

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 Timothy B. Folta, Ph.D. to the Thomas John and Bette Wolff Family Chair in Strategic Entrepreneurship the School of Business

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the reappointment of Professor Timothy B. Folta, Ph.D. to the Thomas John and Bette Wolff Family Chair in Strategic Entrepreneurship 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 Timothy B. Folta, Ph.D. to the Thomas John and Bette Wolff Family Chair in Strategic Entrepreneurship the School of Business for the period August 23, 2026, through August 22, 2029."

BACKGROUND:

The Thomas John and Bette Wolff Family Chair in Strategic Entrepreneurship was established to support a faculty member that is renowned in the field of strategic entrepreneurship who will provide leadership for teaching and research in the area of strategic entrepreneurship. The decision to recommend this reappointment was made following the School of Business policy; Interim Dean Reilly is making his recommendation based on consultation with the associate deans and department heads in the School of Business.

Professor Folta received his Ph.D. from Purdue University and joined the UConn faculty in August of 2013 as a Professor of Management and was appointed the Thomas John and Bette Wolff Family Chair in Strategic Entrepreneurship in the School of Business. Professor Folta research is in entrepreneurship, real options, and firm performance. He has received several awards honoring his research. He is a strong participant in the University's entrepreneurship effort and has an international reputation in his field. He co-founded the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Policy Virtual Research Seminar Series and has assembled a team of scholars and

policy makers from places like Stanford, NYU, ESADE (Barcelona), Instituto de Empresa (Madrid), Copenhagen Business School, Rutgers University, Oregon University, University of Washington, Cornell, University of Kansas, National Science Foundation, U.S. Patent Office, and Imperial College (London). He is active in research with publications over the last few years in top journals including *Management Science* and *Academy of Journal Review*.

He served as the Academic Director of Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and was the Co-Founding Director of the Entrepreneurship Consortium at UConn. Further, he has made outstanding contributions to UConn through the Accelerate UConn programs.