

Board of Control
April 12, 2017

The Statutory Meeting of the Board of Control was held on this day in the Slate Board Room, CAES, 123 Huntington Street, New Haven, CT.

Present: Messrs. Andreadis, Bowsza (representing Reviczky), Fikrig, Jones, Larson, and Ms. Maroney and Nichols. Messrs. Last and White were present by invitation.

Absent: Dr. Royer.

The meeting was convened by Vice President Terry Jones at 10:08am. Mr. Jones introduced Mr. Jason Bowsza who was representing Commissioner Reviczky.

Minutes: On a motion by Ms. Nichols, seconded by Dr. Fikrig, the minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Fiduciary Investment Advisors: Mr. Jeff Capone reported on the Board's investment portfolio via conference call. Mr. Capone reviewed the results through March 31, 2017. There were no recommendations.

CAES State Agency Audit – FY 2014 and 2015: Mr. Last reviewed the CAES audit for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015. The audit included two findings related to inventory that are being addressed.

Valley Laboratory Land Transfer/Sale: Mr. Bowsza moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED:

That Terry Jones, Vice President of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Board of Control, is hereby authorized by the Board of Control to enter into a certain purchase and sale contract for the sale of land located on Cook Hill Road, Windsor, Connecticut, between The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, Board of Control, acting as Trustee of the William R. Lockwood Trust Fund, and The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, acting as an agency of the State of Connecticut, and is also authorized to convey the same, on behalf of the Trustee.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously.

Status of Building Projects:

- Slate Laboratory Building: The renovation of the Environmental Sciences laboratories is complete. New drop ceilings and lighting are being installed in the corridors. A security system will be installed in the building this summer including proximity card access.

- o Greenhouses: There will be a kickoff meeting in April for the renovation of the greenhouses adjacent to the Jenkins-Waggoner Laboratory. Christopher Williams Architects of New Haven have been selected by the Department of Administrative Services – Division of Construction Services to design the project. The construction budget has been approved at \$300,000.00.

Agency Budget Update: Dr. Andreadis reviewed the Governor’s recommended budget for the Experiment Station for Fiscal Year 2018. He noted that the budget was less than requested but with the cost-saving measures initiated, we could meet our statutory requirements, maintain current research, and provide outstanding service to the public if no further reductions. The General Assembly is scheduled to pass a budget by June 7, 2017.

J-1 Visa Sponsorship Update: The U.S. Department of State is completing their review of our application. We expect a decision in the near future.

Staff Changes: Dr. Andreadis reported on staff changes since the last meeting including the retirement of Dr. Douglas Dingman after 30 years of service.

Mr. Larson moved that an Executive Session be held to discuss Board funds, real estate, and the Director’s report. Messrs. Last and White were invited to attend. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maroney and passed unanimously at 11:10am.

Mr. Larson moved that the Executive Session be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fikrig and passed unanimously at 11:56am.

Mr. Bowsza moved that funding for the Louis A. Magnarelli Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program be funded from the Johnson-Osborne Fund for Fiscal Year 2017. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fikrig and passed unanimously.

Dr. Fikrig moved that the public meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larson and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:59am. A tour of the newly renovated Environmental Sciences laboratories commenced immediately following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Larson, Secretary