

AGENDA

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Institutional Advancement Committee Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Special 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 **11:00 a.m.**

1. Public Participation*

*Individuals who wish to speak during the Public Portion of the Thursday, April 17, meeting must do so, limited to agenda items, 24 hours in advance of the meeting's start time (11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16) 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. Naming Resolution

- Nayden Academic Excellence Center

3. Executive Session (as needed)

4. 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.*

April 23, 2025

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Nayden Academic Excellence Center

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of an academic center within the Bailey Student Athlete Success Center on the UConn Storrs campus as the "Nayden Academic Excellence Center."

BACKGROUND:

The Bailey Student Athlete Success Center is a planned state-of-the-art student-athlete performance and academic support center on the Storrs, Connecticut campus. The proposed named space is a 12,000 square foot academic center at the core of the building where learning, testing, meeting, tutoring, and other student-athlete academic activities will occur. The academic center is expected to provide holistic programs, offering diverse services and unique opportunities for the entire student-athlete population to learn and thrive.

Both Denis J. Nayden and Britta R. Nayden have been significant lifelong donors to many programs at UConn, including Athletics, and have been instrumental in moving several projects forward during their history with the University. Mr. Nayden has served on both the UConn Foundation Board of Directors and the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees. As UConn alums, Mr. Nayden received a BA in English in 1976 and an MBA in Finance in 1977, and Ms. Nayden received a BS in Physical Therapy in 1976.

The Naydens have made charitable commitments in amounts consistent with the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.