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**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT**

AGENDA

University of Connecticut
Stamford Campus
Stamford, Connecticut

November 14, 2006

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by Chairman John Rowe. Trustees present were: James Abromaitis, Louise Bailey, Philip Barry, Gerard Burrow, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Peter Drotch, Linda Gatling, Lenworth Jacobs, Jr., Thomas Ritter, Wayne Shepperd, Richard Treibick, and Janine Braun, who represents the Governor's Office.

Trustees Salmun Kazerounian and Michael Martinez participated by telephone.

Trustees Michael Bozzuto, George Coleman, Rebecca Lobo, Denis Nayden, Michael Nichols, and F. Philip Prelli were absent from the meeting.

University staff present were: President Austin, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Nicholls, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Deckers, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Aronson, Interim Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Feldman, Vice President for Student Affairs Saddlemire, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Makowsky, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Evanovich, Dr. Schurin, Special Assistant to the President Callahan, Chief Audit and Compliance Officer Walker, Interim Executive Director of Architectural and Engineering Services Bradley, Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Payroll Services Munroe, Special Assistant to the Provost Fox, Health Center Chief Financial Officer Upton, Health Center Chief of Staff Carlson, and Ms. Locke.

Assistant Attorney Generals Ralph Urban and Michael Sullivan were also present.

Also in attendance was Aetna Chief of Staff Patricia Hassett.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Drotch, **THE BOARD VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 12:02 p.m. to discuss contractual matters. 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, Barry, Burrow, Dennis-LaVigne, Drotch, Gatling, Jacobs, Ritter, Rowe, Shepperd, Treibick, and Janine Braun, who represents the Governor's Office.

Trustees Kazerounian and Martinez participated by telephone.

University staff present were: President Austin, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Nicholls, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Aronson, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Deckers, Interim Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Feldman, Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Payroll Services Munroe, Dr. Schurin, Special Assistant to the President Callahan, Chief Audit and Compliance Officer Walker, Interim Executive Director of Architectural and Engineering Services Bradley. Assistant Attorney General Ralph Urban was also present.

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Executive Session ended at 12:20 p.m. The Board returned to Open Session at 1:12 p.m. Trustees Kazerounian, Lobo and Nichols participated by telephone.

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

1. Greetings from the Stamford Campus Director

Associate Vice Provost Michael M. Ego welcomed the Board to the Stamford Campus. As part of the University's 125th celebration, the Stamford Campus is participating in UConn's Husky Trail by displaying one of the several Husky Dogs on exhibit throughout the State. The Stamford Campus statute has been named "PUP Quiz." They wanted to celebrate the campus' past as well as the present, so they created a quiz. Associate Vice Provost Ego presented Trustees with a brochure (quiz) and a small gift to commemorate the University's 125th anniversary.

Chairman Rowe thanked Associate Vice Provost Ego for hosting the Board meeting. He also offered any Trustee the opportunity to tour the facility.

2. Public Participation

There were no members of the public who wished to address the Board.

3. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters outstanding

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Rowe congratulated Governor Rell on her re-election.

Chairman Rowe thanked Dr. Richard C. Levin, President of Yale University, for providing a facility and support for yesterday's Construction Management Oversight Committee. President Levin was also instrumental in identifying appropriate individuals to serve on that Committee.

(b) Minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2006

On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Drotch, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2006.

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Dr. Burrow, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the Consent Agenda Items.

(1) Contracts and Agreements for the Storrs-based programs (Attachment 1)

(2) Appointment of Members on the Louise Crombie Beach Memorial Foundation (Attachment 2)

(3) Lease Extension, 99 Ash Street, East Hartford (Attachment 3)

(4) Designation of Emeritus Status for Dean Peter Robinson, School of Dental Medicine (Attachment 4)

(d) Personnel matters (Storrs-based programs) (Attachment 5)

(1) Sabbatics

On a motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded Mr. Shepperd, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the sabbatic leave list.

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(2) Informational matters

4. **President's Report**

President Austin introduced to the Board Assistant Attorney General Ralph Urban, who replaced Paul McCarthy. Attorney Urban is a graduate of the School of Law and he has been in the Office of Attorney General since 1989, where he distinguished himself by overseeing the longstanding Sheff v. O'Neill case. Mr. Urban will serve the University initially on a part-time basis.

President Austin updated the Board on several administrative searches currently underway. Chairman Rowe earlier made reference to the retirement of Dr. Peter Robinson as Dean of the School of Dental Medicine. A national search for his replacement produced several qualified candidates. There was overwhelming support for Dr. R. Lamont "Monty" MacNeil, who is currently the School of Dental Medicine's Vice Dean and a professor in the Department of Periodontology at the Health Center. He has a very interesting background, including a private dentist practice. He joined the Health Center in 1998. He is highly regarded nationally reputation in reforming dental education. The School of Dental Medicine is delighted that he has accepted that appointment.

The University and Alumni Association are down to four finalists for the Alumni Director position, two of whom the President has met. The other two candidates are visiting the campus this week and next to meet Alumni-elected Trustees Barry and Dennis-LaVigne, along with other constituent groups. With respect to the Law School Dean's search, the Committee has narrowed the pool and the search is in its final stage. Searches for deans of the Schools of Business, Engineering, and Nursing are moving forward as well.

At the last meeting of the Board, President Austin gave a briefing on the proposed collaboration with Dubai. He has received some feedback that includes no opposition and some aggressive support for the project. Following the last Board meeting, the University proceeded with negotiations for a contract and is in the early stage of a planning process that was described earlier. The contract will cover approximately \$3 million from the government of Dubai for planning activities. President Austin said that he was optimistic that they will develop a proposal that could be to our mutual advantage. If it is not to the University's advantage, President Austin said that he will not bring forward the proposal for Board approval. It has the potential to be a very rewarding collaboration.

(a) Nomination of Honorary Degree

President Austin directed Trustee attention to a brief bio of Mr. Robert E. Diamond, Jr., who has been nominated to receive an honorary degree and to speak at the December Undergraduate Commencement ceremony. Mr. Diamond is an alumnus of the School of Business.

On a motion by Mr. Treibick, seconded Mr. Barry, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the honorary degree candidate, Mr. Robert E. Diamond, Jr., for the December 2006 Commencement ceremony. A copy of the handout is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

(b) Other matters

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5. 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 heard two presentations. Special Assistant to the Provost Karla Fox gave a brief power point presentation on the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation. A copy of the handout is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

Associate Vice Provost and Director of the Honors Program Lynne Goodstein gave a presentation on the Honors Program. Dr. Jacobs and Chairman Rowe both regarded the Honors Program as significant. There is clear evidence of the academic strength of the student body.

Provost Nicholls provided the Committee with metrics relating to fiscal priorities for the academic programs and for addressing the student/faculty ratio.

6. Financial Affairs Committee Report

(a) Committee Chairman's report on Committee activities

Vice-Chair Drotch reported that the Financial Affairs Committee met this morning. The first item of business was to present to the Trustees a report of the results of the contract negotiation for the purchase of natural gas. As Trustees were briefed previously, the University had not yet quantified the effect of entering into such a contract. Mr. Callahan presented to the Committee this morning a report of the result of those negotiations and the protections that have been built into a "take or pay" contract to ensure to the extent possible that we had no downside exposure. The savings are estimated to be in the range of \$3 million for the year. The negotiation process was quite extensive. This contract will be a tremendous value to the University.

The Committee discussed the tuition proposal for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 (Academic year beginning in 2007).

Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Evanovich gave a power point presentation on a variety of student issues, involving historical trends in tuition, fees, room and board; freshman and minority freshman retention trends; student enrollment; graduation trends; student/faculty ratios; and an in-depth discussion of financial aid issues. The financial aid discussion was very comprehensive, especially in illustrating the shift over the years from federal/state funding to more reliance on the institution to meet the financial aid needs of our students. Currently, there is approximately \$230 million of aid provided to students (77% is need-based and 23% is merit-based). In addition, there is approximately \$115 million in available loans. Vice-Chair Drotch summarized that for every \$100 of tuition increase, approximately 25% of that is set aside for financial aid. The statistics show that there is a strong institutional commitment to meet the needs of the University's lower income constituents.

At the end of the presentation, there was a discussion about expanding the number of faculty positions - an initiative the Board supported about a year ago. Vice-Chair Drotch stressed that in addition to the continued commitment to improve facilities at Storrs and at the regional campuses, there also needs to be an institutional commitment to strengthen the faculty ranks. Currently, the student/faculty ratio is 17:1, respectively. The goal is to achieve a 15:1 student/faculty ratio, respectively. Vice-Chair Drotch directed Trustee attention to the State

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Appropriation request in Attachment 9 that deals with the Faculty Hiring Plan and the Eminent Faculty Program, and estimates of what some of the costs would be. Vice-Chair Drotch reported that the Financial Affairs Committee approved and recommended to the full Board the proposed tuition and fees as presented in the Board agenda, but the proposed tuition and fees do not consider adding more faculty lines. The program to add 175 new faculty positions represents a five-year plan. There is concern as to whether it will be possible to implement the Plan in Fiscal Year 2008. Vice-Chair Drotch asked the administration to consider, in a very tight timeframe possibly before the January meeting, some alternative approaches to funding the additional faculty positions. Vice-Chair Drotch said that it was the consensus of the Financial Affairs Committee members, and other Trustees present, that this initiative be given a high priority. Vice-Chair Drotch observed that there is a higher level of appreciation for the quality of the University and our current rankings in New England and nationally continue to improve, but we need to continue in that trajectory and the one impediment is the increase in the student/faculty ratio.

Chairman Rowe agreed with Vice-Chair Drotch regarding the concerns over the student/faculty ratio. Dr. Rowe said that it was an issue that must be monitored closely. He was pleased that the Financial Affairs Committee has asked the administration to develop strategies to accommodate an increase in faculty positions.

Chairman Rowe congratulated the administration on the budget, especially for keeping the tuition increase less than 6%, which is lower than last year's increase and is also lower than most of our competitive institutions. Chairman Rowe said that this shows great discipline in the budgeting and operation.

Vice-Chair Treibick noted that earlier it was reported that 25% of tuition revenues goes to student aid, asking if most of that was part of a loan program. Vice-Chair Drotch said that it was mostly need-based and merit-based. Both he and Chairman Rowe said that the money does not represent loans, but scholarships.

Chairman Rowe added that there are a few State scholarship programs as well, but these are from the University scholarship program.

Vice-Chair Drotch asked if we increase tuition, how much would really be available to dedicate to faculty expansion. It is not dollar for dollar, because as the tuition increases, the very first cut is to provide additional financial aid.

Vice-Chair Treibick said that somehow he had the feeling that part of that was going into the loan program. Vice-Chair Drotch responded that there are loan programs, but this calculation was just to figure out how much would be available for every \$100 of tuition increase.

Vice-Chair Treibick asked if the loan programs were internal or external. Vice Provost Evanovich responded that they are outside providers or federally funded for the most part. Vice-Chair Drotch said that the University is not in the student loan business, but we aid students and their families in obtaining loans. Vice Provost Evanovich added that the Financial Aid Office processes over \$100 million in federally funded loan programs.

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Ms. Braun, the Governor's representative, asked the record to reflect that the Governor has been consistently been opposed to tuition and fee increases and she continues to take that position. She also said that she appreciated Vice-Chair Drotch's comments about financial aid and the assurances that financial aid is a priority and will be available students going forward.

Trustee Nichols apologized for not being on the call for the morning committee meetings. He asked about the room rate, which was going up 8%. He was not sure what that the increase was tied to and that it seemed slightly out of line with the tuition and board increases. He asked what would precipitate that.

Vice President Aronson responded that the room and board increases are needed for increasing energy costs, energy efficiency initiatives, and repair and maintenance activity. UCONN 2000 dollars are reserved for major renovation and new building, and to accommodate our general increase in inflationary cost increases. The State Appropriation and the associated fringe are dedicated to the academic program. The auxiliaries, including most notably residential life and dining services, all contractual increases, and salaries, are all picked up by the auxiliary funds as well. That represents the list of things that need to be taken care of with the 8% increase.

Chairman Rowe asked if the 8% increase accommodates all of those changes.

Vice President Aronson responded that it does as best they can budget now. The administration believes that they can meet those needs.

Vice-Chair Treibick asked if the room rates were a composite rate. He asked for confirmation that there are alternative room accommodations.

Vice President Aronson said that there are different types of rooms. What they have illustrated for this purpose is the double room rate, which is what the majority of students have. They also highlighted that the meal plan that the majority of students buy. She confirmed that there is a range for both.

(b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

- (1) Biennium Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 Institutional Fees for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 6)

On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded Mr. Treibick, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve a schedule of Institutional Fees for Biennium Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 comprised of increases in the following: Tuition, Room, Board, Infrastructure Maintenance Fee and Program Specific Fees (MBA, LLM-Insurance, LLM-U.S. Legal, MS Accounting, School of Social Work, MENG, Law School Exchange Program, EMBA-Hartford).

- (2) Biennium Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 Student Activity and Service Fees for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 7)

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On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded Mr. Treibick, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve a schedule of Student Activity and Service Fees for Biennium Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 comprised of increases in the following: General University Fee (GUF), Activity Fees (Student Union Board of Governors, Storrs Summer Session Fee, Law School Student Bar Association, Stamford Student Government Fee), and Other Fees (Parking Fees-Storrs Residents, Storrs Commuters, Storrs Graduate Assistants, North/South Garage, Law School; Transit Fee-Storrs).

- (3) Biennium Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 Academic Materials Fees for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 8)

On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded Mr. Treibick, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve adjustments to certain Academic Materials Fees for Biennium Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 as follows. Creation of new fees: Pharmacy Practice Major Fee and Avery Point Maritime Studies Major Fee, and Course Fees for Pharmacy Labs, Plant Science, Animal Science and Geography. Increases to the following fees: Law Library/Information Technology Major Fee and Course Fees for Applied Music and Plant Science. Additionally, a technical correction to the Nursing Major Fee changing it to a Course Fee is recommended.

- (4) State Appropriation Request for the Biennium Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 9)

On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded Mr. Treibick, **THE BOARD VOTED** to endorse the program priorities contained in the Expansion Option State Appropriation Request for the Biennium Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 for the Storrs-based program's Faculty Hiring Plan and the Eminent Faculty Program.

- (5) Project Budget (Design) for the University of Connecticut Health Center Tomotherapy Equipment Installation (Attachment 10)

On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded Mr. Treibick, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve a Design Budget in the amount of \$3,898,600 for the Tomotherapy Equipment Installation project.

- (6) Project Budget (Final) for Interior Remediation, Demolition and Removal of Pharmacy Buildings (Attachment 11)

On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded Mr. Treibick, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve a Final Budget in the amount of \$1,793,000 for the building interior environmental remediation, demolition and removal of the former Pharmacy facility.

- (7) Project Budget (Final) for Ryan Refectory Renovations (Attachment 12)

On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded Mr. Treibick, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the Final Budget of \$2,970,000 for the Ryan Refectory renovations.

- (8) Project Budget (Final) for the Stamford Campus Improvements – Parking Garage Repairs (Attachment 13)

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On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded Mr. Treibick, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the Final Budget of \$215,000 for repairs to the parking garage at the Stamford Campus.

- (9) Project Budget (Final) for the Residential Life Window Replacement Project for Hale Hall, Ellsworth Hall, Brien McMahon Hall and West Campus (Attachment 14)

On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded Mr. Treibick, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the Final Budget of \$3,050,000 for replacement of exterior windows for four student residential facilities: Hale Hall, Ellsworth Hall, Brien McMahon Hall and West Campus.

- (10) Project Budget (Revised Final) for the Charter Oak Suites Attic Sprinklers (Attachment 15)

On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded Mr. Treibick, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the Revised Final Budget of \$1,000,000 to install sprinklers in the attic space of Charter Oak Suites.

The updated resolution was presented as a Handout.

7. **Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report**

- (a) Committee report on Committee activities

Vice-Chair Drotch reported that there has been no full meeting of the Joint Audit and Compliance Committee since September 7, but the Committee held a special telephone meeting on October 26 to approve the selection of the auditing firm Seward and Monde. They will perform the agreed upon procedures and audit for the Division of Athletics.

They have also appointed external auditors UHY, Inc. for the UCONN 2000 and 21st Century UConn Projects. As the Board recalls, the Committee approved their appointment at the September 7 meeting. The Committee will receive an update at the next Joint Audit and Compliance Committee meeting.

Vice-Chair Drotch also reported that PricewaterhouseCoopers has completed their last remaining audit and will attend the upcoming December 6 meeting for closeout of those engagements.

8. **Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report**

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

Vice-Chair Ritter reported that the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee last met on October 23, 2006. The Committee received a detailed briefing from ISES, which is the firm that the University has contracted with to conduct a facilities conditions assessment for all the campuses. The briefing also included Deferred Maintenance in which the Committee received a very large report. The basis of this report will be sent to the Governor and to the Board by December 1.

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The Committee held an extensive discussion on green buildings. The Committee felt that since the University has built several green buildings, there should be a policy in place to deal with the upfront costs and other issues. What they found was that the biggest cost of constructing a green building was obtaining certification. The faculty representative on this Committee suggested that the University construct green buildings and not get them certified. Vice-Chair Ritter said that that suggestion would be taken into consideration and be discussed at their upcoming meeting in January.

Chairman Rowe asked what the benefits of certification were. Vice-Chair Ritter was not aware of what the specific benefits were in addition to receiving some type of acknowledgement and an award. It is his strong feeling that the recommendation in January might be that we get the benefits of a green building without having to pay for certification.

Chairman Rowe asked if there were any insurance, energy, or tax energy rebates, etc. He asked for confirmation that the energy savings are in the fact that buildings are built as green buildings and that they are more energy efficient. Vice-Chair Ritter believed this to be the case, but they are looking at this issue more closely. It was the Committee's view that they want to presume that we want to build green buildings, but again we need to look out how economically sound they will be. The Committee also raised the issue of taking advantage of all the conservation money available at the State level. The administration indicated that we have tapped into over \$1.6 million of the Energy Conservation Fund, which is a remarkable program.

Vice-Chair Ritter reported that the administration is move forward on code inspections. According to State Statute, a report will be sent to the Governor. We have completed 19 projects totaling 41 buildings. All work in the residence halls has been completed as well as other buildings involving student activities. Chief Hudd is working hard to facilitate the process. The Committee is very comfortable with the current status.

At the last Board meeting, the Board approved the resolution dealing with 400 Farmington Avenue (Farm Tech), which will house the University-wide Stem Cell Institute. The resolution in September was brought to the Board for approval subject to the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee review. The Committee raised a number of issues, which Health Center Chief of Staff Bruce Carlson and Interim Executive Director of Architectural and Engineering Services James Bradley are working to resolve. There are a lot of environmental issues that must be addressed. Before the remediation takes place, the Committee wants to ensure that those that will be utilizing the building are comfortable with the building before it is bought.

The Committee is looking for 24 hours notice to vote in favor as long as the environmental concerns and the communication process goes forward.

Chairman Rowe asked if there was a recommendation.

Vice-Chair Ritter said that the Board has already voted subject to meeting two conditions. The Health Center is aware that the two conditions must be met before final approval is given by the Health Center Board of Directors Finance Subcommittee.

Chairman Rowe asked if he had a timeframe. Vice-Chair Ritter responded that Mr. Carlson wanted to close before Thanksgiving.

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(c) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:

- (1) Transfer of UConn – Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P) Interconnection Facility (Attachment 16)

On a motion by Mr. Barry, seconded Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to authorize the conveyance of the University's North Eagleville Road interconnection/switching facility to the Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P).

Trustee Barry explained that the construction of the interconnection/switching facility was an integral part of the University's co-generation project. The facility connects the University to the regional and national electrical grid. The conveyance of this facility to CL&P is required pursuant to the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and was approved by FERC last October. The value of the switching station improvements cost approximately \$218,000 to construct.

Vice-Chair Ritter abstained.

Vice-Chair Treibick asked what was meant by the term "convey." Chairman Rowe said that he thought that we were giving it to them. Vice-Chair Treibick asked if it included the property on which the facility sits. Mr. Callahan responded that the cost is only for the improvements themselves. Vice-Chair Treibick speculated that it was probably nothing more than a steel chest. Mr. Callahan confirmed that the actual improvements that were made were for a steel chest, switching equipment, and electrical components.

Vice-Chair Treibick said that it would be so that they could maintain it. Mr. Callahan agreed.

Vice-Chair Treibick asked what would happen if there was a cheaper and better way to connect. Mr. Callahan said that he did not know. He said that he we are required to make this conveyance as a result of the agreement that was made with FERC.

Chairman Rowe thanked Vice-Chair Ritter for serving as Vice-Chair for two Board committees. He acknowledged the tremendous amount of time needed to serve. Chairman Rowe was pleased with the Construction Management Oversight Committee staff work. He noted that there a number of non-Board members who were appointed by the Governor and her colleagues in the Legislature who are experts in the field and are all participating and involved in the discussions. He is satisfied with the progress that they have made thus far.

9. Construction Management Oversight Committee Report

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

Vice-Chair Ritter reported that the Construction Management Oversight Committee met yesterday at Yale University.

Interim Executive Director of Architectural and Engineering Services Bradley provided the Committee with an informative overview of the process involved in obtaining LEEDS certification. The Committee work is moving forward and all members are pleased that the University has reacted well to the difficult situation we are in. All members feel that progress is being made.

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The search for the Construction Assurance Director is expected to be complete by the end of the month.

Vice-Chair Ritter acknowledged the time and work involved on this Committee.

10. Health Center Report

(a) Report on Health Center activities

Health Center Board of Directors Chair Burrow followed up on Vice-Chair Ritter's discussion earlier regarding the Farm Tech building at 400 Farmington Avenue. He noted that the embryonic stem cell program, which will be housed in the Farm Tech building, must be isolated from other research that involves federal support.

In addition, this building would also provide swing space for many research activities that will be affected by the renovations that will occur in the research labs of the main building. Dr. Burrow explained that the type of renovations needed in the main building require that three consecutive floors be renovated at the same time. Dr. Burrow also indicated that there will also be some available space for the University's Technology Incubator Program (TIP), which is currently limited.

On the financial side, there have been changes in the patient payer mix. There are plans to deal with the financial differences, but the Health Center Finance Subcommittee felt that it would be helpful to have an outside consultant review the current process. Plans are underway to obtain an RFP to hire an external consultant.

(b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:

- (1) State Appropriation Request for the Biennium Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 for the University of Connecticut Health Center

(Attachment 17)

Dr. Burrow stated that the State Appropriation Request for the Biennium Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 was brought to the Board at the September meeting. There was a discussion at that time about how to deal with the Academic Gap in the budget, which refers to those expenses not covered by state funding and which have been historically been supported through the John Dempsey Hospital budget. Also discussed at the meeting was the possibility of recasting this funding request as an "expansion option" request for programmatic expansion. Dr. Burrow said that the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) advised them that it should not be included in the budget, but should be treated separately as an expansion option request for \$13.5 million in Fiscal Year 2008 and \$20 million in Fiscal Year 2009. Dr. Burrow said that this does not change the numbers, but it just provides it as an option.

On a motion by Dr. Burrow, seconded Mr. Ritter, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve for the Health Center a State Appropriation Request for the Biennium Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 as follows: a Current Services Request of \$80 million for Fiscal Year 2008 and \$83.2 million for Fiscal Year 2009, and an Expansion Option Request of \$13.5 million for Fiscal Year 2008 and \$20 million for Fiscal Year 2009.

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11. Student Life Committee Report

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

Vice-Chair Bailey reported that the Student Life Committee last met on November 1, 2006. Vice President Saddlemire introduced four new members of the Student Affairs Management Team. She was pleased to meet the new director of undergraduate admissions.

- (b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:

- (1) Revision of Student Trustee Election Committee By-Laws (Attachment 18)

Vice-Chair Bailey indicated that the Student Trustee Election Committee (STEC) By-laws were not included in the agendas. She noted that the revisions serve to clarify and update STEC policies and procedures with respect to facilitating the election process and maximizing student voter turnout. The recommendations were made by the Student Trustee Election Committee in April and were brought before the Student Life Committee in November.

Dr. Ronald Schurin noted that most of the revisions were minor housekeeping issues, such as changing the order in which candidates are listed from alphabetical order to random order to conform to what is often done in electoral processes. In addition, when there is a matter under appeal, making it clear that the Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees would be the appellate officer, so that if there is a question about account or candidate eligibility, that person would have the determining authority.

The Student Life Committee unanimously approved the changes and they were strongly supported by the student members.

On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded Mr. Nichols, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve revisions to the following articles of the Student Trustee Election Committee By-laws:

- Article II – The Student Trustee Election, Section B.2 a) b)
- Article II – The Student Trustee Election, Section B.5 and B.6
- Article II – The Student Trustee Election, Section D.5
- Article II – The Student Trustee Election, Section F.1 b)
- Article II – The Student Trustee Election, Section F.2 d)

12. Institutional Advancement Committee Report

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

Vice-Chair Treibick reported that the Institutional Advancement Committee met via teleconference on Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

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The Committee received an update from Mr. John Martin regarding fundraising results as of September 30, 2006 (Attachment 21).

The most significant gifts received are:

\$2.5 million from Ray and Carole Neag for the Neag Cancer Center.

\$1.25 million from the Lea's Foundation to establish a named endowment for Hematologic Disorders at the UConn Health Center.

\$500,000 from Dan and Theresa Toscano to create an endowed scholarship for the School of Business.

Vice-Chair Treibick directed Trustee attention to Attachments 19 and 20.

(b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

(1) Facilities Naming Recommendations (Attachment 19)

On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded by Mr. Treibick, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the following facilities naming recommendations for the Division of Athletics: The Marziali Family Training Room and the Nerac Football Coaches Meeting Room.

(a) Division of Athletics

(1) The Marziali Family Training Room

(2) Nerac Football Coaches Meeting Room

(2) Academic Program Naming Recommendation (Attachment 20)

On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded by Mr. Treibick, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the academic program naming recommendation for The Lea's Foundation Center for Hematologic Disorders at the Health Center.

(b) Health Center

(1) The Lea's Foundation Center for Hematologic Disorders

The Foundation recently completed a PricewaterhouseCoopers audit early with very positive feedback from the auditors. The earlier completion enabled the Foundation to generate endowment reports for donors in an expanded and more detailed format. Vice-Chair Treibick believed that all members of the Board received that information.

Vice-Chair Treibick reported that they are continuing with their planning efforts on a new capital campaign.

This June the Foundation appointed eight new members to its Board of Directors. They are attempting to solidify this group for the upcoming campaign.

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Vice-Chair Treibick asked Mr. Brohinsky to summarize the legislative update. Mr. Brohinsky said that some of the issues have been addressed with the Board's approval of the current services budget request for the Storrs-based programs and the Health Center. He also mentioned the State support needed to fill the Academic Gap, which was also reported by Dr. Burrows earlier. In addition, they will be discussing with members of the General Assembly the proposal to increase the number of faculty to meet our student needs as well as expansion of the Eminent Faculty Program. They will probably re-introduce the topic of the State Matching Gift Program at some point. The State's contribution, which is now \$1 for every \$4 of a gift, is based on a trigger, which is that the State's Rainy Day Fund must be funded with at least 10% of the State's Operating Budget. The unreliability of that trigger and mechanism has rendered the program non-functional as a fundraising tool. Mr. Brohinsky said that it is unclear if the General Assembly will address that issue.

Mr. Brohinsky also raised the issue of the Office of State Ethics' advisory opinion on corporate gifts. He said that if a corporation is either a registered lobbyist or does business with a State agency, then that State agency is prohibited from accepting a gift from that entity. Many legislators felt that the interpretation is beyond what was ever intended. Mr. Brohinsky hopes to address that issue during the upcoming legislative session.

Vice-Chair Treibick stated that the search for the Director of the Alumni Association is nearing completion. There are two candidates returning to campus for interviews shortly.

(c) Informational item:

(1) Development Progress Executive Summary (Attachment 21)

13. **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Rome Commons Ballroom (South Campus Complex), Storrs, Connecticut.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary