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MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES

University of Connecticut    August 8, 2012
Rome Commons Ballroom
South Campus Complex
Storrs, Connecticut

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chairman Lawrence McHugh. Trustees Francis Archambault, Jr., Louise Bailey, Rose Barham, Brien Buckman, Richard Carbray, Jr., Sanford Cloud, Jr., Peter Drotch, Marilda Gandara, Thomas Kruger, Rebecca Lobo, Stefan Pryor, Steven Reviczky, Thomas Ritter, Wayne Shepperd, and Mary Ann Handley, Governor Malloy’s designee were in attendance.

Trustees Denis Nayden and Richard Treibick participated by telephone.

Trustees Lenworth Jacobs, Jr. and Catherine Smith were not in attendance.

The following University staff were present for the meeting: President Herbst, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Choi, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Torti, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, and General Counsel Orr.

Senate Representatives Rajeev Bansal, Gary English, Donna Korbel, and William Stwalley were also present.

Assistant Attorney General Bray, Assistant Attorney General Kleinman, Jeffrey M. Blumenthal, and Attorney J. William Gagne, Jr. were in attendance.

1. Public Participation

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

2. Chairman’s Report

   (a) Matters outstanding

      Chairman McHugh introduced Student Trustee Rose A. Barham to the Board, who replaces Trustee Adam Scianna.

   (b) Minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2012

      On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded by Mr. Shepperd, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting June 28, 2012.

   (c) Consent Agenda Items:

      On a motion by Mr. Carbray, seconded by Mr. Buckman, the Board voted to approve the following items, including a revised Contracts and Agreement list.

      (A copy of the revised Contracts and Agreements list is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.)
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(1) Contracts and Agreements
   (Vice-Chair Ritter abstained.)

(2) Revisions to “The Rules and Regulations for Control of Parking and Vehicles on the Grounds of the University of Connecticut”

(3) Promotion and Tenure

(4) Designation of Emeritus Status

(5) Sabbatical Leave Recommendations

(6) Appointment of Dr. John A. Elliott to the Auran J. Fox Chair in Business

(7) Notification of Proposed Changes to the By-Laws of the University of Connecticut (Article XIV – The University Staff, Section D.4 – Procedure for Reviews of Faculty)

(8) Establishment of the Digital Media and Design Department in the School of Fine Arts

(9) Division of the Communication Sciences Department into (1) the Department of Communication, and (2) the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

(10) Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Connecticut and Renmin University of China

(11) “3+2” Programs between the University of Connecticut and Select Chinese Partner Institutions

(12) Environmental Studies Major in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

(13) Revisions to the Policy for the Selection of Outside Legal Counsel

3. President’s Report

4. Academic Affairs Committee Report
   (a) Report on Committee activities

5. Financial Affairs Committee Report
   (a) Report on Committee activities
   (b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:
      On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded by Ms. Bailey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following project budget.
      (1) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Beach Hall Renovations – Façade and Roof Repair

6. Health Center Report
   (a) Report on Health Center activities
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  
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 15)  
12. Special Committee on Compensation Report  
    (a) Report on Committee activities  
    (b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:  
        On a motion by Mr. Cloud, seconded by Mr. Shepperd, the Board voted unanimously to approve the establishment of a standing Committee on Compensation.  
        (1) Establishment of a Standing Committee on Compensation  (Attachment 16)  
13. Executive Session anticipated.  

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  

On a motion by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Ms. Bailey, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 10:25 a.m. to discuss:  

1. Discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may require that discussion be held at an open meeting; and  
2. Preliminary drafts and notes that the University has determined that the public interest in withholding such documents clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure.  

Chairman McHugh 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 Archambault, Bailey, Barham, Buckman, Carbray, Cloud, Drotch, Gandara, Kruger, Lobo, McHugh, Pryor, Reviczky, Ritter, Shepperd, and Mary Ann Handley, Governor Malloy’s designee were in attendance.  

Trustees Nayden and Treibick participated by telephone.  

The following University staff were present for the entire Executive Session: President Herbst, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, and General Counsel Orr. Assistant Attorney General Bray was also present for the entire Executive Session.  

Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Choi, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Torti, Assistant Attorney General Kleinman, Jeffrey M. Blumenthal, and Attorney J. William Gagne, Jr. were present for part of the Executive Session.  

14. Reconvene in Open Session
The Board returned to Open Session at 11:40 a.m.

On a motion by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Mr. Kruger, the Board voted unanimously to affirm the decision to dismiss Dr. Dipak K. Das as a member of the faculty of the University of Connecticut.

15. Adjournment

Chairman McHugh announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2012 at the Rome Commons Ballroom, Storrs, Connecticut.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Bailey
Secretary