

DRAFT MINUTES

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Academic Affairs Committee April 28, 2026 Virtual Meeting

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

Other Trustees: Daniel Toscano

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Eboni Nelson, Richard Pomp, Stephanie Reitz, David Richards,
Daniel Schwartz, Leslie Shor, Tadarrayl Starke, Steven Suib,
James Waller, Barrett Wells, Steven Wilf, Reka Wrynn

Vice-Chair 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 February 10, 2026, Meeting (Attachment 1)

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Vogel, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026, meeting.

3. Promotion & Tenure (Attachment 2)

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #3 to the full Board for approval.

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 Items #4 and #5 to the full Board for approval.

6. Reappointment of Professor Robert Day, Ph.D. to the Robert Cizik Professorship in Manufacturing and Technology Management in the School of Business (Attachment 5)

7. Reappointment of Professor David Weber, Ph.D. to the Deloitte Foundation Professorship of Accounting in the School of Business (Attachment 6)

8. Reappointment of Professor John Mathieu, Ph.D. as the GE Professor in Business in the School of Business (Attachment 7)

9. Reappointment of Professor Timothy B. Folta, Ph.D. to the Thomas John and Bette Wolff Family Chair in Strategic Entrepreneurship in the School of Business (Attachment 8)

On a motion by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Items #6–9 to the full Board for approval.

10. Reappointment of Professor Karolina Heyduk, Ph.D. to the Rosalind Chair in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Attachment 9)

11. Appointment of Professor Steven L. Suib, Ph.D. as the Harold S. Schwenk, Sr. Distinguished Chair in Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (Attachment 10)

On a motion by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Items #10 and #11 to the full Board for approval.

12. Appointment of Professor James Waller, Ph.D. to the Gladstein Family Distinguished Chair in Human Rights in the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute (Attachment 11)

13. Appointment of Professor David L. Richards, Ph.D. to the Wiktor Osiatyński Chair in Human Rights in the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute (Attachment 12)

On a motion by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee Dunn, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Items #12 and #13 to the full Board for approval.

14. Appointment of Professor Alexis L. Boylan, Ph.D. to the Rhoda Shivers Chair in the School of Fine Arts (Attachment 13)

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Vogel, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #14 to the full Board for approval.

15. Reappointment of Professor Peter Siegelman, Ph.D. as the Phillip I. Blumberg Professor of Law in the School of Law (Attachment 14)

16. Reappointment of Professor Ángel Oquendo, J.D., Ph.D. as the George J. and Helen M. England Professor of Law in the School of Law (Attachment 15)

17. Reappointment of Professor Richard D. Pomp, J.D. as the Alva P. Loiselle Professor of Law in the School of Law (Attachment 16)

18. Reappointment of Professor Steven Wilf, J.D., Ph.D. as the Anthony J. Smits Professor of Global Commerce in the School of Law (Attachment 17)

On a motion by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Items #15–18 to the full Board for approval.

19. New Program: Bachelor of Science in Linguistics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Attachment 18)

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dunn, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #19 to the full Board for approval.

20. New Program: Graduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence (Attachment 19)

On a motion by Trustee Vogel, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #20 to the full Board for approval.

21. Program Closure: Master of Fine Arts in Arts Leadership and Cultural Management (Attachment 20)

22. Program Closure: Bachelor of Science in Financial Technology in the School of Business (Attachment 21)

23. Program Closure: Graduate Certificate in Contaminated Site Remediation (Attachment 22)

24. Program Closure: Graduate Certificate in Oceanographic Science and Technology (Attachment 23)

On a motion by Trustee Vogel, seconded by Trustee Whitney, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Items #21–24 to the full Board for approval.

25. University Senate Representative Report

University Senate Representative Cummings reported on recent Senate activity, including transfer pathways, attendance policy review, AI expectations in course syllabi, and AP credit policy considerations.

26. Academic Program Inventory (Attachment A)

This item was provided as an informational item.

27. Faculty Consulting Program (Attachment B)

This item was provided as an informational item.

28. Other Business

There was no Other Business.

29. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

30. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee Vogel, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn. The Committee adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Rowson on behalf of
Alexis Lohrey
Secretary to the Committee