

April 23, 2025

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric *Radenka Maric*

RE: Modification of Connecticut Clean Energy Fund Professor in Sustainable Energy

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees, as requested by Connecticut Green Bank and Connecticut Innovations, Inc., modify the name of the professorship known as the "Connecticut Clean Energy Fund Professor in Sustainable Energy" in the College of Engineering to "Connecticut Green Bank Professor of Green Hydrogen and Fuel Cells."

BACKGROUND:

Connecticut Innovations, Inc., on behalf of the Clean Energy Fund, entered into an agreement on November 20, 2001 (as amended on January 15, 2003) with the University of Connecticut to establish an institute for fuel cell innovation ("Institute") within the University's College of Engineering (then known as the "School of Engineering"). The agreement provided for a fund to be held and administered by the University to support faculty members appointed to professorship positions by the Institute. Presently, three faculty members are appointed to professorships named with reference to the "Connecticut Clean Energy Fund."

On December 6, 2024, the University received a request from Connecticut Green Bank and Connecticut Innovations, Inc. to modify the names of any professorship supported by the fund to reference the "Connecticut Green Bank" and, more specifically, to modify the current professorship reference to the "Connecticut Green Bank Professor of Green Hydrogen and Fuel Cells."

The Institutional Advancement Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee recommended the modification to the full Board at their meetings on April 9, and April 22, 2025, respectively.