

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
August 14, 2019

Committee Trustees: Carbray, Dennis-LaVigne, Gouin, and Rubin

Additional Trustees: Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Gandara, Hurlburt (Telephone), Mounds, O'Connor (Telephone), Ritter, Tumu (Telephone)

University Senate Representatives: Bird, Boyer, Chafouleas, and Van Heest

Staff: Agwunobi, Blanchard, Carone, Cruickshank, Gelston, Geoghegan, Gilbert, Katsouleas, Keilty, Jordan, Larson, Locke, Lombardo, Maric, Mundrane, Reitz, Roberts, Rubin, Shoulson, Volin, and Weiner

Committee Chair Dennis-LaVigne convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the University of Connecticut, North Reading Room, Room 109, Wilbur Cross Building, Storrs Campus.

On a motion by Trustee Carbray, seconded by Trustee Gouin, the minutes of the June 26, 2019, meeting were approved as circulated.

Interim Provost Elliott welcomed from the Department of Geography, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor and Executive Director of the International Studies Association, Professor Mark Boyer as the newest University Senate Representative to the Academic Affairs Committee.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced **Action Item #2, Tenure at Hire**. Moved by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced **Action Item #3, Designation of President Emeritus and University Professor to Susan Herbst**. Moved by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced **Action Item #4, Designation of Emeritus Status and Action #5, Sabbatical Leave Recommendations**. Moved by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced **Action Item #6, Appointment of Professor Preston Green to the John and Maria Neag Professorship in Urban Education in the School of Education**. Moved by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Carbray, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Interim Provost Elliott reported that the Board has charged the Academic Affairs Committee to report on various acts of kindness and initiatives that show the University's commitment and support of its communities, which will formally begin at the next Board meeting. The initiative was introduced on the occasion of Dr. Dennis-LaVigne's last meeting as Committee Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee. The following point of pride was shared:

The Department of Animal Science at the University of Connecticut is home to 350 undergraduates with faculty that teach and conduct research related to animal and human health from stem cell biology and genomics to maternal programming to animal

management to food safety. The Department is also responsible for the management and health of all the livestock on Horsebarn Hill, including the Dairy cattle at the Kellogg Dairy Center, which was named a top 20 herd amongst more than 50,000 dairy herds in the United States and the location of our robotics milking system, which had its grand opening on September 7, 2018. UConn is the only research intensive university in the United States with this cutting edge technology on campus, and is a part of the research, teaching and outreach mission of the Department. This high quality milk from UConn's dairy cows is used by the Animal Science staff in the creamery to produce the world famous UConn Dairy Bar Ice Cream that won the 2019 'Big Scoop' award at the annual meeting of the American Society of Animal Science, an award for the top University produced ice cream in the country.

Committee chair Dennis-LaVigne adjourned the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

Dr. Steven Zinn, Department Head of Animal Science, and Michelle Lewis, Program Assistant, were on hand before Executive Session to serve the new seasonal flavor, "Lemon Ice Box Pie" and Husky fan favorite, "Husky Tracks."

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi A. Napolitano
Committee Secretary