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MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES

University of Connecticut    February 27, 2013
Rome Commons Ballroom
South Campus Complex
Storrs, Connecticut

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 10:16 a.m. by Chairman Lawrence D. McHugh. Trustees Francis X. Archambault, Jr., Louise M. Bailey, Rose A. Barham, Brien T. Buckman, Marilda L. Gandara, Lenworth M. Jacobs, Jr., Thomas E. Kruger, Denis Nayden, Thomas D. Ritter, and Mary Ann Handley, Governor Malloy’s designee, were in attendance.

Trustees Sanford Cloud, Jr., Rebecca R. Lobo, Wayne J. Shepperd, Catherine H. Smith, and Richard Treibick participated by telephone.

Trustees Richard T. Carbray, Jr., Peter S. Drotch, Juanita T. James, Stefan Pryor, and Steven K. Reviczky were not in attendance.

The following University staff were present: President Herbst, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Choi, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Gray, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Torti, Vice President for Student Affairs Saddlemire, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Vice President for Enrollment, Planning and Management Locust, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, General Counsel Orr, Deputy Chief of Staff Kirk, Health Center Chief of Staff Gafford, and Health Center Administrative Officer Andrews.

Assistant Attorneys General Urban, Bray, and Blumenthal were also present.

Senate Representatives Rajeev Bansal, Lynn Healy, Linda Klein, and Lawrence Silbart were in attendance.

Mark Bloom, Partner, McGladrey LLP was also in attendance.

1. Public Participation

   Mr. Stephen Petkis, Undergraduate Student Government President, spoke about student fees.

2. Chairman’s Report

   (a) Matters outstanding

   (b) Minutes of the meetings of December 12, 2012 and January 30, 2013

   On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings of December 12, 2012 and January 30, 2013.

   (c) Consent Agenda Items:

   On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to add to the agenda the following item:

   Tenure at Hire for Dr. Mitchell S. Green, Professor in the Department of Philosophy within the College of Liberals Arts and Sciences, effective August 23, 2013.

   (A copy of the resolution is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.)
On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Bailey, the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda items:

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

   (Vice-Chair Trustee Ritter abstained.)

2. Designation of Emeritus Status
   
   (Attachment 2)

3. Sabbatical Leave Recommendations
   
   (Attachment 3)

4. Reappointment of Dr. William T. Ross, Jr. to the ING Global Chair in the School of Business
   
   (Attachment 4)

5. Appointment of Professor Bethany Berger to the Thomas F. Gallivan, Jr. Chair of Real Property Law in the School of Law
   
   (Attachment 5)

6. Appointment of Professor Ruth Mason to the Anthony J. Smits Professorship for Global Commerce in the School of Law
   
   (Attachment 6)

7. Veterinary Anatomic Pathobiology Area of Concentration within the Pathobiology Field of Study in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
   
   (Attachment 7)

8. Digital Media and Design Majors in the School of Fine Arts
   
   (Attachment 8)

9. Approval of Proposed Changes to the By-Laws of the University of Connecticut (footnote to Article XIV – The University Staff, Section C – Academic Appointment and Tenure)
   
   (Attachment 9)

10. Reports of the Endowed Chairs for the Period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 (Health Center)
    
    (Attachment 10)

11. Appointment of Members on the Louise Crombie Beach Memorial Foundation
    
    (Attachment 11)

12. Naming Recommendation for the Richard and Jane Lublin Waiting Room in the Ambulatory Care Complex at the University of Connecticut Health Center
    
    (Attachment 12)

(d) Informational item:

(1) Notification of Proposed Changes to the By-Laws of the University of Connecticut (Article XIV – The University Staff, Section C.4 – Academic Appointment and Tenure)
    
    (Attachment 13)

3. President’s Report
   
   (a) Honorary Degrees

   On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Bailey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Honorary Degree recipients for this year’s Commencement ceremonies.

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

(a) Report on Committee activities

(b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

On a motion by Mr. Nayden, seconded by Dr. Archambault, the Board voted unanimously to table for further consideration the following item:

(6) Increase in Board of Trustee Reporting Thresholds for Both Information and Approval of Contracts and Project Budgets (Attachment 19)

Trustee Archambault asked the Board to vote on the three fee items (Items 1 – 3). Mr. Nayden motioned, seconded by Ms. Bailey.

Trustee Buckman motioned that Items 1 and 3 be removed from the agenda and referred to the Student Life Committee for discussion prior to Board action. Trustee Barham seconded the motion.

Concerns were raised about delaying action and the implications for student financial aid awards.

Vice President for Student Affairs Saddlemire reviewed the process of the Student Fee Committee. Vice President for Enrollment, Planning and Management Locust indicated that delaying action would be problematic as they are currently in the process of sending out the financial aid packages to newly admitted students in the next week.

In an effort to maintain the current financial aid timetable, Vice-Chair Bailey suggested that student fee items be considered by the Student Life Committee in the future.

Trustees Buckman and Barham agreed to withdraw their motion. Trustee Buckman asked that Items 1 and 3 be voted on separately.

Before voting separately on Items 1 and 3, Trustee Archambault asked for a motion to approve the remainder of the items under the Financial Affairs Report.

On a motion by Mr. Nayden, seconded by Ms. Bailey, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items 2, 4 – 5, and 7 – 10.

(2) Fiscal Year 2014 Academic Materials Fees for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 15)

(4) Extending the Veterans Waiver for Certain Degree Programs Offered in the Summer and Intersession for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 17)

(5) Revised Allocation of Bond Authorizations as set forth in the Eighteenth Supplemental Indenture (University of Connecticut General Obligation Bonds) (Attachment 18)

(7) Project Budget (Planning) for the University of Connecticut Health Center Dental Clinic Fit-Out, Storrs Center (Attachment 20)

(8) Project Budget (Final) for the University of Connecticut Health Center Main Building Exterior Façade Joint Sealant Replacement (Attachment 21)

(9) Project Budget (Final) for the University of Connecticut Health Center New Construction and Renovations (Attachment 22)
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(10) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Young Building Renovation/Addition (Attachment 23)

(1) Fiscal Year 2014 Institutional Fees for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 14)

On a motion by Dr. Archambault, seconded by Mr. Ritter, the Board voted to approve the Fiscal Year 2014 Institutional Fees for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses.

Trustees Buckman voted in opposition. Trustee Barham abstained from voting.

(3) Fiscal Year 2014 Student Activity and Service Fees for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 16)

Dr. Archambault motioned, seconded by Mr. Ritter to approve the Student Activity and Service Fees.

Trustee Buckman moved to amend the Daily Campus line item to reflect a 0% increase for Fiscal Year 2014. Trustee Barham seconded the motion.

After discussion, the Board voted on the item. Trustees Barham and Buckman voted in favor. The majority of Board members voted in opposition. The motion was defeated.

The Board supported the original motion and voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2014 Student Activity and Service Fees for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses.

(b) Informational items:

(1) Financial Statements for Storrs and the Health Center:

Storrs:
http://accountingoffice.uconn.edu/accounting/PDF/2012FS.pdf

Health Center:

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

7. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report
(a) Report on Committee activities
(b) Informational item:

(1) UCONN 2000 Audit Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2012 (Attachment 24)

Mark Bloom, Partner, McGladrey LLP gave a presentation regarding the UCONN 2000 audit. He noted in particular that there were no issues with the internal controls and no deficiencies in financial reporting practices. Mr. Bloom complimented the staff for its diligence and the efficacy of the internal procedures set in place to manage the program.

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 of Committee activities  

11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report  
   (a) Report on Committee activities  
   (b) Development Progress Executive Summary (Attachment 25)  

12. Committee on Compensation Report  
   (a) Report on Committee activities  

13. Other business  

14. Executive Session anticipated.  

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Nayden, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:24 a.m. to discuss:  
1. Preliminary drafts and notes that the University has determined that the public interest in withholding such documents clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure; and  
2. The contents of real estate appraisals, engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations made for or by an agency relative to the acquisition of property or to prospective public supply and construction contracts, until such time as all of the property has been acquired or all proceedings or transactions have been terminated or abandoned; and  
3. Commercial or financial information given in confidence; and  
4. Records of standards, procedures, processes, software and codes, not otherwise available to the public, the disclosure of which would compromise the security or integrity of an information technology system.  

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, Gandara, Jacobs, Kruger, McHugh, Nayden, Ritter, and Mary Ann Handley, Governor Malloy’s designee, were in attendance.  

Trustees Cloud, Lobo, and Shepperd participated by telephone.  

The following University staff were present for the Executive Session: President Herbst, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Choi, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Gray, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, General Counsel Orr, and Deputy Chief of Staff Kirk.  

Assistant Attorney Generals Urban and Bray were also present for the Executive Session.  

The following University staff were present for part of the Executive Session: Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Torti, Health Center Chief of Staff Gafford, and Health Center Chief Administrative Officer Andrews.  

Assistant Attorney General Blumenthal was also present for part of the Executive Session.  

The Executive Session was temporarily postponed and reconvened at 11:46 a.m.
The Board returned to Open Session at 12:49 p.m.

15. Adjournment

Chairman McHugh announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2013 in the Rome Commons Ballroom.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Bailey
Secretary