


April 23, 2025

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Alice Murray Heilig Music Chair in the School of Fine Arts

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees establish the "Alice Murray Heilig Music Chair in the School of Fine Arts."

BACKGROUND:

The late Charles and Alice Heilig, and daughter Cheryl, were longstanding donors supporting faculty and students of the School of Fine Arts and UConn Health. Mr. Heilig was an emeritus member of the UConn Foundation Board, serving from 1987 to 1998, and also received an honorary degree from the University of Connecticut in 1994. The Heilig family were generous donors during their lifetimes and through their estate.

The purpose of this Fund is to provide financial support for an endowed chair in the Music Department. The individual appointed to the Chair will be a recognized performer, scholar and teacher, and will have made significant contributions to the field of music and shall be referred to as the "Alice Murray Heilig Music Chair."

The Alice Murray Heilig Music Chair Fund was established in November 2000 through the bequest intention of Charles E. Heilig, Jr., in memory of his wife, Alice Murray Heilig. In mid-2024, the bequest was realized and the fund's principal attained the level consistent with the University's *Named Gift Guidelines* for an endowed chair.

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