

Good afternoon Senator Looney, Representative Janowski and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee.

I am honored to be nominated by my former colleague, Governor Rell, to continue my service on the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees. The legislature should be proud of all that it has done to make the University a truly great institution and we on the Board are fortunate to be able to oversee the overhaul of our campuses.

I currently chair two committees: the Construction Oversight Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee. As you probably recall, the Construction Oversight Committee was mandated by the legislature after the embarrassing construction situation at the University. I am pleased to state that we have completely overhauled our construction process and it is now a model for other systems to copy. Also, the former state Building Inspector, called our buildings "the safest in the country."

The Buildings and Grounds Committee oversees the infrastructure of the University. We get involved on issues as diverse as conserving water to overseeing the new "downtown" in Storrs.

I used to sit on many volunteer boards, but because of my commitment to the University, I now focus most of my spare time on the University's behalf. I'd be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Tom Ritter