decade, [intimate partner violence] has been gradually recognized as a public health issue among [sexual minority men] and the larger LGBT populations, shifting from the traditional [intimate partner violence] paradigm in heterosexual relationships," Chenglin Hong, PhD, Assistant Professor of Social Work at the University of Connecticut wrote in AIDS Patient Care and STDs. "Evidence in the literature suggested that [sexual minority men] experience [intimate partner violence] at substantially high rates compared with heterosexual men and rates that are comparable with cisgender heterosexual women."

[How to Build Bone Density Naturally and Prevent Osteoarthritis](#)

Woman's World – Oct. 9, 2024

Bone density, or bone mineral density (BMD), refers to the concentration of essential minerals like calcium and phosphorus in your bones. "Dense bone is stronger and can tolerate more stressors," says Faryal Mirza, MD, an endocrinologist, professor of medicine at the University of Connecticut (UConn) School of Medicine and the director of the UConn Center for Osteoporosis in Farmington, CT. "But if your bone density is low, the ability of the bone to endure more stress is less," Dr. Mirza explains. "One way to envision it is you have a hollow stick, that's going to be easier to break than a more solid stick." Bottom line: When bone density is lower, which is common among postmenopausal women, the risk of developing osteoporosis (weak or brittle bones) increases.

[Racism Was Called a Health Threat. Then Came the DEI Backlash](#)

The Washington Post – Oct. 11, 2024

"A lot of people are under the assumption that we live in a meritocracy, but what they don't realize is how life chances are dictated by so many other factors," said Linda Sprague Martinez, a professor at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and director of the Health Disparities Institute at UConn Health, adding that she, too, has had grant-funders recently challenge her use of the word racism in her work. "DEI initiatives don't even fully level the playing fields. But if we're not paying attention to the inequities and addressing them, they're just going to persist."

[Charter Schools Are in Uncharted Political Waters This Election Season](#)

Education Week – Oct. 14, 2024

While charters may have faded somewhat from the political discourse, that doesn't mean they don't have the potential to shake up public education, said Preston Green, a professor of educational leadership and law at the University of Connecticut.

[Kids Are Sucking Down Baby Pouches at Record Rates. 'We're Going to Pay For It,' Experts Say](#)

The Los Angeles Times – Oct. 17, 2024

“It’s kind of the perfect storm, when the child is transitioning to solids and trying new foods,” said Fran Fleming-Milici, director of marketing initiatives at the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Health at the University of Connecticut. “You’re not sure of the nutrition that the child is getting.”

[What Vaccine Side Effects Really Mean](#)

Time Magazine – Oct. 21, 2024

“If you feel bad after the vaccine, at least feel good about feeling bad,” says Dr. Kevin Dieckhaus, chief of infectious diseases at UConn Health and co-author of a 2023 study on COVID-19 vaccine side effects.

[J&J's Ketamine-Derived Drug is Taking Off](#)

The Wall Street Journal – Oct. 24, 2024

In 2022, company representatives reached out to the University of Connecticut about the possibility of starting a Spravato clinic. The company offered assistance with things like how to bill insurers for the drug and for monitoring patients, said Dr. Caleb Battersby, a psychiatrist who directs the UConn Spravato clinic. The university clinic opened in February. “We are getting a ton of referrals,” Battersby said. “The demand is certainly there and is picking up.”

[How Your Diet Affects Your Skin](#)

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution – Oct. 28, 2024

Certain nutrient deficiencies can cause obvious skin problems, said Dr. Mary Wu Chang, an associate professor of dermatology and pediatrics at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. A deficiency in vitamin C, for example, can cause scurvy, which leads to symptoms including easy bruising, poor wound healing and rough, thickened skin. And protein deficiencies can cause flaky, discolored skin.

[Why You Just Might Fall in Love with Moths](#)

The Washington Post – Oct. 29, 2024

Some, like sphinx moths, remain abundant. Many others are probably being pushed to the brink by development, land-use changes, pesticides and pollution, and rising temperatures. “It’s not this unseen force,” says David Wagner, an entomologist at the University of Connecticut. “It’s humans.”