

February 25, 2026

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 Euiyong Park to the Stuart and Joan Sidney  
Professorship in Mathematics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences



**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Professor Euiyong Park to the Stuart and Joan Sidney Professorship in Mathematics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

**RESOLUTION:**

“Be it resolved that the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees approves the recommendation to appoint Professor Euiyong Park to the Stuart and Joan Sidney Professorship in Mathematics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.”

**BACKGROUND:**

The Stuart and Joan Sidney Professorship in Mathematics was endowed in 2009 by the four children of Stuart and Joan Sidney for the purpose of supporting an internationally recognized research mathematician with a particular commitment to teaching. Professor Michael Neumann was honored to hold the inaugural Sidney Professorship in Mathematics from 2010 to 2011. Professor Jerzy Weyman was the second holder from 2013-2018 and again from 2018-2023.

The recommendation is made by Dean Ofer Harel along with the endorsement of the Department Head and Faculty of the Department of Mathematics. The appointment will be effective for a one-year term beginning March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027.

Professor Euiyong Park is a visiting professor from the University of Seoul and exceptional and influential mathematician whose work has significantly shaped contemporary research in representation theory and related areas. He has played a central role in advancing the monoidal categorification of cluster algebras through quantum affine algebras, an area at the forefront of current mathematical inquiry. His leadership in advancing foundational mathematical theory and his continued scholarly productivity make him highly deserving of this visiting professorship. His appointment will enhance the department and College's external collaborations through meaningful engagement with a leading international scholar.

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PROFESSOR IN MATHEMATICS IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees approves the recommendation to appoint Professor Euiyong Park to the Stuart and Joan Sidney Professor in Mathematics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution was duly authorized by the Board of Trustees on February 25, 2026.

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Bryan K. Pollard, Secretary

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Date