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**MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES

University of Connecticut
Lewis B. Rome Commons Ballroom
South Campus Complex
Storrs, Connecticut

November 18, 2015

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Lawrence D. McHugh. Trustees Charles F. Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Richard T. Carbray, Jr., Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Marilda L. Gandara, Jeremy L. Jelliffe, Thomas E. Kruger, Lawrence D. McHugh, Steven K. Reviczky, David Rifkin, Thomas D. Ritter, and Mary Ann Handley, Governor Malloy's designee, were in attendance.

Trustees Sanford Cloud, Jr., Rebecca Lobo, and Denis J. Nayden participated by telephone.

Trustees Louise M. Bailey, Andy F. Bessette, Donny Marshall, Catherine H. Smith, and Dianna R. Wentzell 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 Jordan, Interim Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Agwunobi, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Locust, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Vice President and General Counsel Orr, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, Deputy Chief of Staff Kirk, and Budget Director Spencer.

Senate Representatives Douglas S. Hamilton, Amy R. Howell, Elizabeth Jockusch, Debra A. Kendall, Shayla Nunnally, and Angela Rola were in attendance.

1. Public Participation

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

2. Chairman's Report

On a motion by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Mr. Kruger, the Board voted unanimously to add to the agenda the following item. Mr. Ritter motioned, seconded by Mr. Kruger, to approve the resolution.

- Resolution acknowledging the retirement of Town of Mansfield Mayor Betsy Patterson

On a motion by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Mr. Kruger, the Board voted unanimously to add to the agenda and to approve the addition of the President's Report and to change the order of Agenda items.

3. President's Report

A presentation was made by the Co-chairs of the Diversity Task Force, Vice Provost for Global Affairs Daniel Weiner and Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Dana Wilder, regarding the final report and recommendations of the Task Force.

4. Minutes of the meeting of October 28, 2015

On a motion by Ms. Gandara, seconded by Mr. Kruger, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 28, 2015.

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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 Mr. Jelliffe, seconded by Mr. Kruger, the Board voted to approve the following Consent Agenda items.

- (1) Project Budget (Final) for Hartford Relocation/Acquisition Renovation (Separate Cover)
 - (2) Sale of Property (Separate Cover)
- (Trustee Cantor abstained from voting on this item.)

6. Other business

7. Executive Session anticipated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Kruger, seconded by Mr. Ritter, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 10:45 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. Trade secrets, pursuant to Section 210 (b) (5) (A) of the Freedom of Information Act; and
- 3. 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, provided the law of eminent domain shall not be affected by this provision.

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 the Executive Session.

Trustees Bunnell, Carbray, Dennis-LaVigne, Gandara, Jelliffe, Kruger, McHugh, Reviczky, Rifkin, and Mary Ann Handley, Governor Malloy's designee, were in attendance.

Trustees Cloud, Lobo, and Nayden participated by telephone.

Trustees Cantor and Ritter were present for part of the Executive Session.

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

The following University staff were present for part of the Executive Session: Interim Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Agwunobi, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Locust, and Budget Director Spencer.

The Executive Session ended at 12:07 p.m.

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OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:08 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Chairman McHugh announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2015.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Secretary