

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES

University of Connecticut
Wilbur Cross Building
North Reading Room
233 Glenbrook Road
Storrs, Connecticut

October 23, 2019

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Daniel D. Toscano. Trustees Andy Bessette, Shari G. Cantor, Sanford Cloud, Jr., Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Justin Fang, Marilda L. Gandara, Jeanine A. Gouin, Kevin J. O'Connor, Bryan K. Pollard, Thomas D. Ritter, Philip E. Rubin, Daniel D. Toscano, and Renukanandan Tumu were in attendance.

Trustees Mark L. Boxer, Scott S. Cowen, David Lehman, and Rebecca Lobo participated by telephone.

Trustees Charles F. Bunnell, Miguel A. Cardona, Bryan P. Hurlburt, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee, were not in attendance.

The following University staff were present: President Katsouleas, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Elliott, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Agwunobi, Vice President for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Maric, Vice President for Student Affairs Gilbert, Athletic Director Benedict, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, General Counsel Gelston, Senior Advisor/Assistant Vice President for Communications Kirk, Associate Vice President, Master Planner and Chief Architect Cruickshank, Executive Director and Director of Real Estate and Regional Projects Corbett, Associate University Counsel and Associate Director of Real Estate Sitkowski, and Storrs Campus Architect and Director of Design and STEM Projects Schrier.

University Senate Representatives Rajeev Bansal, Robert Bird, Mark Boyer, Jaci Van Heest, Anji Seth, and David Yalof were in attendance.

1. Public Participation

Siavash Samei, Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Humanities Institute, and Ashley Robinson, Ph.D. student in Leadership and Education Policy and Vice President of the Graduate Employee Union UAW-Local 6950, spoke in support of a fair, first union contract for Postdoctoral Research Associates.

2. President's Report

3. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters outstanding

Chairman Toscano provided a statement about the University's commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Chairman Toscano welcomed the following new Trustees to the Board: Dr. Scott S. Cowen, who was appointed by Governor Lamont in late August; Bryan K. Pollard, who was elected by the UConn Alumni effective September 1 to replace Richard T. Carbray, Jr.; and Justin Fang, who was elected by the graduate/professional students to serve until the end of the academic year in the place of Samuel Surowitz, who resigned effective August 1.

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(b) Board recognitions

Chairman Toscano acknowledged outgoing Chairman Thomas E. Kruger, Vice-Chair Denis J. Nayden, and Trustee Samuel Surowitz whose terms ended over the last several months. In honor of their service on the Board, Chairman Toscano read their individual resolutions. On a motion by Mr. Tumu, seconded by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolutions.

(c) Minutes of the meeting of August 14, 2019

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Tumu, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 14, 2019.

(Chairman Toscano and Trustee Pollard abstained from voting on the minutes.)

(d) Appointment of Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees Standing Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation

On a motion by Mr. Cloud, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Rubin as Vice-Chair to the Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

(e) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda items.

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| (1) | Contracts and Agreements for the Storrs-based Programs and UConn Health | (Attachment 1) |
| | (Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Attachment 1.) | |
| (2) | Annual Report of the Endowed Chair Program Entitled "Aetna English Chair of Writing" | (Attachment 2) |
| (3) | Designation of Emeritus Status | (Attachment 3) |
| (4) | Tenure at Hire | (Attachment 4) |
| (5) | Sabbatical Leave Recommendations | (Attachment 5) |
| (6) | New Associate of Applied Science Major in Urban Forestry and Arboriculture in the Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture | (Attachment 6) |
| (7) | New Master of Arts Degree in Race, Ethnicity, and Politics | (Attachment 7) |
| (8) | New Master of Arts Degree in Politics and Popular Culture | (Attachment 8) |
| (9) | Rose and Julius Urman Professorship for Excellence in the School of Pharmacy | (Attachment 9) |
| (10) | The Fraser Family Football Locker Room in the Burton Family Football Complex | (Attachment 10) |
| (11) | Paul and Linda Mariano Conference Room in the Burton Family Football Complex | (Attachment 11) |

4. Academic Affairs Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

(b) Informational Items:

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| (1) | Academic Program Inventory | (Attachment 12) |
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5. Financial Affairs Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities
- (b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

On a motion by Ms. Cantor, seconded by Mr. Tumu, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Delegation of Signature Authority for Athletic Competition Contracts resolution as amended:

RECOMMENDATION:

“The University administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the resolution below authorizing the ~~Director of the Division of Athletics~~ President or his or her designee to sign certain University contracts in which the University’s athletic teams agree to participate in competitions with the athletic teams of other institutions of higher education.”

RESOLUTION:

“RESOLVED, that the ~~Director of the Division of Athletics~~ President or his or her designee shall have all authority necessary to sign University contracts, including amendments thereof, in which the University is being compensated an amount equal to \$1,000,000 or greater, but less than \$5,000,000, for its athletic teams to participate in competitions with the athletic teams of other institutions of higher education, without prior approval of the Board of Trustees;...”

- (1) Delegation of Signature Authority for Athletic Competition Contracts (Attachment 13)

On a motion by Ms. Cantor, seconded by Ms. Gouin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Capital Project Expenditure Report – Fiscal Year 2019 in Attachment 14.

- (2) Capital Project Expenditure Report – Fiscal Year 2019 (Attachment 14)

On a motion by Mr. Tumu, seconded by Ms. Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Call and Retirement of Special Obligation Student Fee Revenue SO-SFR 2010 Refunding Bonds in Attachment 15.

- (3) Call and Retirement of Special Obligation Student Fee Revenue SO-SFR 2010 Refunding Bonds (Attachment 15)

On a motion by Ms. Cantor, seconded by Mr. Tumu, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following project budgets.

- (4) Project Budget (Final) for Storrs LED (SLED) Lighting Upgrade (Attachment 16)
- (5) Project Budget (Revised Planning) for UCONN 2000 Code Remediation: Stamford Downtown Relocation (Attachment 17)
- (6) Project Budget (Design) for the UConn Health Main Building Lab Renovations – 3rd Floor (Attachment 18)
- (7) Project Budget (Revised Final) for the UConn Health Pharmacy Area USP-800 Regulation Compliance (Attachment 19)

6. UConn Health Report

- (a) Report on UConn Health activities

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7. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
8. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
9. Construction Management Oversight Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no Report on Committee activities.
10. Student Life Committee Report
 - (a) Report of Committee activities
11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
12. Committee on Compensation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no Report on Committee activities.
13. Other business
14. Executive Session anticipated

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Tumu, seconded by Mr. Fang, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:40 a.m. to discuss:

1. Preliminary drafts and notes whose disclosure does not outweigh the public benefit of withholding them pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210(b)(1); and
2. Records pertaining to strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or Pending litigation to which the public agency is a party until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210(b)(4); and
3. Discussion of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate by the state or a political subdivision of the state when publicity regarding such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction would adversely impact the price of such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction until such time as all of the property has been acquired or all proceedings or transactions concerning same have been terminated or abandoned (Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Sec. 1-200(6)(D); and
4. Records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210(b)(9).

Trustees Bessette, Cantor, Cloud, Dennis-LaVigne, Fang, Gandara, Gouin, O'Connor, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, Toscano, and Tumu were in attendance.

Trustees Boxer, Cowen, Lehman, and Lobo participated by telephone.

The following University staff were present for the entire Executive Session: President Katsouleas, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Elliott, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Athletic Director Benedict, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, General Counsel Gelston, and Senior Advisor/Assistant Vice President for Communications Kirk.

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The following University staff were present for part of the Executive Session: Associate Vice President, Master Planner and Chief Architect Cruickshank, Executive Director and Director of Real Estate and Regional Projects Corbett, Associate University Counsel and Associate Director of Real Estate Sitkowski, and Storrs Campus Architect and Director of Design and STEM Projects Schrier.

The Executive Session ended at 12:52 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:52 p.m.

15. Adjournment

Chairman Toscano announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2019.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Secretary