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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

MINUTES

University of Connecticut  September 23, 2008  
Branford House  
Avery Point Campus  
Groton, Connecticut

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Chairman John Rowe. Trustees present were: Louise Bailey, Philip Barry, Richard Colon, Jr., Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Peter Drotch, Linda Gatling, Ross Gionfriddo, Lenworth Jacobs, Jr., Rebecca Lobo, Michael Martinez, F. Philip Prelli, Thomas Ritter, Wayne Shepperd, and Janine Braun, who represents the Governor’s Office. 

Trustee Denis Nayden participated by telephone. 

Trustees Michael Bozzuto, Gerard Burrow, Joan McDonald, Mark McQuillan, and Richard Treibick were absent from the meeting. 

University staff present were: President Hogan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Nicholls, Vice President for Health Affairs Laurencin, Vice President for Enrollment Planning, Management & Institutional Research Evanovich, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Gray, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Feldman, Vice President for Student Affairs Saddlemire, Senior Vice Provost Singh, Senior Associate to the President and Chief of Staff Troyer, Chief Audit and Compliance Officer Walker, Director of University Relations Brohinsky, Athletic Director Hathaway, Executive Associate Director of Athletics Eskin, Associate Vice President of Administration and Operations Services Callahan, Associate Vice President of Architectural and Engineering Services Bradley, Executive Secretary to the Board Munroe, Health Center Chief Financial Officer Upton, Health Center Chief Administrative Officer Whetstone, Health Center Chief of Staff Carlson, Senate Representatives Nancy Bull, Kent Holsinger, and Andrew Moiseff, and Ms. Locke. 

Assistant Attorneys General Ralph Urban and Michael Sullivan were also present. 

Also in attendance was: Ms. Patricia Hassett, who assists Dr. Rowe.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Barry, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:40 a.m. to discuss: 1) commercial or financial information given in confidence; 2) educational records not subject to disclosure under the Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act; and 3) performance and evaluation of public officers and employees. 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: Bailey, Barry, Colon, Dennis-LaVigne, Drotch, Gatling, Gionfriddo, Jacobs, Lobo, Martinez, Prelli, Ritter, Rowe, Shepperd, and Braun, who represents the Governor’s Office. 

Trustee Denis Nayden participated by telephone. 

University staff present were: President Hogan (present for part of the meeting), Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Nicholls (present for part of the meeting), Vice President for Health Affairs Laurencin (present for part of the meeting), Dr. Troyer (present for part of the meeting), Athletic Director Hathaway (present for part of the meeting), Executive Associate Director of Athletics Eskin (present for part of the meeting), and Executive Secretary to the Board Munroe (present for part of the meeting). 

Assistant Attorney General Ralph Urban was also present for part of the meeting.
Also in attendance was: Ms. Patricia Hassett, who assists Dr. Rowe.

OPEN SESSION

Executive Session ended at 12:55 p.m. The Board returned to Open Session at 1:25 p.m.

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

1. Public Participation

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

2. Chairman’s Report

(a) Matters outstanding

(b) Committee assignments (Attachment 1)

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, THE BOARD VOTED unanimously to approve the 2008-2009 list of Committee appointments.

(c) Minutes of the meetings of June 24 and August 21, 2008

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Drotch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings of June 24 and August 21, 2008.

(d) Consent Agenda Items:

Chairman Rowe noted that Trustees have at their places a revised Contracts and Agreements list.

Trustee Prelli commented on the proposed change to the University’s Laws and By-Laws. He agreed with the concept of the proposed by-law change and asked that it be modified to require a report of all such actions at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. Brief discussion followed.

(Vice-Chair Nayden joined the meeting by telephone.)

Chairman Rowe agreed and said that all members of the Board would be informed of and invited to attend any Executive Committee meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Prelli, seconded by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda items.

1. Contracts and Agreements for the Storrs-based programs (Attachment 2)

2. Annual Report of the Endowed Chair Program Entitled “Aetna English Chair in Writing” (Attachment 3)

3. 2008-2009 Rental Rates for Residential Properties (Attachment 4)

4. Bachelor of Arts Degree in English in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the Tri-Campus (Attachment 5)

5. Graduate Certificate Program in Health Promotion and Health Education in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (Attachment 6)
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(6) Renaming the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degrees in Geology and Geophysics to Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degrees in Geoscience (Attachment 7)

(7) Reports of the Endowed Chairs for the Period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 (Health Center) (Attachment 8)

(8) Notification of Proposed Amendments to the University of Connecticut Laws and By-Laws (Article V, Committees of the Board of Trustees) (Attachment 9)

(e) Personnel matters (Storrs-based programs) (Attachment 10)

(1) Designation of Emeritus Status

On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the designation of emeritus status to the following faculty members:

1. Adelstein, Alexandra, Lecturer, Department of Statistics, effective March 1, 2007
2. Benson, Edward, Professor-in-Residence, Department of Modern & Classical Languages, effective January 1, 2007
3. Chapron, Dennis J., Associate Professor, School of Pharmacy, effective September 1, 2008
4. Cournoyer, David E., Associate Professor, School of Social Work, effective September 1, 2008
5. Facchinetti, Neil J., Associate Professor, School of Pharmacy, effective September 1, 2008
6. Hurley, Cecile, Lecturer, Department of Chemistry, effective June 1, 2007
7. Meyers, Diana T., Professor, Department of Philosophy, effective September 1, 2008
8. Sirmans, Jr., Clemon F., Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor, Department of Finance, effective September 1, 2008
9. Tondro, Terry J., Professor, School of Law, effective September 1, 2008
10. Turvey, Michael T., Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor, Department of Psychology, effective September 1, 2008

(2) Sabbatics

On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the sabbatical leave list.

(3) Informational matters

(f) Election of Board Secretary

Chairman Rowe called for nominations for the Office of Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Vice-Chair Ritter offered a motion. Dr. Dennis-LaVigne seconded the motion to nominate Ms. Bailey as Secretary. The motion was approved unanimously.
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5. Academic Affairs Committee Report

   (a) Report on Committee activities

   (b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:

       (1) Approval of the Academic Plan (Under separate cover)

           On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, the Board voted unanimously
to approve the Academic Plan.

           A copy of the handout is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

6. Financial Affairs Committee Report

   (a) Report on Committee activities

   (b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

       Vice-Chair Drotch noted that Trustees have at their places a revised resolution for the Deferred
Maintenance/Code/ADA Renovation Lump Sum Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2008 Authorized
Projects in Attachment 13.

       Vice-Chair Drotch asked the Board for a collective vote on Attachments 12 through 33.
On a motion by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Mr. Shepperd, the Board voted unanimously to
approve these items.

       (1) Revised Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2009 for the University
           of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 12)

       (4) Deferred Maintenance/Code/ADA Renovation Lump Sum
           Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2008 Authorized Projects (Attachment 13)

       (3) Project Budget (Planning) for Atwater Exterior Window
           Replacement (Attachment 14)

       (4) Project Budget (Planning) for Backfeed Loop – North Eagleville
           to Parking Garage to Storrs Road (Attachment 15)

       (5) Project Budget (Planning) for Bishop Renovation (Attachment 16)

       (6) Project Budget (Planning) for Gulley Hall Drainage (Attachment 17)

       (7) Project Budget (Planning) for Historic House Renovations –
           Phase I (Attachment 18)

       (8) Project Budget (Planning) for Infirmary/CUP Steam and
           Condensate Replacement (Attachment 19)

       (9) Project Budget (Planning) for a New 16” Water Main –
           Towers to Glenbrook and North Eagleville (Attachment 20)
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(10) Project Budget (Planning) for Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Legacy Code Remediation (Attachment 21)

(11) Project Budget (Planning) for Parking Garage Repair and Upgrade (Attachment 22)

(12) Project Budget (Planning) for Psychology Building Renovation/Addition (Attachment 23)

(13) Project Budget (Planning) for Residential Life Facilities – Shippee Hall Elevator Replacement (Attachment 24)

(14) Project Budget (Planning) for the Residential Life Facilities – Window Replacement Project for Marcus Holcomb Residence Hall, Edwina Whitney Residence Hall, M. Estella Sprague Residence Hall, Lester E. Shippee Residence Hall, Graduate Residence Halls and Northwood Apartments (Attachment 25)

(15) Project Budget (Planning) for South Campus Express Line Modifications (Water Distribution) (Attachment 26)

(16) Project Budget (Planning) for Student Union Quadrangle Site Work and Landscape – Phase II (Attachment 27)

(17) Project Budget (Planning) for Support Facility (Architectural and Engineering Services) (Attachment 28)

(18) Project Budget (Design) for the UConn Health Center (UCHC) Negative Pressure Room, Building 4 Renovations (Attachment 29)

(19) Project Budget (Final) for Meter Installation – Multiple Locations (Phase III) (Attachment 30)

(20) Project Budget (Final) for Beach Hall Renovation of Rooms 245 and 246 (Attachment 31)

(21) Project Budget (Final) for Farm Buildings Repairs/Replacement – Roof, Façade and Other Repairs (Attachment 32)

(22) Project Budget (2nd Revised Final) for the Law School Renovations/Improvements – Façade Restoration (Attachment 33)

7. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report
   (a) Report on Committee activities

8. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report
   (a) Report on Committee activities

(Vice-Chair Nayden left the meeting at this time.)

At the November 18 Board meeting, Vice-Chair Ritter asked that the minutes reflect that there have been significant discussion about the Law School Library repairs and that the funding for those repairs would not come from other Law School projects.
On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Treibick, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting September 23, 2008 with the suggested modification.

(b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:

(1) Spring Manor Farm CL&P Easement (Attachment 34)

On a motion by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Dr. Rowe, the Board voted unanimously to grant an easement to Connecticut Light and Power (CL&P) that will allow CL&P to provide electrical services to several Spring Manor Farm properties currently served by the University.

9. Construction Management Oversight Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

10. Health Center Report

(a) Report on Health Center activities

(b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:

(1) State Appropriation Current Services Request for the Biennium Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 for the University of Connecticut Health Center (Attachment 35)

On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Drotch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the State Appropriation Current Services Request for the Biennium Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 as follows: $117.8 million for Fiscal Year 2010 and $125.6 million for Fiscal Year 2011 for the University of Connecticut Health Center.

11. Student Life Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

12. Institutional Advancement Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

(b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

Chairman Rowe noted that Trustees have at their places a naming opportunity for The Janet and Mark L. Goldenson Research Center in Actuarial Science, which needs to be added to the agenda. A copy of the handout is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded by Ms. Bailey, the Board voted unanimously to add to the agenda the naming recommendation for The Janet and Mark L. Goldenson Research Center in Actuarial Science.

On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Drotch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the academic naming recommendation and the facility naming recommendations for the Storrs Campus, and the Health Center in Attachments 36 and 37, including The Janet and Mark L. Goldenson Research Center in Actuarial Science.

(1) Academic Naming Recommendation (Attachment 36)

(a) Philip E. Austin Endowed Chair
(2) Facility Naming Recommendations (Attachment 37)

(a) Storrs Campus
   (1) The Burrill Family Field
   (2) The David Marks and Dr. Ann Sagalyn-Marks Golf Practice & Teaching Center

(b) Health Center
   (1) E. Marvin Henken, M.D. Educational Conference Room

(c) Development Progress Executive Summary (Attachment 38)

Trustees received at their places a revised Development Progress Executive Summary for the period July 1, 2008 to Week Ending September 19, 2008. The handout reflects preliminary mid-month numbers. A copy of the handout is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

13. Adjournment

Chairman Rowe announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2008 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 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Bailey
Secretary