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

MINUTES

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

August 10, 2010

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Chairman Lawrence McHugh. Trustees present were: Francis Archambault, Jr., Louise Bailey, Gerard Burrow, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Peter Drotch, Lenworth Jacobs, Jr., Michael Martinez, Joan McDonald, Denis Nayden, F. Philip Prelli, Adam Scianna, Wayne Shepperd, Robert Ward, and Kevin J. Kelleher, who represents the Governor's Office.

Trustee Richard Treibick participated by telephone.

Trustees Michael Bozzuto, Rebecca Lobo, Mark McQuillan, Thomas Ritter, and Corey Schmitt were absent from the meeting.

University staff present were: Interim President Austin, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Nicholls, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Feldman, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Gray, Vice President for Health Affairs Laurencin, Vice President for Human Resources and Payroll Services Munroe, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Melvin, Vice President for Student Affairs Saddlemire, Senior Vice Provost and Vice President for Research Singha, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Regional Campuses Cooper, Interim Vice Provost for Graduate Education Aggison, Interim Associate Vice President of Architectural and Engineering Services Brian Gore, Associate Vice President for Communications Walter, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, Interim Chief of Staff Schurin, Chief Financial Officer McDowell, Chief Audit and Compliance Officer Walker, Athletic Director Hathaway, Health Center Chief Financial Officer Biancamano, Acting Health Center Chief of Staff Callahan, John Dempsey Hospital Director Summerer, Senate Representatives Rajeev Bansal, Gary English, Karla Fox, Andrew Moiseff, William Stwalley, C. Ernesto Zirakzadeh, and Ms. Locke.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded by Dr. Burrow, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:12 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. Strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or litigation with respect to the NCAA investigation discussion.

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 present were: Archambault, Bailey, Burrow, Dennis-LaVigne, Drotch, Jacobs, Martinez, McDonald, McHugh, Nayden, Prelli, Scianna, Shepperd, Ward, and Kevin J. Kelleher, who represents the Governor's Office.

Trustee Treibick participated by telephone for part of the meeting.

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The following University staff were present for the meeting: Interim President Austin, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Gray (part of the meeting), Vice President for Human Resources and Payroll Services Munroe (part of the meeting), Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, Interim Chief of Staff Schurin, Athletic Director Hathaway (part of the meeting), and Chief Audit and Compliance Officer Walker (part of the meeting).

Assistant Attorney General Ralph Urban was present.

Attorney Rick Evrard from the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC was also present for part of the meeting.

OPEN SESSION

Executive Session ended at 1:10 p.m. The Board returned to Open Session at 1:18 p.m. Associate Vice President for Diversity and Equity McGee, Health Center Interim Chief Administrative Officer Andrews, Senate Representative Donna Korbel, UConn Foundation Assistant Vice President Otis, and Assistant Attorney General Sullivan 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

Chairman McHugh introduced graduate student Trustee Adam Scianna to the Board, who replaces Trustee Richard Colon, Jr.

Vice-Chair Bailey also welcomed Trustee Adam Scianna.

Chairman McHugh noted that Trustees had at their places a resolution to revise a long-standing Board policy in order to freeze salaries for next fiscal year. In addition to securing a consultant to study other potential savings, this is another immediate step the University can take to contain operating costs.

On a motion by Mr. Nayden, seconded by Mr. Shepperd, the Board voted unanimously to add to the agenda a resolution in support of the following recommendation:

That the Board of Trustees suspend for the fiscal period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, the Treatment of Managerial Personnel policy adopted by the Board of Trustees on March 11, 1977.

As background information to this recommendation, Chairman McHugh stated that budget projections continue to indicate a substantial deficit for Fiscal Year 2012 for the State of Connecticut and it is acknowledged that it will have a potential affect on the University's operating budget. While the consistent and fair treatment of our managers and confidential staff was the basis for the referenced policy, it is prudent to anticipate the need to plan for additional steps to mitigate the budget impact by freezing salaries for that year.

On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded by Mr. Nayden, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

(A copy of the handout is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.)

Chairman McHugh noted that in compliance with the existing the policy, an increase of 4.99% will be effective August 13, 2010 for Fiscal Year 2011. He emphasized the current difficulties of the economic downturn and anticipated continuation going forward.

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(b) Minutes of the meeting of June 10, 2010

On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded by Mr. Nayden, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 10, 2010.

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Drotch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the revised Contracts and Agreement List for approval.

- (1) Contracts and Agreements for the Storrs-based programs (Attachment 1)
- (2) Naming Recommendations: Rename the ING Chair in Financial Services to the ING Global Chair, Establish the ING Global Professorship and the ING Global Fellowship(s), and Appoint Dr. William T. Ross, Jr. to the ING Global Chair in the School of Business (Attachment 2)
- (3) Appointment of Dr. Jeremy Pressman as Recipient of the Alan R. Bennett Honors Professorship in Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Attachment 3)
- (4) Approval of Tenure at Hire (Attachment 4)
- (5) Designation of Emeritus Status (Attachment 5)
- (6) Sabbatical Leaves (Attachment 6)

3. President's Report

Trustee Drotch asked to give the Financial Affairs Committee report before Academic Affairs. The Board consented to his request.

4. Financial Affairs Committee Report

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

Chairman McHugh asked for a collective vote on Items #1 through #6. On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded by Dr. Burrow, the Board voted unanimously to approve those items.

- (1) Project Budget (Planning) for McMahon Dining Hall Renovations (Attachment 11)
- (2) Project Budget (Planning) for Torrey 1st Floor East Renovations (Attachment 12)
- (3) Project Budget (Design) for Koons Hall Renovation/Addition – Windows, Façade and Mechanical System Analysis (Attachment 13)
- (4) Project Budget (Final) for Torrington Campus Improvements – Phase I (Attachment 14)
- (5) Project Budget (Final) for West Hartford Campus Renovations/Improvements – Chemistry Lab (Attachment 15)
- (6) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Northwest Quad Code Remediation (Attachment 16)

Vice-Chair Drotch left the meeting at this time.

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5. Academic Affairs Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

(b) Informational items:

(1) Renaming the Marine Sciences Undergraduate Major from Coastal Studies to Marine Sciences in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Attachment 7)

(2) Renaming the Medical Technology Major to Medical Laboratory Sciences in the Department of Allied Health Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (Attachment 8)

(3) Five Year Review of Academic Centers and Institutes (Attachment 9)

(4) Establishment of the Korey Stringer Institute in the Neag School of Education (Attachment 10)

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

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

Trustee Dennis-LaVigne gave the Institutional Advancement Committee report on behalf of Vice-Chair Treibick.

(a) Report on Committee activities

(b) Development Progress Executive Summary (Attachment 17)

12. Adjournment

Chairman McHugh gave a brief update on the presidential search. He thanked Governor Rell for addressing the search committee at its first meeting on July 15th. He also thanked Vice President Munroe, Associate Vice President McGee, and Ms. Rubin for their efforts in coordinating the meeting. He expected the next search committee meeting to be scheduled sometime in September.

Chairman McHugh expected the selection of the executive search firm to be identified shortly. In addition, a web site will be developed and the link will be shared with the Board as soon as it becomes available.

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In the essence of time, Chairman McHugh asked the search committee to review the current institution scope or mission statement that was updated a few years ago. Chairman McHugh asked the Board to be active in the process and emphasized the importance of higher education in Connecticut's economy.

Chairman McHugh announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2010.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Bailey
Secretary