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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

MINUTES

University of Connecticut
Rome Commons Ballroom
South Campus Complex
Storrs, Connecticut

November 18, 2008

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by Chairman John Rowe. Trustees present were: Louise Bailey, Philip Barry, Gerard Burrow, Richard Colon, Jr., Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Peter Drotch, Linda Gatling, Ross Gionfriddo, Lenworth Jacobs, Jr., Michael Martinez, Joan McDonald, Denis Nayden, F. Philip Prelli, Thomas Ritter, and Janine Braun, who represents the Governor’s Office.

Trustees Rebecca Lobo and Wayne Shepperd participated by telephone.

Trustees Michael Bozzuto, Mark McQuillan, and Richard Treibick were absent from the meeting.

University staff present were: President Hogan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Nicholls, Vice President for Health Affairs Laurencin, Vice President for Enrollment Planning, Management and Institutional Research Evanovich, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Gray, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Feldman, Vice President for Student Affairs Saddlemire, Senior Vice Provost Singha, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Regional Campus Administration Makowsky, Interim Vice Provost for Academic Administration Bull, Senior Associate to the President and Chief of Staff Troyer, Chief Audit and Compliance Officer Walker, Athletic Director Hathaway, Associate Vice President of Administration and Operations Services Callahan, Associate Vice President of Architectural and Engineering Services Bradley, Executive Secretary to the Board Munroe, Director of Institutional Research Roelfs, Labor and Employment Attorney Eagen, Health Center Chief Financial Officer Upton, Senate Representatives Karla Fox, Kent Holsinger, Andrew Moiseff, William Stwalley, and Cyrus Ernesto Zirakzadeh, and Ms. Locke.

Assistant Attorneys General Ralph Urban and Michael Sullivan were also present.

Also in attendance was Ms. Patricia Hassett, who assists Dr. Rowe.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Bailey, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 10:48 a.m. to discuss preliminary drafts and notes. The Chairman noted that on the advice of counsel only staff members whose presence was necessary to provide their opinion would be permitted to attend Executive Session.

Trustees present were: Bailey, Barry, Burrow, Colon, Dennis-LaVigne, Drotch, Gatling, Gionfriddo, Jacobs, Martinez, McDonald, Nayden, Prelli, Ritter, Rowe, and Braun, who represents the Governor’s Office.

Trustees Lobo and Shepperd participated by telephone.

University staff present were: President Hogan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Nicholls, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Gray, Vice President for Enrollment Planning, Management & Institutional Research Evanovich, Vice President for Health Affairs Laurencin, Senior Vice Provost Singha, Senior Associate to the President and Chief of Staff Troyer, Executive Secretary to the Board Munroe, Director of Institutional Research Roelfs, Labor and Employment Attorney Eagen, and Health Center Chief Financial Officer Upton (present for part of the meeting).
Assistant Attorney General Ralph Urban was also present.
Also in attendance was Ms. Patricia Hassett, who assists Dr. Rowe.

OPEN SESSION

Executive Session ended at 12:25 p.m. The Board returned to Open Session at 1:10 p.m. Trustees Lobo, Shepperd, and Treibick participated by telephone. Vice Provost for Multicultural and International Affairs Taylor, Associate Vice President for Diversity and Equity McGee, Director of University Relations Brohinsky, UConn Foundation President Martin, and Senate representatives English and Korbel joined the meeting at this time.

1. Public Participation
   There were no members of the public who wished to address the Board.

2. Chairman’s Report
   (a) Matters outstanding
   (b) Minutes of the meeting of September 23, 2008
   Vice-Chair Ritter asked that the minutes reflect that there have been significant discussions about the Law School Library repairs and that the funding used for those repairs would not come from other Law School projects.
   On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Treibick, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 23, 2008 with the suggested modification.
   (c) Consent Agenda Items:
   Chairman Rowe noted that Trustees had at their places a revised Contracts and Agreements list.
   Chairman Rowe removed the following item from the Consent Agenda to be voted on separately.
   (2) Extension to Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the University of Connecticut and the American Association of University Professors (Attachment 2)
   On a motion by Dr. Burrow, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, and 3 through 6.
   Vice-Chair Drotch recommended that the Board approve the Extension to the Memorandum of Agreement recognizing that it is one part of the contractual relationship the University has with the American Association of University Professors. This Extension is for a period of approximately two months.
   Mr. Drotch motioned, seconded by multiple Trustees, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) extension of the 2005-2008 Intersession Agreement through January 2009 between the University of Connecticut and the American Association of University Professors.
   Trustee Prelli expressed concern about the Board approving the Winter Intersession Extension Agreement. He felt that it would not be prudent at this time to approve this extension during the current period of fiscal uncertainty. Discussion ensued regarding the significance of the State’s current fiscal climate and its impact on contract negotiation strategy.
The Board voted to approve the Extension to Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Connecticut and the American Association of University Professors.

Trustee Prelli voted in opposition.

(1) Contracts and Agreements for the Storrs-based programs and the Health Center (Attachment 1)

(3) Discontinuation of Bachelor of Arts in Sociology Degree in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the Stamford Campus (Attachment 3)

(4) Appointment of Dr. Kathleen Segerson to the Philip E. Austin Endowed Chair (Attachment 4)

(5) Renaming the Department of Natural Resources Management and Engineering to Department of Natural Resources and the Environment in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (Attachment 5)

(6) Approval of Proposed Amendments to the University of Connecticut Laws and By-Laws (Article V, Committees of the Board of Trustees) (Attachment 6)

(d) Personnel matters (Storrs-based programs) (Attachment 7)

(1) Promotion and Tenure List

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Gionfriddo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following promotion and tenure appointments:

Appointments with Tenure

Appointment as Pratt & Whitney Chair Professor with Tenure

1. Gao, Robert, X., Department of Mechanical Engineering, effective January 1, 2009

Appointment as Associate Professor with Tenure

1. Brunner, Eric, Department of Public Policy, effective January 1, 2009
2. Leach, Colin W., Department of Psychology, effective January 1, 2009
3. Wall, Steven, Department of Philosophy, effective January 1, 2009
4. Willis, Brian G., Department of Chemical, Materials & Biomolecular Engineering, effective January 1, 2009

Promotion to Associate Professor and Tenure

1. Srivastava, Ranjan, Department of Chemical, Materials & Biomolecular Engineering, effective August 23, 2008
(2) Designation of Emeritus Status

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Bailey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the designation of emeritus status to the following faculty members:

1. Broderick, Stephen H., Senior Cooperative Extension Educator, Department of Extension, effective October 1, 2008
2. Cournoyer, David E., Associate Professor, School of Social Work, effective September 1, 2008
3. Jeffrey, Roy F., Cooperative Extension Educator, Department of Extension, effective June 1, 2008
4. Smith, Erling A., Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, effective August 1, 2008

(3) Informational matters

3. President’s Report

(a) Nomination of Honorary Degree

On a motion by Dr. Rowe, seconded Dr. Burrow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following honorary degree candidates: Mr. Denis M. McCarthy, Dr. Timothy P. Shriver, and Dr. Robert J. Sternberg.

(b) Presenter: Associate Vice President for Diversity and Equity Dana R. McGee

Presentation: Overview of Diversity Reorganization

(c) Other matters

4. Academic Affairs Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

(b) Informational Item:

1) Establishment of the Institute for Urban School Improvement (Attachment 8)

5. Financial Affairs Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

(b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

Vice-Chair Drotch asked the Board for a collective vote on Attachments 9 through 14. On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following items.

(1) Project Budget (Planning) for Residential Life Facilities – Holcomb, Whitney, Sprague Masonry Repairs (Attachment 9)

(2) Project Budget (Design) for Recreational Sport Field Repair/Replacement Depot Campus (Attachment 10)

(3) Project Budget (Design) for the Replacement of Two Water Towers (Attachment 11)

(4) Project Budget (Final) for Residential Life Facilities – Shippee Hall Elevator Replacement (Attachment 12)
(5) Project Budget (Final) for West Hartford Campus
Renovations/Improvements – Phase I (Attachment 13)

(6) Project Budget (Final) for the University of Connecticut Health Center Negative Pressure Room, Building 4 Renovations (Attachment 14)

(c) Informational Item:
(1) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Residential Life Window Replacement Project for Hale Hall, Ellsworth Hall, Brien McMahon Hall and West Campus (Attachment 15)

6. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report
   (a) Report on Committee activities

7. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report
   (a) Report on Committee activities

8. Construction Management Oversight Committee Report
   (a) Report on Committee activities

Vice-Chair Ritter noted that the Construction Management Oversight Committee’s statutorily required Biennial Report was discussed at their last meeting and was provided to the Board.

9. Health Center Report
   (a) Report on Health Center activities

10. Student Life Committee Report
    (a) Report on Committee activities

11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report
    (a) Report on Committee activities
    (b) Development Progress Executive Summary (Attachment 16)

12. Adjournment
Chairman Rowe announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Rome Commons Ballroom (South Campus Complex), Storrs, Connecticut.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Bailey
Secretary