

Board of Control  
April 10, 2019

The Statutory Meeting of the Board of Control was held on this day in the Director’s Board Room, Slate Laboratory, CAES, 123 Huntington Street, New Haven, CT 06511.

Present: Messrs. Andreadis, Fikrig, Hurlburt, Jones, Larson, Royer, and Ms. Nichols. Messrs. Last and White were present by invitation.

Absent: Ms. Maroney.

The meeting was convened by Vice President Terry Jones at 10:00AM.

Mr. Jones introduced Mr. Bryan Hurlburt, Commissioner-Designee of the Department of Agriculture.

Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Larson, seconded by Dr. Royer, the minutes of the January 16, 2019, meeting were approved. Mr. Hurlburt and Ms. Nichols abstained since they did not attend the January meeting.

Dr. Andreadis reviewed recent correspondence and news articles.

Fiduciary Investment Advisors: Mr. Chris Rowllins reported on the Board’s investment results for the quarter ended 3/31/2019, remotely by telephone. No recommendations were made.

Status of Building Projects:

- Valley Laboratory Renovation and Addition: The project is in the schematic design phase and is moving efficiently. The project will be ready for bidding by the end of 2019.
- Jenkins-Waggoner Greenhouse Renovations: The project is ready for bidding. The Department of Administrative Services – Division of Construction is reviewing the project, budget, and schedule.
- Security – Slate Laboratory: The card access security system is nearly complete and should be operational by May 1, 2019.
- New Telephone System/Virtual Servers: The process of installing a new voice over IP (VoIP) system is underway with the installation of power over Ethernet switches. The new phone system and move to virtual servers will be completed by August 31, 2019.

Update – J-1 Visa (Exchange Visitor Program): The Station has applied for re-designation of our J-1 Visa Sponsorship Program. We have also requested and were approved to double our J-1 Visas each year from five (5) to ten (10). The Station holds monthly meetings with J-1 Visa visitors, which have been successful and well received.

Budget Update: Dr. Andreadis gave a report on the Governor’s recommended budget for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021. The legislature will pass a final budget in the coming months.

Sabbatical Request – Dr. DeWei Li: The Board discussed Dr. DeWei Li’s request for a special sabbatical leave that would consist of one month per year from 2019-2025 to China. Mr. Larson moved approval of the requested paid sabbatical. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and was approved unanimously.

Lockwood Accounting (2015-2018): Mr. Last reported that the William R. Lockwood Trust Fund Accounting was submitted and approved by the Norwalk-Wilton Probate Court covering the period 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2018.

Lockwood Farm Improvements: Mr. Last requested approval of the following Lockwood Farm projects:

1. Replacement of galvanized water lines from farm house to main barn, insectary, and greenhouse; correct elevation and repave farm house driveway \$20,416.00.
2. Replace T-111 siding on south side of main barn, replace 4 doors, replace trim, and install gutters \$19,580.00.
3. Greenhouse improvements – install 12 double doors, frame and install two 9’x7’ overhead doors \$8,811.00.

Ms. Nichols moved the approval of \$48,807.00 for the above Lockwood Farm improvements, funded by the Lockwood invested income fund. The motion was seconded by Dr. Royer and passed unanimously.

Staff Changes: Dr. Andreadis reviewed staff changes since the January Board meeting, including Dr. Sara Nason, an Environmental Chemist hired in the Department of Environmental Sciences.

Mr. Larson moved that an Executive Session be held to discuss Board funds, personnel, and the Director’s report. Messrs. Last and White were invited to attend. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously at 11:50AM.

The Executive Session adjourned at 12:19PM.

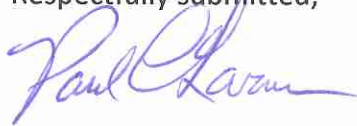
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Ms. Nichols moved that the Public Meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larson and passed unanimously at 12:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul C. Larson, Secretary