

AGENDA

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Academic Affairs Committee Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Virtual Meeting

Public Streaming Link (live captioning, upon request): <https://techsupport.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 **8:30 a.m.**

1. Public Participation*

* Individuals who wish to speak during the Public Participation portion, of the Tuesday, October 28, meeting, must do so 24 hours in advance of the meeting's start time (i.e., 8:30 a.m. on Monday, October 27) 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.

ACTION ITEMS

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| 2. Minutes from the August 5, 2025, Meeting | (Attachment 1) |
| 3. Tenure at Hire Recommendations | (Attachment 2) |
| 4. Designation of Emeritus Status | (Attachment 3) |
| 5. Sabbatical Leave Recommendations | (Attachment 4) |
| 6. Appointment of Board Representative to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Board of Control | (Attachment 5) |
| 7. Appointment of Professor Matthew Lemberger-Truelove to the Letitia Neag Morgan Endowed Chair in the Neag School of Education | (Attachment 6) |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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| 8. Advanced Dental Education Programs | (Attachment A) |
| 9. Provost's Report | |
| 10. University Senate Representative Report | |

11. Other Business
12. Executive Session (as needed)
13. Adjournment

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ATTACHMENT 1

DRAFT MINUTES

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Academic Affairs Committee August 5, 2025 Virtual Meeting

Committee Trustees: Jeanine Gouin, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Bryan Pollard, Philip Rubin

University Senate Representatives: Karen Bresciano, Lindsay Cummings

University Staff: Radenka Maric, Anne D'Alleva, Sarah Croucher, Nathan Fuerst, Amy Gorin, Philip Hunt, Gladis Kersaint, Joann Lombardo, Rachel Rubin, Daniel Schwartz, Leslie Shor, Michelle Williams, Reka Wrynn

Vice-Chair Trustee Gouin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. Public Participation

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

2. Minutes from the June 24, 2025, Meeting (Attachment 1)

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2025, Meeting.

3. 2024-2025 Year in Review (Attachment 2)

Provost D'Alleva reviewed the summary of the work of the Academic Affairs Committee in the previous academic year.

4. Review of Program Completions Update (Attachment 3)

Provost D'Alleva presented an update on the review of program completions. The cyclical process will start again in the fall 2025 semester and subsequent updates will be provided to the Board.

5. Presentation: Proposal for Task Force on Program Approval

Vice Provost Gladis Kersaint presented on a proposed task force to examine

6. University Senate Representative Report

There was no University Senate Representative Report.

7. Other Business

There was no Other Business. The Committee and attendees shared remarks following Vice-Chair Gouin's

8. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

9. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Lohrey
Secretary to the Committee

ATTACHMENT 2

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

TENURE AT HIRE RECOMMENDATIONS

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – October 29, 2025

NAME

SCHOOL/COLLEGE

Effective August 23, 2025

TENURE AS PROFESSOR

Glenn, Wendy

Neag School of Education

Matthew Lemberger-Truelove

Neag School of Education

ATTACHMENT 3

University of Connecticut Department of Human Resources
Emeritus Retirees
October 29, 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>SCHOOL/COLLEGE</u>	<u>RETIRED</u>	<u>HIRED</u>
<i>Faculty meeting "automatic" criteria for emeritus status</i>					
D'Alessio, David	Associate Professor	Communication	College of Liberal Arts & Sciences	7/1/2025	8/23/1998
Young, Michael F.	Associate Professor	Educational Psychology	School of Education	7/1/2025	9/1/1990
Byrne, Timothy B.	Professor	Earth Sciences	College of Liberal Arts & Sciences	8/1/2025	9/1/1991
Naigles, Letitia	Professor	Psychological Sciences	College of Liberal Arts & Sciences	8/1/2025	8/23/1998
Rossetti, George A.	Associate Professor	Material Science and Engineering	School of Engineering	8/1/2025	12/22/2006
Skoog, Annelie	Associate Professor	Marine Sciences	College of Liberal Arts & Sciences	8/1/2025	10/9/1998
Coulter, Robin A.	Department Head & Professor	Marketing	School of Business	9/1/2025	9/1/1987
English, Gary M.	Distinguished Professor	Dramatic Arts	School of Fine Arts	9/1/2025	9/1/1988
Fisher, Robert	Professor	Social Work	School of Social Work	9/1/2025	8/23/2001

University of Connecticut Department of Human Resources
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<i>Faculty meeting "automatic" criteria for emeritus status</i>					
Marsden, Jean I.	Professor	English	College of Liberal Arts & Sciences	9/1/2025	9/1/1986
Mason, Robert	Professor	Marine Sciences	College of Liberal Arts & Sciences	9/1/2025	8/23/2005
Squibbs, Ronald J.	Associate Professor	Music	School of Fine Arts	9/1/2025	8/23/2002
Wilson, Richard A.	Distinguished Professor	Law	Law School	9/1/2025	8/23/2003

ATTACHMENT 4

University of Connecticut Office of the Provost
Sabbatical Leave Recommendations Requiring Board of Trustees Approval
October 29, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting

SABBATICAL MODIFICATIONS/POSTPONEMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>SCHOOL/COLLEGE</u>	<u>PAY</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
Dey, Dipak	Distinguished Professor	Statistics	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full Change to Full	Spring 2023 Fall 2026
Johnson, Blair T	Distinguished Professor	Psychological Sciences	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full Change to Full	Fall 2025 Spring 2026
Bayulgen, Oksan	Department Head & Professor	Political Science	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full Change to Full	Fall 2025 Fall 2027
Qian, Yiming	Professor	Finance	Business	Full Change to Full	Spring 2026 Spring 2027

SABBATICAL LEAVE REQUESTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>SCHOOL/COLLEGE</u>	<u>PAY</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
Bolnick, Deborah	Professor	Anthropology	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Spring 2026
Blum, Thomas	Professor	Physics	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Half	AY 2026-2027
Caspi, Caitlin	Assoc Director & Assoc Professor	Allied Health Sciences	Agriculture, Health, Natural Rcs	Half	AY 2026-2027
Chiu, Wilson	Professor	Mechanical Aerospace Mfg Engr	Engineering	Full	Spring 2026
Dormidontova, Elena	Professor	Physics	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Half	AY 2026-2027
Embrick, David	Professor & Director	Sociology	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2026
Franklin, Wayne	Professor	English	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2026
Greeley, Robin	Professor	Art and Art History	Fine Arts	Full	Fall 2026

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>SCHOOL/COLLEGE</u>	<u>PAY</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
Hancock, Jason	Professor	Physics	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2026
Kanadia, Rahul	Assoc Professor	Physiology and Neurobiology	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2026
Kinsey, Steven	Professor	Nursing Instruct and Research	Nursing	Full	Spring 2026
Li, Yi	Professor	Plant Sci and Landscape Arch Operations and Info	Agriculture, Health, Natural Rcs	Full	Fall 2026
Lu, Tao	Assoc Professor	Management	Business	Full	Fall 2026
Lund, David	Professor	Marine Sciences	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Half	AY 2026-2027
Murphy, Francis	Asst Professor	Accounting	Business	Full	Fall 2026
Nunez, Manuel	Assoc Professor	Operations and Info Management	Business	Full	Fall 2026
Ogbar, Jeffrey	Professor	History	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2026
Shook, Natalie	Professor & Director	Nursing Instruct and Research	Nursing	Full	Spring 2026
Spaulding, Tammie	Assoc Professor	Speech, Lang, and Hearing Sci	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Half	AY 2026-2027
Suanda, Sumarga	Assoc Professor	Psychological Sciences	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Half	AY 2026-2027
Wright, Bradley	Professor	Sociology	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2026
Xu, Ran	Asst Professor	Allied Health Sciences	Agriculture, Health, Natural Rcs	Full	Spring 2026
Zarrow, Peter	Professor	History	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Half	AY 2026-2027
Zhao,Kai	Assoc Professor	Economics	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Full	Fall 2026

ATTACHMENT 5

October 29, 2025

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Pamir Alpay, Ph.D.
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Appointment of Board Representative to the Connecticut Agricultural
Experiment Station Board of Control

RECOMMENDATION:

That pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 426, Sec. 22-79, Dr. Amy Harder be appointed as the Board representative to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Board of Control for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

Dr. Harder succeeds Dr. Venkitanarayanan, who was initially appointed in 2022 to serve in an interim capacity during the search for an Associate Dean for Extension. Dr. Harder currently serves as Associate Dean for Extension in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources.

The following is the State statute, Chapter 426, Sec. 22-79, which authorizes the Board of Trustees to appoint an appropriate representative to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Board of Control.

"Sec. 22-79. Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. Board of control. The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station shall be within the Department of Agriculture for administrative purposes only. The management of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station shall be vested in a board of control, consisting of eight members, one of whom shall be the Commissioner of Agriculture or some person to be selected by him, one of whom shall be selected by the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, one by the governing board of the Sheffield Scientific School and one by the Board of Trustees of Wesleyan University, and two of whom shall be appointed by the Governor. The Governor and the director of the station shall be ex

officio members of said board of control. The members of the board shall continue in office for the term of three years from the first day of July next succeeding their appointment. Upon the death or resignation of a member of the board, the authority or institution by which such member was appointed shall fill the vacancy.”

ATTACHMENT 6

October 29, 2025

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Pamir Alpay, Ph.D.
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Appointment of Professor Matthew Lemberger-Truelove as the Letitia Neag Morgan Endowed Chair in the Department of Educational Psychology in the Neag School of Education

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Professor Matthew Lemberger-Truelove as the Letitia Neag Morgan Endowed Chair in the Department of Educational Psychology in the Neag School of Education.

BACKGROUND:

The Letitia Neag Morgan Endowed Chair was established to recognize and support a distinguished scholar whose research, teaching, and service have made significant contributions to the field of counseling and educational psychology. The individual appointed to this Chair will be a nationally or internationally recognized researcher and teacher who has demonstrated a sustained record of excellence and impact in the discipline.

The recommendation is made by Dean Jason Irizarry, with the endorsement of the faculty of the Department of Educational Psychology. The appointment will be effective for a five-year term beginning August 23, 2025, through August 22, 2030.

Professor Matthew Lemberger-Truelove is a nationally and internationally recognized scholar whose research advances the fields of school counseling and youth development. His work focuses on student mental health, educational equity, and social-emotional development through systemic and ecological approaches. Professor Lemberger-Truelove has authored more than 75 peer-reviewed journal articles and numerous book chapters, and he serves in editorial roles for leading journals in counseling and educational psychology.

His scholarship has significantly influenced both academic research and educational practice. Among his most cited works are “*The Role of School Counseling in Promoting Student Success: A Meta-Analytic Review*,” published in *Professional School Counseling*, and “*Social Justice Counseling and Advocacy: A Developmental-Ecological Framework*,” published in *The Journal of Counseling & Development*. His field-based research, particularly in multi-tiered systems of support and program evaluation, has informed school policies and improved student outcomes in diverse educational settings.

Professor Lemberger-Truelove’s record of research excellence, community engagement, and commitment to preparing the next generation of scholars exemplifies the mission of the Neag School of Education and fulfills the purpose of the Letitia Neag Morgan Endowed Chair.

ATTACHMENT A

October 28, 2025

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees 

FROM: Pamir Alpay, Ph.D.
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Advanced Dental Education Programs

BACKGROUND:

The University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine offers several Advanced Dental Education programs for students. These residency programs are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and offer advanced training beyond the predoctoral level, i.e., training beyond the Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree. The School of Dental Medicine award certificates of completion for these residency programs. CODA standards define these post-doctoral advanced education programs as "certificate program[s]," each one of which, "is a planned sequence of advanced courses that leads to a certificate of completion in an advanced dental education program." Although accredited, they are non-credit bearing and are not reported in University degree completions to IPEDS. Concurrent Master's in Dental Science (MDentSc) degrees are available in many of the residency programs, but residencies can be completed without the accompanying graduate degree.

Students in these programs are eligible for GI Bill benefits under Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regulations for approved training programs. Medical or dental residencies fall under the definition of on-the-job (OJT) or apprenticeship training programs as per VA regulations. 38 CFR § 21.4261 outlines criteria for approval of OJT programs, requiring them to be full-time, offering a program that is generally accepted in the relevant field, and where the training institution and program are properly accredited. This definition encompasses the CODA-accredited Advanced Dental Education programs offered through the School of Dental Medicine.

The Connecticut Office of Higher Education (CT OHE) serves as State Approving Agency (SAA), responsible for reviewing and approving education and training programs for VA benefit eligibility. Previously, there were separate CT OHE program inventory listings and those of SAA-approved programs. With the implantation of an online database of programs, SAA approval has been aligned with program listings on CT OHE's inventory of academic programs. To ensure that veterans continue to be able to receive benefits while participating in Advanced Dental Education residency programs, they must be listed on the University of Connecticut's CT OHE inventory of programs.

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 185-10a-35a, authority over establishment of new academic programs, the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut is provided with the authority, "to review and approve recommendations for the establishment of new academic programs at the university." These programs are reported to CT OHE, which maintains an inventory of approved academic programs offered by public and independent colleges and universities in Connecticut. Although these programs were already offered, the attached catalog provides details of the programs that will be added to our program inventory.

ACADEMIC INVENTORY CHANGES:

- Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency Certificate, CIP code 60.0199 (Dental Residency/Fellowship Program, Other)
- Advanced Education in Endodontics Residency Certificate, CIP code 60.0103 (Endodontics Residency Program)
- Advanced Education in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Residency Certificate, CIP code 60.0109 (Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Residency Program)
- Advanced Education in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Certificate, CIP code 60.0101 (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program)
- Advanced Education in Orthodontics Residency Certificate, CIP code 60.0105 (Orthodontics Residency Program)
- Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry Residency Certificate, CIP code 60.0106 (Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program)
- Advanced Education in Periodontics Residency Certificate, CIP code 60.0107 (Periodontology Residency Program)
- Advanced Education in Prosthodontics Residency Certificate, CIP code 60.0108 (Prosthodontics Residency Program)

All programs are offered at the UConn Health campus in Farmington.