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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

January 27, 2016

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 9:27 a.m. by Chairman Lawrence D. McHugh. Trustees Charles F. Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Richard T. Carbray, Jr., Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Jeremy L. Jelliffe, Thomas E. Kruger, Rebecca Lobo, Lawrence D. McHugh, David Rifkin, and Thomas D. Ritter were in attendance.

Trustees Andy Bessette, Sanford Cloud, Jr., Marilda L. Gandara, and Donny Marshall participated by telephone.

Trustees Louise M. Bailey, Denis J. Nayden, Steven K. Reviczky, Catherine H. Smith, Dianna R. Wentzell, and Mary Ann Handley, Governor Malloy's designee, 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, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Vice President and General Counsel Orr, Counsel for Labor and Employment Eagen, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Reis, Master Planner and University Architect Cruickshank, Director of Regional Development Projects Corbett, Veterans Affairs and Military Programs Director Perry, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, and Deputy Chief of Staff Kirk.

Also present was Ms. Kathleen Sanner, President of the University of Connecticut Professional Employees Association (UCPEA).

Senate Representatives Cheryl T. Beck, Douglas S. Hamilton, Amy R. Howell, Elizabeth Jockusch, Shayla Nunnally, and Zeki Simsek were in attendance.

1. Public Participation

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

2. Chairman's Report

- (a) Presentation: Overview of the Office of Veterans Affairs – Services and Programs
Presenter: Kristopher E. Perry, Director
Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs

(b) Minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2015

On a motion by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Mr. Carbray, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2015.

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Mr. Carbray, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

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| (1) Contract for Approval | (Attachment 1) |
| (2) Revisions to the Policy for the Selection of Outside Legal Counsel | (Attachment 2) |
| (3) Exercise of University Ownership Rights | (Attachment 3) |

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3. President's Report

Trustee Marshall joined the meeting by telephone at this time.

Ms. Kathleen Sanner, President of UCPEA, expressed her gratitude to the union and university bargaining teams for their collaborative and positive negotiations that culminated into a fair and reasonable contract that benefits both the professional employee membership and the university.

4. Financial Affairs Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

(b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

On a motion by Mr. Kruger, seconded by Mr. Jelliffe, the Board voted to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the University of Connecticut and the University of Connecticut Professional Employees Association.

(1) Recommendation for Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with UCPEA (Attachment 4)

(Trustee Carbray abstained from voting on this item.)

On a motion by Mr. Kruger, seconded by Mr. Ritter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the funding strategy for athletic facilities improvements.

(2) Funding Strategy for Athletic Facilities Improvements (Separate Cover)

On a motion by Mr. Jelliffe, seconded by Mr. Ritter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following project budget:

(3) Project Budget (Final) for Residential Life Facilities West Campus Shower Renovations (Attachment 5)

5. Other business

6. Executive Session anticipated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Jelliffe, seconded by Mr. Kruger, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 10:12 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. 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; and
3. Records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining.

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, Cantor, Carbray, Dennis-LaVigne, Jelliffe, Kruger, Lobo, McHugh, Rifkin, and Ritter were in attendance.

Trustees Bessette, Cloud, Gandara, and Marshall participated by telephone.

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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, Vice President and General Counsel Orr, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Reis, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, and Deputy Chief of Staff Kirk.

The following University staff were present for part of the Executive Session: Counsel for Labor and Employment Eagen, Master Planner and University Architect Laura Cruickshank, and Director of Regional Development Projects Corbett.

The Executive Session ended at 10:57 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:58 a.m.

7. Adjournment

Chairman McHugh announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Secretary