


August 1, 2018

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Scott A. Jordan   
Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer

RE: State Appropriation Request for the Biennium Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 for the  
University Of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the State Appropriation Request for the Biennium Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 as follows: \$234.4 million for Fiscal Year 2020 and \$269.7 million for Fiscal Year 2021 for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses.

RESOLUTION:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2021 State Appropriation Requests of \$234,379,428 and \$269,714,809 respectively.”

BACKGROUND:

Every two years, the Governor submits a biennial budget request to the Legislature. The process of preparing the Governor’s budget submission begins with state agencies submitting their biennial budget requests to the Office of Policy and Management (“OPM”). The biennial budget request for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 is due to OPM on September 15.

The University’s Office of Budget and Planning has calculated our request as the amount of State appropriation needed to support our current level of services, plus collective bargaining increases of \$10.3 million in FY20 and \$10.9 million in FY21 as mandated by the SEBAC agreement. In addition, our request includes *Next Generation Connecticut* funding of \$18 million in FY20 and an additional \$2.9 million in FY21, which would return State support to the planned FY16 level. This restored commitment would help the university maintain our current standing as the 18<sup>th</sup> best public university in the nation, continue our efforts to support and grow our academic and research mission by hiring 50 new faculty in both STEM and non-STEM fields, and support these faculty with graduate assistants, start-up costs, and associated operating needs.

In addition to the appropriation request, the University is budgeting \$174 million for State-reimbursed fringe benefits in FY20 and \$202 million in FY21, which are 57% and 63% of projected fringe costs of \$305 million and \$322 million in FY20 and FY21, respectively. If the State fully funds our appropriation request of \$234.4 million for Fiscal Year 2020 and \$269.7 million for Fiscal Year 2021, plus assumed fringe benefit reimbursement, the university will be able to balance its budget for these fiscal years.

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT**  
**Schedule of State Support**  
**State Appropriation Request**

**FY 2019 Approved Appropriation**

Operating Expenses	\$ 171,494,997
Workers' Compensation Claims	2,271,228
Next Generation Connecticut	16,865,367
<b>FY 2019 Total Approved Appropriation</b>	<b>\$ 190,631,592</b>

Current Service Level	\$ 15,168,539
Collective Bargaining Increases (5.5%)	10,359,820
Workers' Compensation Claims (3%)	68,137
Next Generation Connecticut	18,000,000
New Facilities O&M	151,340
<b>FY 2020 Total Requested Appropriation</b>	<b>\$ 234,379,428</b>

Current Service Level	\$ 21,284,916
Collective Bargaining Increases (5.5%)	10,929,610
Workers' Compensation Claims (3%)	70,181
Next Generation Connecticut	2,942,500
New Facilities O&M	108,174
<b>FY 2021 Total Requested Appropriation</b>	<b>\$ 269,714,809</b>