

DRAFT MINUTES

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Academic Affairs Committee December 2, 2025 Virtual Meeting

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

Other Trustees: Daniel Toscano

University Senate Representatives: Karen Bresciano, Lindsay Cummings

University Staff: Radenka Maric, Pamir Alpay, Sarah Croucher, Amy Gorin, Jonathan Heinlein, Philip Hunt, Daniel Schwartz, Leslie Shor, 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 October 28, 2025, Meeting (Attachment 1)

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dunn, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2025, meeting. Trustee Whitney 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 Dunn, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #3, Agenda Item #4, and Agenda Item #5 to the full Board for approval.

6. Program Closures: M.A. in Survey Research and Data Analysis and Graduate Certificate in Survey Research (Attachment 5)

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

7. Program Closure: Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health (Attachment 6)

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dunn, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #7 to the full Board for approval.

8. Naming Recommendation for the KPMG Professorship in the Department of Accounting (Attachment 7)

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dunn, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #8 to the full Board for approval.

9. Provost's Report

Interim Provost Alpay gave a report on recent organizational updates within the Provost's Office, progress on the NECHE accreditation self-study, the launch of a new AI Task Force focused on academic and research implications, ongoing work in the low-completion program review cycle, a targeted Academic Support Surge to strengthen student success, and preparations for the upcoming NSF site visit for the QuantumCT statewide initiative.

10. University Senate Representative Report

Senate Representative Lindsay Cummings reported that the Scholastic Standards Committee is continuing its work on student attendance culture and policy, including surveying department heads to better understand trends, and is also examining the impact of growing accommodation needs on faculty workload. The Committee brought three bylaw motions to the University Senate—one approved to update lingering terminology, and two still under discussion related to revising the Dean's List calculation for part-time students and aligning admissions language with updated state pre-college math requirements.

11. Other Business

There was no Other Business.

12. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

13. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dunn, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Lohrey
Secretary to the Committee