

MINUTES

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion December 3, 2024 Special Virtual Meeting

Committee Trustees: Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Charles Bunnell, Shari Cantor, Sanford Cloud, Jr., Bryan Pollard

Other Trustees: Daniel Toscano

University Staff: Anne D’Alleva, Kate Capshaw, Nathan Fuerst, Amy Gorin, Kristen Govoni, Sandy Grande, Jeffrey Hines, Kathleen Holgerson, Cassandra Keola, Chris Newell, Jonelle Reynolds, Rachel Rubin, Annemarie Seifert, Tadarrayl Starke, Michelle Williams

Guests: Brenda Geer, Jason Mancini, Beth Regan

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

1. Public Participation (limited to agenda items)

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

2. Minutes from the December 11, 2023, Special Meeting

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Bunnell, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023, Special Meeting.

3. Minutes from the July 15, 2024, Special Joint Meeting of the Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the Student Life Committee

On a motion by Trustee Bunnell, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2024, Special Joint Meeting of the Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the Student Life Committee.

4. Welcome and Introductions of Committee Members

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne welcomed the members of the Committee, University Staff and guests.

5. ODI Updates

Interim Vice President Hines gave an update on the Office for Diversity and Inclusion.

6. UConn Tribal Education Initiative Memorandum of Agreement

Provost D'Alleva introduced Dr. Sandy Grande who gave an update on the UConn Tribal Education Initiative Memorandum of Agreement.

7. Cultural Center Transition to the Provost Office Update

Vice Provost Starke gave an update on the cultural center transition to the Provost Office.

8. University Senate Representative Report

There was no University Senate Representative Report.

9. Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Trustee Bunnell, seconded by Trustee Cloud, the Committee voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:08 p.m. regarding:

1. Preliminary drafts or notes provided the public agency has determined that the public interest in withholding such documents clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure [CGS Section 1-210(b)(1)].

The following Trustees were in attendance: Bunnell, Cantor, Cloud, Dennis-LaVigne, and Pollard.

Board Chair Toscano also attended the entire Executive Session.

The following University Staff were in attendance for the entire Executive Session: Fuerst, Hines, Holgerson, Reynolds, Rubin, and Williams.

The Executive Session ended at 4:25 p.m. and the Committee returned to Open Session at 4:26 p.m.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Bunnell, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the special meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonelle Reynolds, Ph.D.
Committee Secretary