

Board of Control  
New Haven, CT  
May 21, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Control was held on this day at the Slate Laboratory, New Haven, CT 06511.

Present: Messrs. Cohen, Duffy (Representing Commissioner Hurlburt), Jones, Venkitanarayanan\*, White, Ms. Maroney and Ms. Nichols. Mr. Last, Ms. Fisher, and Ms. Triplett were present by invitation.

\* = attended via Zoom

Absent: Mr. Fikrig.

The meeting was convened by Vice President Terry Jones at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes: On a motion by Ms. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Maroney, the minutes of the January 17, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

News Articles and Correspondence: Dr. White briefly reviewed published news articles and correspondence received since the last Board meeting.

Research Report: Dr. Kelsey Fisher, Assistant Scientist II, Department of Entomology presented a report on her research programs "Pollinator Conservation and Insect Management Informed by Insect Dispersal and Behavior Ecology".

Status of Projects:

- Jenkins-Waggoner Greenhouses – The project kicked off May 14, 2024 with demolition and renovation to begin on August 1, 2024.
- Valley Laboratory – Mr. Last explained a contract issue which has stalled the project. Dr. White will request a meeting with DAS Commissioner Gilman to discuss.
- Roof Replacements & Upgrades – Mr. Last reported that the projects approved at the January 17, 2024 meeting have been completed; Roof replacements on upper barns and cottage and gutters on pavilion.

Update on Recruitment and Hiring: The Experiment Station has received authorization to recruit a bee inspector and custodian for the New Haven Campus.

P-4 Union – Increase of Hours: As per The SEBAC 2022 Agreement, P-4 Staff members, with 15 years or more of service, may request to increase their weekly hours from 35 to 37.5, effective July 1, 2024. The increase of hours will cost \$234,210 annually.

Governors Recommended Budget Adjustments – FY 2025: The General Assembly did not make any adjustments to the FY 2025 budget. The CAES will request additional funding for utility costs, PFAS supplies and a Space Needs Study for The FY 2026 and 2027 Biennial budget submittal this fall.

Staff Changes: Dr. White reviewed staff changes since the last meeting.

Ms. Maroney moved that an Executive Session be held to discuss Board Funds, Personnel, and the Director’s Report. Mr. Last and Dr. Triplett were invited to attend. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously at 11:41 a.m.

The Executive Session adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Ms. Nichols moved the approval of the following items:

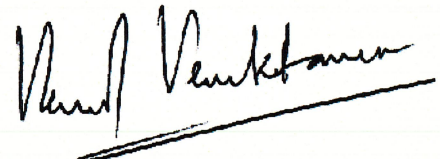
1. Board of Control Awards - \$105,000 (3 awards of \$35,000). Two of the awards will be for staff with under 5 years of service.
2. Employee Awards for Innovation, Service, and Research. There will be 3 awards of \$2,500 to be deposited in Industry Accounts and Gift Cards. Total \$7,800.
3. Intellectual Property – allot up to \$10,000 annually to file provisional patents and other patent expenses.

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

Ms. Nichols moved approval of the promotion of Dr. Philip Armstrong from Agricultural Scientist to Chief Scientist, Department of Entomology, effective May 17, 2024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maroney and passed unanimously.

Ms. Maroney moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kumar Venkitanarayanan  
Secretary