

MINUTES

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Academic Affairs Committee October 28, 2025 Virtual Meeting

Committee Trustees: Shari Cantor, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Sean Dunn, Philip Rubin

Other Trustees: Daniel Toscano

University Senate Representatives: Karen Bresciano, Lindsay Cummings

University Staff: Pamir Alpay, Sarah Croucher, Nathan Fuerst, Nicole Gelston, Amy Gorin, Jason Irizarry, Gladis Kersaint, Matthew Lemberger-Truelove, Tadarayl Starke, Reka Wrynn

Vice-Chair Shari Cantor 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 August 5, 2025, Meeting (Attachment 1)

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2025, meeting. Vice-Chair Cantor abstained from voting.

3. Tenure at Hire Recommendations (Attachment 2)

4. Designation of Emeritus Status (Attachment 3)

5. Sabbatical Leave Recommendations (Attachment 4)

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #2, Agenda Item #3, and Agenda Item #4 to the full Board for approval.

6. Appointment of Board Representative to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Board of Control (Attachment 5)

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Dunn, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #5 to the full Board for approval.

7. Appointment of Professor Matthew Lemberger-Truelove to the (Attachment 6)
Letitia Neag Morgan Endowed Chair in the Neag School of Education

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #6 to the full Board for approval.

8. Advanced Dental Education Programs

This item was provided to the Committee as an informational item.

9. Provost's Report

Interim Provost Alpay provided updates on accreditation preparation, rankings, financial sustainability, and major strategic initiatives. He noted strong academic momentum, ongoing NECHE self-study efforts, and continued progress on the Budget Transformation Initiative and Segal Review. He also discussed faculty workload planning and the QuantumCT initiative, which could bring significant state and federal investment.

10. University Senate Representative Report

University Senate Representative Lindsay Cummings updated the committee on work ongoing in the Scholastic Standards Committee, including updates to University Senate bylaws, artificial intelligence and academic integrity, classroom attendance, and low completion/low enrollment program reviews.

11. Other Business

There was no Other Business.

12. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

13. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Dunn, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Lohrey
Secretary to the Committee