

Board of Control
August 8, 2018

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

Present: Messrs. Andreadis, Fikrig, Jones, Larson, Sherman (representing Commissioner Reviczky), and Ms. Maroney and Nichols. Messrs. Barkin, Capone, da Silva, Elmer, Last, White, Wlodkowski, and Ms. Zuverza-Mena were present by invitation.

Absent: Dr. Royer.

The meeting was convened by Vice President Terry Jones at 1:05PM.

Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Larson, seconded by Ms. Nichols, the minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

Dr. Wade Elmer, Chief Scientist, Department of Plant Pathology and Ecology, introduced the new Plant Virologist, Dr. Washington da Silva. Dr. da Silva gave a brief presentation. Dr. Jason White, Vice Director and Chief Scientist, Department of Analytical Chemistry, introduced Dr. Nubia Zuverza-Mena who will work on Food Safety. Dr. Zuverza-Mena gave a brief presentation.

Mr. David Barkin, Chief Architect and Mr. David Wlodkowski, Project Manager, DAS – Construction Services gave an update on the Valley Laboratory Renovation and Addition Project. The design contract with TLB Architects is awaiting approval from the State Property Review Board.

Fiduciary Investment Advisors: Mr. Jeff Capone reported on the Board's portfolio and results through June 30, 2018. Mr. Capone presented recommendations to the Board. Dr. Fikrig moved to approve the recommendations: to reduce holdings in Invesco by 5% and increase Blackrock Strategic Income by 5%; add Diamond Hill All Cap Select (7%) and reduce Fidelity 500 Index by 7%. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously.

Licensing Agreements/Royalty Payments: The Experiment Station has licensing agreements with Johnson Brook Farms for seed. Mr. Larson moved the distribution of royalty payments to Dr. James LaMondia in compliance with the Station's policy. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maroney and passed unanimously.

Status of Building Projects: Mr. Last reported that the Valley Laboratory Renovation and Addition Project is awaiting approval from the State Property Review Board to begin the design

phase. The Jenkins-Waggoner Greenhouse Project will go out to bid this month (August) with construction beginning in the fall.

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

Dr. Bruce Sherman, Department of Agriculture, gave an update on the FDA grant for Produce Safety and the design and implementation of the state's Produce Safety Plan.

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. Maroney and passed unanimously at 2:58PM.

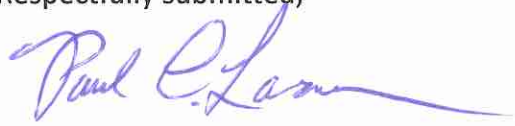
Dr. Fikrig moved that the Executive Session be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maroney and passed unanimously at 3:30PM.

Mr. Larson moved that Dr. Yonghao Li be promoted from Assistant Agricultural Scientist II to Associate Agricultural Scientist effective August 17, 2018. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously.

Ms. Nichols moved that the public meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maroney and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:36PM.

Plant Science Day 2018: 937 people.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul C. Larson, Secretary