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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Held at University of Connecticut at Storrs      October 9, 1992  
Bishop Center, Room 7      Storrs, Connecticut

The meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m. by Chairman Lew Rome. Trustees present were: Mrs. Carrozzella, Messrs. Altschuler, George Brown, Otha Brown, Canzonetti, Dowling, Haskew, Lawrence, and Taylor.

Trustees absent were: Messrs. Blum, Carter, Ferrandino, Kleban, Leone, Rich, Saslow, and Stroh.

University staff present were: President Hartley, Vice President and Provost Tighe, Interim Vice President for Health Affairs and Provost Cutler, Vice Presidents Wiggins and Jones, Attorney Shapiro and Mr. McFadden.

All actions taken were by unanimous vote of the Trustees present, except as otherwise noted.

There was no public participation.

II.A. The report of the Chairman included the following items:

1. Chairman Rome reported that Trustee Charles Stroh had suffered a very severe heart attack which resulted in by-pass surgery. At this time, he is conscious and alert, and we are hopeful that he will recover quickly. The Chairman noted that Mr. Stroh is a patient at St. Francis Hospital.
2. Mr. Rome reported that he had met with 24 corporate executives at the Champion International Corporation in Stamford with regard to the Nutmeg Scholars Program. Potential donors understood the importance of the Nutmeg Scholars Program to the academic excellence of the University as well as to the economic vitality of the state and were very interested in it. The President of one of our corporate donors has scheduled a meeting on the same topic in Hartford on October 26.

The Governor has committed \$250,000 of seed funds for this program. Further, he has agreed to hold a news conference in early November to announce it to the public. Chairman Rome noted that the amount that the Governor provides will be added to the funds from the private sector.

The official University family members who have pledged monies for the scholarship include the Alumni Association, the first to authorize a scholarship on a four year basis, the individual members of the Board of Trustees, the Division of Athletics (for a student athlete), the UConn Foundation and the faculty bargaining unit, the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

3. Chairman Rome reported that he had met with staff members from Finance and Administration including the Director of Facilities to discuss ways to further enhance the campus environment. He directed his attention to the South campus dormitory complex specifically, since this is a main entrance to the campus and makes the first impression on many of our visitors and prospective new students. He produced an architectural rendering of a possible renovation to a building on South campus to show that a change could easily be made to this area.

Chairman Rome noted that the Board might have to discuss the possibility of extended financing from state resources and even consider the area of South campus for new construction.

Student Trustee Taylor questioned Chairman Rome on the role the Board would play in implementation of a plan. Chairman Rome responded that the Board and the administration would have to work cooperatively to secure funding and to convince the legislature. Chairman Rome invited Board comment and noted that if there was no opposition, he would assume that he had the Board's permission to continue. Several Board members spoke in favor of the proposal.

4. On a motion by Mr. Otha Brown, seconded by Dr. Dowling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to add to the Consent Agenda for action the notification that John Anthony Davis was recommended to fill the Emiliana Pasca Noether Chair in Modern Italian History. On a motion by Mrs. Carrozzella, seconded by Dr. Dowling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the Consent Agenda items listed as Attachments **(S)** and **(T)** which are attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

Those items were as follows: Contracts and Agreements for the Health Center (S), and Medical/Dental Appointments (T).

5. On a motion by Mr. George Brown, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve a formal list of the promotions, sabbatic leaves, changes in salary, and moving expenses as presented on the personnel list and listed as agenda Attachment **(U)**.

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6. On a motion by Mr. Otha Brown, seconded by Dr. Dowling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 11, 1992.
7. Chairman Rome noted that this was Student Trustee Derek Haskew's last Board meeting, thanked Derek for his commitment to and representation of students, and wished him well in his career.

On a motion by Mr. Otha Brown, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, **THE BOARD VOTED** the following resolution:

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DEREK HASKEW  
1990-1992

WHEREAS, Derek Haskew will complete his Board stewardship as student-elected Trustee on October 31, 1992; and

WHEREAS, he has distinguished himself as a leading spokesperson for the students of the University of Connecticut and as an academic and humanitarian role model for all young adults in the State of Connecticut;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut records its gratitude to Derek Haskew for his dedication and service and extends to him its best wishes for the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with a copy sent to Mr. Haskew.

B. The report of the President included the following:

1. President Hartley reported that freshman enrollment is up, and that final figures are very encouraging in light of the present economic situation and what has occurred at other institutions. The success is due to all members of the UConn family encouraging other students to attend UConn, the open houses, and 89% of graduating seniors recommending UConn to other students.
2. The President reported on three projects for which Federal funding had been sought successfully. They are \$10 million in Federal funding for an Applied Technology Center, a key component of our Research Park, \$3.5 million from the Department of Defense for a high-speed grinding machine for the Grinding Center, and \$1.45 million for the Environmental Protection Agency for a Center for Pollution Prevention Research and Development.

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This support means that we have been successful with our congressional delegation in securing funds during a very competitive period. We have worked with the Governor's Office to obtain funding that speaks well to the research mission of the University.

3. Much enthusiasm and interest has been generated for special interest motor vehicle license plates; i.e. Alumni Association, UConn Husky, etc. Legislation has been passed recently, and Scott Brohinsky is our liaison with the Department of Motor Vehicles for implementing the new policy.

In order to receive a special interest plate, a person must be a contributor at a certain funding level to a scholarship fund. A number of other agencies, including higher education, might also be eligible to receive the plates since they would not be considered vanity plates, but special interest plates. This concept is moving forward, and we are working with the Department of Higher Education and the Department of Motor Vehicles to accomplish this task.

4. The UConn Foundation Board met on September 17 at the Barney House, and was able to erase the longstanding deficit. Many former members attended as well as some Trustees, and the meeting was very positive.
5. President Hartley reported on several events he attended during the month. He spoke at the AFL-CIO Convention, and presented the keynote speech to the Women's and Civil Rights Committee. On September 20, President Hartley hosted a very successful President's Picnic.

The Health Center hosted a well-attended Forum on Management of Diversity with Roosevelt Thomas as their speaker. A number of other agencies were invited to participate. The forum was a continuation of our emphasis on diversity topics.

President Hartley met with AAUP representatives on September 22, and on September 23 hosted a reception for all UConn emeriti. The President noted that a roast held for Chairman Law Rome was well attended, and raised \$12,500 for Easter Seals Rehabilitation Centers. On September 25, President Hartley attended the Stamford Arts Center Rich Forum opening honoring our Trustee Frank Rich.

President Hartley discussed the United Way kickoff and campaign at UConn, and noted that the goal this year is set at \$90,000.

\$100,000 in Economic Development grants have been awarded to 10 professors at UConn, and faculty competition for the grants was very high. These awards were for projects that will demonstrate the economic partnership between UConn and the state. A wide variety of projects were funded. For example, one proposal dealt with developing information resources of the University in a way that would facilitate access from various centers in the state, and a number of them had development of certain specific products as their focus.

Chief Executive Officers and Connecticut College Presidents met on October 1 to focus on issues of community service. We are formulating an inventory of faculty and students working in the community on behalf of the community.

The Undergraduate Student Government sponsored a voter registration drive on October 1, and 639 students were registered to vote on that day. The project is ongoing.

On October 3, President Hartley hosted a Development Brunch to express appreciation to donors for their past support.

On October 5, the President met with the Governor on a number of topics. Included was a strategic plan outline for the Health Center. President Hartley complimented Dr. Leslie Cutler on his presentation regarding future research emphasis of the Health Center, and the work being done with the clinical programs to establish linkages with various hospitals. These programs demonstrate that the UConn Health Center is, and will continue to be, a partner in the economic recovery of the state.

Law School alumnus Robert Googins and Professor Neil Scanlon were honored recently at the Law School Distinguished Alumni Banquet held at the Farmington Marriott.

The Trustee-Administration-Faculty-Student Committee was held today, October 9, and discussion topics included the Nutmeg Scholarship Program, the possibility of a General Fund subsidy for the Summer Session, the Student Emergency Loan Fund, and the ROTC/Bigala/Department of Defense issue. 7795 J

- C. Dr. Dowling's report for the Health Affairs Committee was presented by Dr. Canzonetti and included the following:
  1. Dr. Canzonetti reported on the highlights of the meeting of the Joint Conference Committees of the John Dempsey Hospital and the Uncas on Thames Hospital. Both hospitals reported high quality of care.

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On a motion by Dr. Canzonetti, seconded by Mr. George Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to approve a three year lease of approximately 1,884 square feet of space, in cottage #23, at Uncas on Thames, to the Indian Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc. for the purpose of providing administrative offices. Background information listed as agenda Attachment V is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7795 9

3. On a motion by Dr. Canzonetti, seconded by Mr. George Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the John Dempsey Hospital Revised Safety Program which is consistent with JCAHO Standards to address the ongoing safety of patients, visitors, and staff at the John Dempsey Hospital. Background information listed as agenda Attachment W is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7795 10

D. Mrs. Carrozzella's report for the Student Life Committee included the following:

1. Chairwoman Carrozzella reported that the Committee had met on October 1, and Vice President for Student Affairs Carol Wiggins, had reviewed the history of the inclusion of "fighting words" in the University's Student Conduct Code. That section had become a part of the Code in January, 1990 at the direction of Assistant Attorney General Paul Shapiro and President Casteen. It remained as part of the Code at the time that the Student Conduct Code was approved by the Board of Trustees on June 14, 1991, after an extensive three semester review by an ad hoc committee of faculty, students, and staff.

After lengthy discussion, the members of the Student Life Committee requested that a forum be organized, at which time they could receive input from the University community concerning campus climate and campus speech codes. The Open Forum is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 1992, at 6:30 p.m., Room 7, Bishop Center, Storrs.

2. The next meeting of the Student Life Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 5 at 4 p.m., Room 11, Bishop Center. At that time, the Committee will focus on sorority and fraternity life and housing for those sororities and fraternities.

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- E. Mr. Altschuler's report for the Institutional Policy Committee included the following:
1. On a motion by Mr. Altschuler, seconded by Mr. George Brown, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the proposed adjustment of rates for reimbursement of moving expenses for faculty and deans. Background information listed as agenda Attachment X is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 77952
- F. Chairman Rome reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 13, 1992 at 10:30 a.m., Room #7, Bishop Center, Storrs, and is a Committee Meeting of the Whole of the Institutional Policy Committee and will be followed by a regular full Board meeting.
- G. On a motion by Dr. Canzonetti, seconded by Dr. Lawrence, **THE BOARD VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 4:12 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters of personnel, litigation, and collective bargaining. The Chairman noted that based on the advice of counsel, only the staff members whose presence was necessary to provide their opinion would be permitted to attend executive session.

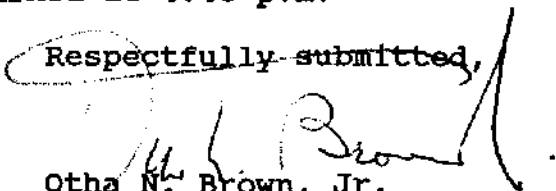
All members of the Board noted above as present were present for executive session.

Items discussed during Executive Session were as follows:

1. Personnel matters were discussed. President Hartley, Vice President and Provost Tighe, Interim Vice President for Health Affairs and Provost Cutler, and Mr. McFadden were present for this discussion. Attorney Shapiro was not present for this discussion.
2. Pending litigation was discussed. President Hartley, Vice President and Provost Tighe, Interim Vice President for Health Affairs and Provost Cutler, Attorney Shapiro and Mr. McFadden were present for this discussion.

Executive Session ended at 4:45 p.m. No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Otha N. Brown, Jr.  
Secretary

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