

MINUTES

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Institutional Advancement Committee February 18, 2026 Virtual Meeting

Committee Trustees:	Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Charles Bunnell, Shari Cantor, Bryan Pollard, Diane Whitney
University Senate Representative:	Timothy Folta
University Staff:	Radenka Maric, Pamir Alpay, Nicole Gelston, Jonathan Heinlein, Michael Kirk, Joann Lomabrdo, Stephanie Reitz, Reka Wrynn
UConn Foundation Staff:	Becky Chabot, Rachel Marshall, Marinda Reynolds, Daniel Sullivan, Michael Van Sambeck, Amy Yancey
UConn Foundation Board of Directors:	Craig Ashmore, Jonathan Greenblatt

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

1. Public Participation

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

2. 2026 Institutional Advancement Meeting Schedule Attachment 1
The 2026 Institutional Advancement Meeting Schedule was shared as informational.

3. Minutes from November 12, 2025, Meeting Attachment 2

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2025, Meeting with one abstention from Trustee Whitney.

4. Naming Resolutions Attachment 3

On a motion by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to approve recommending the Lisa Lavorato '85 Exercise Lab to the Board of Trustees.

On a motion by Trustee Bunnell, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to approve recommending the Bertie '82 and Jackie Chuong Faculty Office to the Board of Trustees.

On a motion by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to approve recommending the Dan DiFiore Class of 1972 Hitting Bay to the Board of Trustees.

On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Bunnell, the Committee voted unanimously to approve recommending the Connelly Sleep Lab to the Board of Trustees.

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to approve recommending the Jim and Jane Mitchell Coaches History Wall to the Board of Trustees.

On a motion by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee Bunnell, the Committee voted unanimously to approve recommending the renaming of the Urman Peace Garden to the Board of Trustees.

5. UConn Foundation Update

Ms. Yancey shared the UConn Foundation update with the Committee.

6. Governmental Relations Update

Ms. Lombardo shared updates from the current legislative session with the Committee.

7. University Communications Update

Attachment 4

Mr. Kirk shared an update on work happening in University Communications, including a digital copy of the 2025 Content Report.

8. University Senate Representative Report

Dr. Folta did not have an update for the Committee.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Executive Session

The Committee voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 1:46 p.m. regarding:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes sections 1-200(6), 1-210 (b) (1) and (10), to discuss preliminary drafts and notes and documents protected by the attorney-client privilege.

The following Committee members were in attendance: Dennis-LaVigne, Bunnell, Cantor, Pollard, and Whitney.

The following University staff were in attendance for the entire Executive Session: Maric, Alpay, Gelston, and Heinlein.

The Executive Session ended at 2:01 p.m., and the Committee returned to Open Session at 2:01 p.m.

11. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Cote
Secretary to the Committee