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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

University of Connecticut
Merlin D. Bishop Center
Storrs, Connecticut

April 15, 2003

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Chairman Roger Gelfenbien. Trustees present were: James Abromaitis, Louise Bailey, Michael Cicchetti, Linda Gatling, Christopher Hattayer, Lenworth Jacobs, Claire Leonardi, Denis Nayden, and Richard Twilley.

Trustees Philip Barry, William Berkley, Bruce Gresczyk, Michael Martinez, Frank Napolitano, David O'Leary, Theodore Sergi, Richard Treibick, and Brenda Sisco, who represents the Governor's Office were absent from the meeting.

University staff and Senate representatives present were: President Austin, Chancellor and Provost for University Affairs Petersen, Vice President for Financial Planning and Management Aronson, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Deckers, Vice Chancellor for Business and Administration Dreyfuss, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Triponey, Assistant Attorney General Shapiro, Dr. Schurin, Police Chief Hudd, Faculty Senate Representative Kent Holsinger, and Ms. Locke.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 11:37 a.m. to discuss matters concerning security strategy and/or the deployment of security personnel, and matters concerning the collective bargaining agreement with the University of Connecticut Professional Employees Association. The Chairman noted that on the advice of counsel only staff members whose presence was necessary to provide their opinion would be permitted to attend Executive Session.

Trustees present were: Abromaitis, Bailey, Cicchetti, Gatling, Gelfenbien, Hattayer, Jacobs, Leonardi, Nayden, and Twilley.

Trustee William Berkley participated by telephone.

President Austin, Chancellor and Provost for University Affairs Petersen, Vice President for Financial Planning and Management Aronson, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Deckers, Vice Chancellor for Business and Administration Dreyfuss, Vice President for Student Affairs Triponey, Assistant Attorney General Shapiro, Dr. Schurin, Mr. John Saddlemire, Dean of Students, Associate Vice President for Financial Planning and Management DeTora, Associate Director for Human Resources Wilder, Police Chief Hudd, and Police Major Ronald Blicher were also present.

1. Close Executive Session and recess for lunch.

Executive Session ended at 12:15 p.m. and the Board returned to Open Session at 1:04 p.m. Trustee Berkley participated by telephone. Trustee Gresczyk, Vice Provost for Multicultural Affairs Taylor, Athletic Director Perkins, Assistant Attorney General McCarthy, and Faculty Senate Representatives Gregory Anderson, Cameron Faustman, and Robert Tilton joined the meeting at this time.

All actions taken were by unanimous vote of the Trustees present.

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OPEN SESSION**1. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Gelfenbien introduced to the Board Mr. Bruce Gresczyk, Acting Commissioner of Agriculture, who replaced Shirley C. Ferris.

Chairman Gelfenbien also introduced Athletic Director Lew Perkins, who attended the meeting on behalf of Coach Geno Auriemma and the Women's Basketball Team. Chairman Gelfenbien congratulated the Women's Basketball Team for their outstanding achievement as the 2003 winners of the NCAA National Basketball Championship. He expressed his appreciation to the student-athletes for their athletic achievements and for serving as role models.

Trustee Abromaitis read the following resolution in honor of the Women's basketball team.

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE
UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM**

WHEREAS, The University of Connecticut women's basketball team has displayed great character and perseverance and has demonstrated the merits of performing to the limits of one's ability by winning the 2003 NCAA National Championship; and

WHEREAS, The University of Connecticut Division of Athletics and the women's basketball coaching staff have reflected the University's commitment to excellence in academics and athletics and have worked unstintingly to bolster our sense of pride in the University; and

WHEREAS, The University of Connecticut women's basketball team continued to bring great credit and recognition to the University and to the State once again this past season;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees hereby recognizes these outstanding achievements and expresses its gratitude for these positive and outstanding contributions to the University and the State of Connecticut; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board, with a copy sent to the women's basketball team.

On a motion by Mr. Abromaitis, seconded by Mr. Twilley, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the resolution recognizing the Women's Basketball Team.

Trustee Gatling recounted a story of a friend whose mother was turning 80 years old and whose only request was to go to a Women's Basketball Game before she died.

Trustee Leonardi acknowledged the team members as important role models.

Chairman Gelfenbien presented Mr. Perkins with a framed resolution and a recognition plaque for Head Coach Auriemma and the team.

Mr. Perkins noted that Coach Auriemma apologized for not attending the meeting today and thanked the Board members on behalf of Coach Auriemma and the team. He acknowledged the hard work and commitment of the student-athletes.

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2. Public Participation

The following members of the public addressed the Board on the topic noted:

- Mr. Michael Nichols, President, Undergraduate Student Government

Mr. Nichols expressed his gratitude for the Board's consideration of the USG Constitution amendments. The amendments represent the only ones brought to the Board since approval of the USG Constitution two years ago. Mr. Nichols noted that since he has been at UConn, voter turnout has increased from 3% to 25%, which is relatively unheard of on a college campus. He also noted that the national average is about 2% and as of last week, they garnered 25% of the undergraduate study body voting, which is about 3,500 students. He attributed this phenomenon to some of the things that USG has been able to do this year as well as to Trustee Hattayer's guidance last year. He also acknowledged Trustee Bailey and the support of the Student Life Committee.

- Ms. Elizabeth Hathaway, Editor-in-Chief, *Daily Campus*

Ms. Hathaway expressed her concerns over the Study Group for the Daily Campus and noted that she spoke on behalf of the staff of the Daily Campus. She noted that when she met with Trustees Hattayer and Twilley about her concerns over the Daily Campus Board of Directors quorum, she was instructed to consider the Daily Campus Constitution. She also informed them that the staff was considering assembling their own external task force to highlight problems and to propose solutions. The Daily Campus staff began to examine the Constitution and to work on ways to rectify the flaws. She noted that two weeks later they received a letter from Dr. Triponey informing them that they would be subjected to a Study Group. They responded to that communication requesting that the Study Group be dissolved so that the Daily Campus staff could be given the opportunity to address and correct its own internal problems. Ms. Hathaway also noted that they were disappointed to learn that not only had the Study Group been formed, but that there were no students nor any members who had a journalism or newspaper background appointed to the Group. The external investigation consisted of interview sessions and letters from former disgruntled staff members. To their knowledge, no former staff member who had a positive at the Daily Campus was contacted. She concluded that the Study Group investigation will provide only a limited view of the Daily Campus and that any recommendations could not be comprehensive.

Chairman Gelfenbien asked who was reviewing this issue.

Trustee Bailey asked Vice Chancellor Triponey to list the members of the committee.

Vice Chancellor Triponey responded that the committee is made up of Ms. Angela Rola, Chair, Trustee Christopher Hattayer, Trustee Philip Barry, and Mr. Joseph Briody, Associate Director for Leadership Development, Campus Activities. She noted that there are no current students on the committee, because they envisioned the inclusion of different perspectives, which included the Board of Directors, who are non-students, and the student leadership. The group is working to bring a report with recommendations to the Student Life Committee at their May meeting. The Board will also be updated.

Chairman Gelfenbien asked if the Student Life Committee meeting would be open to the public and if members of the Daily Campus staff would be in attendance.

Vice Chancellor Triponey responded that the meeting would be open to anyone.

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Trustee Bailey asked if Trustee Hattayer had any comments.

Mr. Hattayer responded that the recommendations would not only be made to the Student Life Committee, but also to the staff, students, and Board of Directors at the Daily Campus. The purpose of the study group was to provide some background and recommendations that could be considered by all parties, rather than a directive about how to fix issues that have arisen. The committee's intent was to provide the staff with assistance for dealing with their problems internally.

Chairman Gelfenbien noted that he was not familiar with the issues, but was concerned that the involvement of the Daily Campus staff be involved in the process. He looked forward to the report and to Ms. Hathaway's response to it.

- (a) Recommendations for Designation as Board of Trustees
Distinguished Professor, Academic Year 2002-2003 (Attachment 1)

Chancellor Petersen introduced to the Board each Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor. Each gave a brief presentation of their research activities.

Chancellor Petersen read the following resolution in honor of this year's Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors.

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR**

WHEREAS, Professors Gary M. English, Deborah A. Fein, Debra A. Kendall, Philip I. Marcus, and Robert A. Weiss have had illustrious academic careers while Professors at the University of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, They have established themselves as national leaders in their fields of scholarship, thereby bringing national and international recognition not only to themselves and their academic departments, but to the University of Connecticut as a whole; and

WHEREAS, They have presented themselves as outstanding teachers and mentors and guides to both graduate and undergraduate students; and

WHEREAS, They have been models of exemplary service to their disciplines, the University of Connecticut, and their state and nation; and

WHEREAS, They have been selected for this award as a result of an arduous selection process from among the most outstanding of their University of Connecticut Full Professor peers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees congratulates them on their outstanding long term achievements to the University of Connecticut; and commends their dedication to their professions, their students, their institution and their country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees hereby confers upon Professors English, Fein, Kendall, Marcus, and Weiss the title of "University of Connecticut Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy be given to Professors English, Fein, Kendall, Marcus, and Weiss.

On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the resolution for the Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors.

Chairman Gelfenbien congratulated the faculty members and presented each member with a framed resolution.

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- (b) Minutes of the meetings of January 14 and March 11, 2003

On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Hattayer, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the minutes of the meetings January 14 and March 11, 2003.

- (c) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Mrs. Gatling, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the following items listed on the Consent Agenda.

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| (1) | Contracts and Agreements for the Storrs-based programs | (Attachment 2) |
| (2) | Road Naming | (Attachment 3) |
| (3) | FY 2003-2004 Rental Rates for Residential Properties | (Attachment 4) |
| (4) | Bachelor of Arts Degree in Maritime Studies at the Avery Point Campus | (Attachment 5) |
| (5) | Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology at the Tri-Campus | (Attachment 6) |
| (6) | Approval of a Global Governance Studies Graduate Certificate at Storrs | (Attachment 7) |
| (7) | Proposed Increase in Tuition and Fees for the School of Medicine and the School of Dental Medicine for the Academic Years 2003-04 and 2004-05 | (Attachment 8) |
| (8) | Candidates for Commencement | (Attachment 9) |
| (d) | Personnel matters (Storrs-based programs) | (Attachment 10) |
- On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the personnel action recommendations.
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| (1) | Promotion, Tenure, and Reappointment lists |
| (2) | Designation of Emeritus Faculty |
| (3) | Sabbatics |
| (4) | Informational matters |

3. **President's Report**

President Austin noted that at the last Board meeting the Board approved the notification of a bylaw change that would provide for an additional Commencement in December. Given the enrollment growth and the demography of the student body, which contains a large number of first generation of college students, an additional ceremony is deemed necessary in order to provide enough seating for graduates and their families. President Austin reported that approximately 15-30% of undergraduates are eligible for a December Commencement, but many move away from Storrs between December and May and miss Commencement entirely. The Fall Commencement will be held in Jorgensen and will be a full ceremony with an honorary degree recipient and a speaker. The estimated cost associated with an additional ceremony is approximately \$20,000. President Austin reported that Dr. Ronald Schurin consulted with the Undergraduate Student Government and student members of the Honors and Awards Committee and all are in support of this proposal with the proviso that the December Commencement does not conflict with any religious holidays.

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- (a) Approval of Proposed Changes to the *University of Connecticut Laws and By-Laws* (Commencement) (Attachment 11)

On a motion by Mr. Hattayer, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the proposed changes (Article XVI - Commencement) to the *University of Connecticut Laws and By-Laws*.

- (b) Memorandum of Agreement Between the University of Connecticut and The University of Connecticut Professional Employees Association (To be distributed)

President Austin noted that at the March 11 Board meeting, the Board voted on the Memorandum of Agreement between the University and the AAUP in proposing a wage freeze. He noted that the University of Connecticut Professional Employees Association (UCPEA) has come forward with a similar proposal. Present Austin introduced Mr. Kevin Fahey, President and Ms. Kathy Sanner, Vice President for Collective Bargaining, who are two of the significant leaders who represent the UCPEA Union, and asked them to share with the Board the results of the membership vote.

Mr. Fahey reported that they met with President Austin and Vice President Aronson approximately one week ago and reached a tentative agreement on a wage concession for the coming year. Ms. Sanner reported that the UCPEA membership voted to ratify the agreement by a margin of nearly 7:1. She reported that out of 571 members, 494 approved and 77 rejected the proposal.

Mr. Fahey noted that he was pleased that the membership has supported the views of the UCPEA leadership. The membership is made up of hard-working, dedicated professionals committed to their jobs and to serving our students and the University.

President Austin acknowledged the leadership of the UCPEA and AAUP unions, which have been cooperative and helpful during this challenging economic time. He also acknowledged that the students endured tuition increases and the administrative staff has also incurred a wage freeze as well.

On a motion by Mr. Twilley, seconded by Mr. Abromaitis, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Connecticut and the University of Connecticut Professional Employees Association.

Chairman Gelfenbien expressed his gratitude to the UCPEA leadership.

- (c) Honorary degrees

President Austin directed Trustee attention to a list of nominees for honorary degrees and asked Dr. Ronald Schurin to read the names. Dr. Schurin noted that the following will receive honorary degrees at the Undergraduate Ceremonies: Undergraduate Speaker Les Payne, member of the class of 1964 and a Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist; Dr. Frederick Fennell, conductor and musical scholar; Mr. John Kluge, business leader and philanthropist; Dr. Henry Lee, forensic scientist; and Mr. Gordon Parks, photographer, writer, composer, filmmaker.

For the graduate ceremony, the following will receive honorary degrees: Graduate Speaker Arthur Levitt, former Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, business leader, and public servant; and Dr. Daniel Dennett, philosopher of multi-disciplinary approaches.

At the Health Center, an honorary degree will be awarded to Dr. Philip Leder, geneticist. Dr. Harold Loe, former dean of the School of Dental Medicine, will receive a University Medal.

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On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Hattayer, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the list of honorary degree recipients provided as a Handout.

(d) Substance Abuse Task Force Report

President Austin updated the Board on the final report of the Substance Abuse Task Force. He acknowledged the concerns of many regarding substance abuse on college campuses nationally. He noted that the Task Force consisted of individuals who have expertise on this issue in a variety of different ways. President Austin asked Professor John DeWolf, a respected member of the Engineering faculty, to chair the Task Force. President Austin charged the Task Force with identifying pragmatic approaches to the problems faced on campus. The final report reflects very sensible recommendations to address the University's current problem.

President Austin introduced Professor DeWolf and asked him to briefly summarize the report. Professor DeWolf acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the Task Force members. In keeping with the Committee's charge, they focused upon practical recommendations. He noted that they met weekly since the beginning of the semester. During that time, the Task Force met with student groups, Commissioner James Fleming from the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection, and a representative from the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Members were also divided into three sub-committees involving individuals both on campus and off campus.

Professor DeWolf noted that there were 51 recommendations in the final report. In identifying the most critical aspects of campus life, the Task Force reviewed the student judicial process and made several recommendations, especially involving parental notification. They also considered issues involving the HEART Program, which deals with students who are most at risk. The report also recommended providing more events for students and more places for students to hold activities that do not focus on alcohol. In particular, the Task Force reinforced the need for more recreational spaces, which is planned for in 21st Century UConn. Another area the Task Force reviewed was the Academic Calendar. One of the recommendations suggested was to provide for a full complement of classes throughout the week, especially on Friday. If classes were regularly held on Friday, that may provide an incentive to shorten the weekend to Friday and Saturday and ultimately lead to academic improvements.

The Committee also took into account the surrounding community and the availability of and access to alcohol. They looked at improving interactions between the University and local and state police. Regarding the new football stadium, the Task Force recommended that there be an alcohol-free area for tailgate parties.

The target areas that came out of the three subcommittees included the need for effective coordination of efforts, evaluation of new programming, and consideration of alternate sources of funding. He noted that there are several sources of funding available for non-alcoholic events. In particular, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services has a program that provides funding along with numerous federal programs. The Task Force also recommended that a prevention specialist be appointed to bring it all together and to follow it through.

In conclusion, he noted that the Task Force has been one of the best committee's he has been involved in. He expressed his gratitude to the members for their dedication and expertise, guidance, and attendance throughout the process. He noted that he hoped that the final report will lead to improvements in student health and safety.

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Mrs. Gatling noted that in reviewing the Academic Calendar there seemed to be a lot of interventions that will start during the academic year 2003-04. She asked him to explain why the change in the school week was postponed to academic year 2004-05.

Professor DeWolf responded that next year's departmental schedules have already been set and students have begun to pre-register. He also noted that this undertaking will take some planning, because it involves looking at classroom space and other issues.

Trustee Gatling asked for more details about how class schedules are determined.

Professor DeWolf responded that when he came to UConn, classes were traditionally held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with labs and longer classes on Tuesday and Thursday. He has noticed a gradual shift over the years in which many classes traditionally held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday have changed to Tuesday and Thursday. He noted that another change that has occurred is that there are a number of classes now held on Monday and Wednesday. Professor DeWolf also noted that there are approximately 570 different ways classes are offered. After reviewing many of the varieties of schedules, the Task Force found that there are a number of students do not have classes on Friday. Similarly, there are some statistics in the report based on Library hours, which suggests that the Library is utilized more from Sunday through Wednesday and then by Thursday usage drops in half. Also, statistics show that many types of arrests, including Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and other arrests associated with alcohol and other substances, increase dramatically between Thursday and Saturday.

Chairman Gelfenbien asked if there was a way to reach a compromise. He noted that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to make changes for the fall semester, but asked if the spring semester could be changed.

Professor DeWolf noted that in his department the schedule is set, but it would be a good question to pursue.

Chairman Gelfenbien asked the administration to take this into consideration if it is feasible.

Dr. Jacobs asked if other institutions were affected by the complexity of class scheduling.

Professor DeWolf directed attention to the cover page of this week's *Chronicle of Higher Education*, which portrays the national issue of institutions holding Monday through Thursday classes, which is not unique to UConn.

Dr. Jacobs noted that we lose three to four students a year from alcohol-related deaths through ingestion or accidents and it is a problem that cannot be ignored.

Professor DeWolf responded that he was confident with the recommendations in the final report.

Chairman Gelfenbien expressed his appreciation for the hard work of the Task Force membership.

Trustee Leonardi asked if all the recommendation listed with timeframes are going to be funded. She also asked the recommendations would be monitored so that the Board could receive feedback on what is working and what is not.

President Austin responded that there will be monitoring activities and periodic reports to the Board. He asked Dr. Schurin to gather the relevant people to discuss those issues have budgetary or

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logistical implications. For example, he noted that it may seem to be a very easy task to change class schedules, but they are implemented by the Chancellor and Deans who must consider space available and current semester needs. He noted that he shares the Board's concerns and assured the Board that they will address these issues as quickly as possible. President Austin also noted that there many policies that have been based upon past practice, for example, parental notification on a second violation is a very different action from what the University has done in the past. Although the University is not prohibited by the Buckley Amendment or other regulations, this would be a deviation from past practice. President Austin stressed that before any recommendation is implemented, appropriate academic affairs and student affairs personnel as well as legal counsel will advise the administration of the implications. He noted that 75-80% of the recommendations can be implemented immediately and the others will be implemented after appropriate assessment.

Trustee Leonardi asked if the President will schedule a time to report to the Board on what has been accomplished.

Trustee Twilley noted that his experience with classes at UConn was that he had Physics classes on Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 8:00 a.m. and he had a quiz every Friday at 8:00 a.m. He felt that it was time to reinvestigate the UCONN 2000 funds with respect to student facilities. He noted that the University is enlarging the campus and putting apartments and residence halls farther away from the center of campus to the point where someone living in the new Charter Oak apartments will have better access to Carriage House or to Husky's or to Ted's instead of the Field House. He suggested that additional funds be allotted for recreation services. He also suggested that the administration review more closely the facilities that are currently available and where they are located. That may mean that some projects may have to reviewed again and with the possibility of downscaling some in favor of more athletic facilities for example. He asked that the report include decisions about recreation facilities and Friday classes.

(e) Other matters

President Austin noted that the ongoing turmoil throughout the world has prompted a number of opportunities for discussion of views about the war in Iraq and there are many students and faculty who hold intensely divergent views about the war. Weeks ago, President Austin invited faculty from different disciplines to organize opportunities for students to express themselves about their views. Many were engaged in seminars, colloquia, and panels, which have varied in size from 20 students to several hundred. He noted that Dr. Schurin attended a number of the events and reported that many were contained substantive discussion and debate. President Austin thanked the participants.

President Austin announced that there will be a reception following the Board meeting for the Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors and that this evening there would also be the Trustee & Faculty Dinner. In between these events, he invited Board members to visit by the William Benton Museum to view their current exhibit. He directed Trustee attention to a brochure depicting 100 Images of 9/11, Mourning Wall, and Tibetan Sand Mandala. Dr. Schurin noted that Director Salvatore Scalora would be very receptive and offered to keep the Museum open beyond 4:30 p.m. Dr. Schurin encouraged members to visit the current exhibits, which fit in with the many commemorations the University has had with war in Iraq and other events on campus.

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President Austin also announced that John K. Martin, Vice Chancellor for Advancement at the University System of Maryland and President and Chief Executive Officer of the University of Maryland Foundation, Inc., has accepted the appointment as President of the UConn Foundation. Mr. Martin is a Connecticut native who started his career at the University of Bridgeport 25 years ago and had a successful ten years at the University of Maryland. The Foundation was moved out from under the University and is now staffed by non-University employees. The Institutional Advancement Committee of the Board will continue to play the same role as it has as a liaison between the University, the Board of Trustees, and the Foundation. Several members of the administration serve ex officio on the Foundation Board and will continue to do so. He, Chancellor Petersen, and Vice President Aronson serve in that capacity. President Austin expressed his pleasure with this appointment. Former Vice President Allenby and several others have told him that he Mr. Martin is regarded as among of a handful of the leaders who have proven track records in fundraising and management of institutional foundations.

President Austin announced that Vice Chancellor Triponey and Assistant Attorney General Paul Shapiro will be leaving the University in early summer. Assistant Attorney General Shapiro will retire effective June 1 and Vice Chancellor Triponey has accepted a position at Penn State. President Austin wished them both well. Receptions will be held for each in the near future.

4. Academic Affairs Committee Report

- (a) Committee Chairman's report on Committee activities

Vice Chair Jacobs reported that the Academic Affairs Committee met this morning and approved several items included under the Consent Agenda. He noted that the Committee heard an in-depth report on the Academic Plan, which will be brought to the Board for a more detailed discussion on May 7, 2003. He noted that it was a good discussion with a lot of interest and feedback and that materials would be forwarded to Board members one week prior to the May meeting.

- (b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:

- (1) Approval of Proposed Changes to the *University of Connecticut Laws and By-Laws* to Clarify the Definition and Terms of Appointment of Academic Department Heads (Attachment 12)

On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the proposed changes (Article XIV) to the *University of Connecticut Laws and By-Laws* to clarify the definition and terms of appointment of academic department heads.

5. Financial Affairs Committee Report

- (a) Committee Chairman's report on Committee activities

Vice Chair Nayden reported that the Financial Affairs Committee met this morning and reviewed the 2003-2004 Capital Budget recommendations. He noted that the University is in the ninth year of UCONN 2000. The administration also proposes a bond issuance to support further activity at the statutory cap of \$100,000,000 for continued improvements.

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(b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

- (1) FY 2003-2004 Capital Budget (Attachment 13)

On a motion by Mr. Nayden, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve a Capital Budget in the amount of \$100,000,000 in UCONN 2000 General Obligation Bonds for the Fiscal Year 2003-04.

- (2) Tenth Supplemental Indenture Authorizing University of Connecticut General Obligation Bonds, 2004 Series A, and Resolution of the Board of Trustees to Make a Declaration of Official Intent for Reimbursement Purposes (Attachment 14)

On a motion by Mr. Nayden, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the Tenth Supplemental Indenture authorizing University of Connecticut General Obligation Bonds, 2004 Series A, and resolution of the Board of Trustees to make a declaration of official intent for reimbursement purposes.

6. Health Center Board of Directors Committee Report

- (a) Committee Chairwoman's report on Committee activities

Vice Chair Leonardi reported that since January the Board of Directors has held two Board meetings and several subcommittee meetings. At the March 3, 2003 meeting of the Health Center Board of Directors, the Board approved the tuition and fee increase, which was listed under the Consent Agenda. The Committee also heard presentations on a new development plan, which would maximize the fundraising opportunities of the Health Center. She noted that many look forward to implementing that plan. The Board of Directors also discussed the successful completion of the Liaison Committee for Medical Education (LCME) Review of the Medical School. They received a strategic plan for the geriatrics program, which is key given their market place opportunities and the patient population, which crosses all the areas of the Health Center's Signature Programs.

The Board also heard a report on the smallpox vaccination preparedness and the Health Center's lead role in the State-wide vaccinations of health care professionals. They also discussed financial performance, which is on track despite the fiscal challenges. Vice-Chair Leonardi also reported that the clinical programs continue to grow and improve in profitability. At the March meeting, the Board recognized Dr. Marcia Hurley, who was recently chosen by the New England Board of Higher Education as a recipient of their 2003 Higher Education Excellence Award for Innovation. This award recognized her "outstanding work as the founding director of the health professions partnership initiative." Other recipients included Senator Edward Kennedy and MIT.

Vice-Chair Leonardi noted that the School of Dental Medicine is again ranked number one in the country.

The Board held a special meeting dealing with the Capital Budget on April 10, 2003 and approved the implementation of a distinguished faculty award, which will be given to one faculty member per year. The award will be presented at Commencement.

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At the special Capital Budget Workshop, they reviewed many strategic initiatives that included the Signature Programs, research education, clinical and information technology strategic plans, facilities master plan, and the proposed project sequencing for 21st Century UConn. This meeting involved only discussion of these items. The membership determined that they will hold a retreat in the fall to discuss all these issues in greater detail and come up with a list of final project sequencing.

(b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:

- (1) Approval of Proposed Changes to the *University of Connecticut Laws and By-Laws* (Outlines process for assignment of duties and authorities to subcommittees of the Health Center Board of Directors) (Attachment 15)

On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the proposed changes to the *University of Connecticut Laws and By-Laws* (Article V – outlines process for assignment of duties and authorities to subcommittees of the Health Center Board of Directors).

7. Student Life Committee Report

(a) Committee Chairwoman's report on Committee activities

Vice Chair Bailey reported that at the February 2, 2003 Student Life meeting the Committee endorsed the Guidelines for the Student Fee Referendum Process. The Committee also developed a committee to address the concerns raised by both student trustees and fellow students regarding the operation of the Daily Campus. She noted that the report will be available at a later date.

She noted that there are nine individuals who have declared their candidacy for the student trustee position and that there is almost equal representation of males and females.

She directed Trustee attention to Attachment 16, which is an action item to approve changes in the Undergraduate Student Government Constitution. Vice-Chair Bailey noted that Amendment One deals with several issues related to the position of Student Body Vice President and that Amendment Two deals with several issues relating to the institution of a Deputy Speaker of the Undergraduate Student Senate.

(b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:

- (1) Undergraduate Student Government Constitution Changes (Attachment 16)

On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Hattayer, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve changes in the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government.

8. Institutional Advancement Committee Report

(a) Committee Chairman's report on Committee activities

Trustee Cicchetti presented the report of the Institutional Advancement Committee on behalf of Vice-Chair Treibick. Trustee Cicchetti reported that the Institutional Advancement Committee met via teleconference on Thursday, March 27, 2003. The primary purpose of this meeting was to approve the naming recommendation for the Britta R. Nayden Physical Therapy Clinic in the School

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of Allied Health, which will open later this spring. He directed Trustee attention to the resolution in Attachment 17.

He noted that the Clinic will provide students and faculty with expanded educational and research opportunities. Ms. Nayden received her B.S. degree in Physical Therapy from UConn in 1976 and currently serves on the School's Advisory Board. Ms. Nayden and her husband, Denis, have been long-time generous supporters of the University.

Chairman Gelfenbien thanked Trustee Nayden and his wife for their generous support.

(b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:

(1) Naming Recommendation: (Attachment 17)

(a) Britta R. Nayden Physical Therapy Clinic

On a motion by Mr. Cicchetti, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to authorize the renovated office space on 14 Dog Lane to be named as the Britta R. Nayden Physical Therapy Clinic.

9. Other

10. Adjournment

Chairman Gelfenbien announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at the Merlin D. Bishop Center, Storrs. This will be preceded by a meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee to review the Academic Plan. He encouraged Board members to attend in person to discuss the Academic Plan.

Chairman Gelfenbien reminded the Board that the Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors will be honored at a special ceremony today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 3. In addition, the annual Trustee & Faculty dinner will be held tonight beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Wilbur Cross North Reading Room.

There being no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Bailey
Secretary