

Approved Unanimously at the April 9, 2021 Senate G&D Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes: March 12, 2021

The meeting was attended by the following members:

Christopher Bernard
Tracy Borden
Ming-Hui Chen
Gregory Kivenzor
Jessica McBride
Katherine McCarthy
Carl Rivers
Michael Rodriguez
Jeffrey Shoulson
Casa Tutita
Mehdi Anwar

Guest: Dr. Mostafa Analoui, Executive Director, Technology Commercialization Services, OVPR, UConn

Absent: Michael Accorsi, Deepa Shukla, Ethan Werstler

1. The meeting started at 10:01 am.
2. The February 12, 2021, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Committee members self-introduced themselves to Dr. Mostafa Analoui. Dr. Analoui introduced himself.
4. Dr. Analoui made a power-point presentation. He is excited with the ongoing development with establishing startups. But it seems that we are resource limited, capping the number of start-ups. At present UConn has 3.5 to 4 startup per year. It was also indicated that Yale university is a feeder to our TIP program.
5. He also pointed out that the mindset in terms of startups is changing. Compared to other research-intensive schools/colleges, CLAS has a smaller representation in startups.
6. Student initiated startups are supported at no cost.
7. Dr. Analoui mentioned the establishment of the recent Stamford facility. It has seven new startups during the first year exceeding the five expected.
8. Meeting was adjourned at 10.59 am.