

Board of Control
August 5, 2015

The Statutory Meeting of the Board of Control was held on this day in the Cottage at Lockwood Farm, 890 Evergreen Avenue, Hamden, CT.

Present: Messrs. Andreadis, Jones, Larson, Royer, Ms. Maroney and Ms. Nichols. Messrs. Capone (FIA), Jose Catalan (OPM), Last, and White were present by invitation.

Absent: Messrs. Dellaporta and Reviczky.

The meeting was convened by Vice President Terry Jones at 1:30pm.

Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Larson, seconded by Dr. Royer, the minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

Fiduciary Investment Advisors: Mr. Jeff Capone reported on the Board's investment portfolio and performance through June 30, 2015. There was discussion on the Fixed Income holdings. Mr. Larson moved to reallocate 7.5% of the Metwest allocation to the Franklin Templeton Global Bond Fund. Dr. Royer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Status of Building Projects: Valley Laboratory Renovation and Addition: On July 28, 2015, the State Bond Commission allocated \$1 million for the design phase of the project. TLB Architects of Chester have been selected to design the project. The Governor recommended and the Legislature approved \$11.5 million for construction in the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget.

Pavilion at Lockwood Farm: The slab is complete and the timber cut. The lumber, all Connecticut grown, will be delivered to the site and erection of the pavilion will begin in early September. Completion of the project is scheduled for Fall 2015. A use policy will be drafted.

Replacement windows: The replacement windows for the Johnson and Slate Laboratory buildings have been bid for a third time. Bids are currently being reviewed. The plan is to have the replacement windows installed before winter.

Jenkins-Waggoner Greenhouses: The Legislature authorized \$200,000 to renovate/replace the two greenhouses adjacent to the Jenkins-Waggoner Laboratory building. There will be approximately \$500,000 left from the building project that will be reallocated to make approximately \$700,000 available for the much needed project.

Biennial Budget – FY16-FY17: The Station's General Fund budget for FY16 and FY17 is \$8.1 million and 8.2 million, respectively. The Wildlife Disease Prevention position was reinstated and a new Technician position was added for the Aquatic Weed Program. The Executive Secretary and Grants and Contracts Manager positions were eliminated.

Staff Changes: Dr. Andreadis reviewed the recent staff changes including the hiring of Dr. Jatinder Aulakh, Weed Scientist.

Ms. Nichols moved that an Executive Session be held to discuss Board funds, Personnel, Real Estate, and the Director's Report. Messrs. Last and White were invited to attend. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larson and passed unanimously at 2:44pm.

Mr. Larson moved that the Executive Session be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maroney and passed unanimously at 3:41pm.

Mr. Larson moved to grant Emeritus status to Dr. Sharon Douglas and that the Board provide, subject to availability, the facilities and support of incidental expenses related to her continued research and service for the citizens of Connecticut. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously.

Dr. Royer moved the appointment and promotion of Dr. Wade Elmer to Chief Scientist, Department of Plant Pathology and Ecology, effective September 1, 2015. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously.

Ms. Nichols moved that the Director has satisfactorily met his performance objectives and therefore be awarded salary increases (COLA/PARS) consistent with those increases to be awarded to Station managers effective November 13, 2015.

Mr. Larson moved that the public meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul C. Larson, Secretary