

Board of Control
October 21, 2015

The Statutory Meeting of the Board of Control was held on this day at the Valley Laboratory, 153 Cook Hill Road, Windsor, CT 06095-0248.

Present: Messrs. Andreadis, Jones, Larson, Royer, Reviczky. Messrs. White and Capone were present by invitation.

Absent: Mr. Dellaporta, Ms. Maroney, and Ms. Nichols.

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

Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Larson, seconded by Dr. Royer, the minutes of the August 5, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

Fiduciary Investment Advisors: Mr. Jeff Capone reported on the Board's investment portfolio and performance through September 30, 2015.

Status of Building Projects:

- Lockwood Farm Pavilion: Dr. Andreadis updated the Board on project progress; the pavilion is approximately 50% complete. Completion may occur by the end of November.
- Replacement Windows: The contract for this project has been awarded to J. Rosa of Wolcott. Measurements have been made. A scope meeting is scheduled for January and project completion is anticipated in the spring.
- Osborne Building: There has been no progress with the Historical Commission on this project.
- Valley Laboratory: The design contract has been awarded to TLB Architecture of Chester. Dr. Andreadis discussed progress on a land use issue which involves state ownership of a small portion of the property.
- Jenkins-Waggoner Building: The punch list is nearly complete. After the project is officially closed, a sum of approximately \$500,000 will remain for the Jenkins-Waggoner Greenhouse Project. The General Assembly authorized another \$200,000 for this project.
- Britton Building: Repair of snow/ice damage to the roof of this building will occur. A total of \$24,000 of state money will be used for the historic restoration of the tiles and ice guards.

Budget/Hiring: Rescissions totaling \$82,399 were instituted on September 18; three programs were impacted. At the request of OPM, a hiring plan was submitted in August; the plan was approved. Subsequently, OPM requested 5% budget options for the FY 2017 Budget; Dr. Andreadis reviewed the plan.

Licensing Agreement/Royalties: Dr. Andreadis summarized recent activity regarding Dr. James LaMondia's research program. A vote was undertaken to approve of the distribution of royalties as previously described. Mr. Reviczky made a motion for the vote, which was seconded by Mr. Jones. The motion passed unanimously at 11:09am.

Staff Changes: Dr. Andreadis reviewed recent staff changes. Dr. Jatinder Aulakh was recently hired as a Weed Scientist at the Valley Laboratory. Dr. Aulakh gave a brief presentation to the Board on his anticipated research program.

Affirmative Action Plan: Dr. White provided an update on the status of the Agency Affirmative Action Plan, which is due to CHRO on October 30.

Mr. Larson moved that an Executive Session be held to discuss Board funds, Personnel, Real Estate, and the Directors Report. Dr. White was invited to attend. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and passed unanimously at 11:56am.

Mr. Larson moved that the Executive Session be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Dr. Royer and passed unanimously at 1:46pm.

Mr. Larson moved that the following promotions be made: Dr. DeWei Li to Full Agricultural Scientist, Dr. Claire Rutledge to Associate Agricultural Scientist, Mr. Michael Misencik to Technician II and Ms. Lisa Kaczinski to Fiscal Administrative Officer. Dr. Royer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 1:46pm.

Dr. Royer moved that a reduction in rent for the Valley Laboratory Farm Manager House be reduced by \$200. Mr. Larson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 1:48pm.

Mr. Larson moved that the public meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Dr. Royer and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:54pm.

Respectively submitted,



Paul C. Larson, Secretary