MINUTES

University of Connecticut
Board of Trustees

Academic Affairs Committee
June 16, 2026
Virtual Meeting

Committee Trustees:	Shari Cantor, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Philip Rubin, Richard Vogel, Diane Whitney
University Senate Representative:	Karen Bresciano, Lindsay Cummings
University Staff:	Radenka Maric, Pamir Alpay, David Bergman, Sarah Croucher, Nicole Gelston, Amy Gorin, Philip Hunt, Bruce Liang, Jeffrey Ogbar, Rebecca Puhl, Daniel Schwartz, Tadarrayl Starke, Reka Wrynn

Vice-Chair Cantor called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

1. Public Participation

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

2. Minutes from the April 28, 2026, Meeting (Attachment 1)

   On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Whitney, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2026, meeting.

3. Designation of Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2025-2026 (Attachment 2)

   On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Whitney, 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 Whitney, seconded by Trustee Vogel, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Items #4 and #5 to the full Board for approval.

6. New Program: JD Certificate in Labor and Employment Law (Attachment 5)

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

7. Program Closure: Graduate Certificate in Literacy Supports (Attachment 6)

   On a motion by Trustee Vogel, seconded by Trustee Whitney, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #7 to the full Board for approval.

8. University Senate Representative Report

   There was no report from the University Senate.

9. Tenure Track Reappointments (Attachment A)

10. Academic Program Inventory (Attachment B)

11. Academic Centers & Institutes (Attachment C)

    Agenda Items #9-11 were presented to the Committee as informational items.

12. Provost's Report: AI for ImpaCT

    Provost Alpay introduced David Bergman, Associate Dean in the School of Business who is serving as the Provost's Special Advisor on AI. Provost Alpay and Professor Bergman gave a brief overview of the AI for ImpaCT initiative including plans for the AI Council, AI Executive Committee, and a general timeline of expected work.

13. Other Business

    There was no Other Business.

14. Executive Session

    There was no Executive Session.

15. Adjournment

    On a motion by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn. The Committee adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Lohrey
Secretary to the Committee