

April 29, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

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

RE: Reappointment of Professor Robert Day, Ph.D. to the Robert Cizik Professorship
in Manufacturing and Technology Management in the School of Business



RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the reappointment of Professor Robert Day, Ph.D. to the Robert Cizik Professorship in Manufacturing and Technology Management in the School of Business for the period August 23, 2026, through August 22, 2029.

RESOLUTION:

"Be it resolved that the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees reappoint Professor Robert Day, Ph.D. to the Robert Cizik Professorship in Manufacturing and Technology Management in the School of Business for the period August 23, 2026, through August 22, 2029."

BACKGROUND:

The Robert Cizik Professorship in Manufacturing and Technology Management in the School of Business was established to support a professor who is nationally and internationally eminent in manufacturing and technology who will foster leadership development, educate manufacturing professionals with engineering and business skills as well as collect a cohort of multi-disciplinary faculty to advance the Connecticut region as leaders in global manufacturing competitiveness.

The decision to reappoint was made following the recommendation of Interim Dean Greg Reilly. His recommendation is based on consultation with the relevant associate deans, department heads, and the Department Head of Accounting in the School of Business.

Professor Day received his Ph.D. from University of Maryland, College Park, and joined the UConn faculty in 2004. He was promoted to the rank of Professor in 2020. His research examines auctions, combinatorial (Package) auctions, airport landing-slot auctions, bidding languages, core allocations, matching and allocation problems, healthcare management, operations research, mathematical programming, and optimization. His research has been published in many of the top journals including Management Science, Production and

Operations Management, Operation Research, Decision Support Systems, and many other leading academic journals. He has served as the President of INFORMS Section of Auctions and Market Design and has won several best paper, service, and teaching awards throughout his career including the INFORMS Computing Society Prize in 2008 and the Dantzig Dissertation Award in 2005.

In addition to research, Professor Day served as the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs in the School of Business and teaches operations management and project management to undergraduate, masters, and Ph.D. level students. Professor Day previously served as the Director of the Management and Engineering for Manufacturing (MEM) Program offered jointly by the School of Business and the College of Engineering. Professor Day also serves on UConn's Delta General Education committee, a multi-year committee tasked with redesigning the Universities general education curriculum. He has most recently served as the chair of the University Senate Executive Committee.