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

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

University of Connecticut
Rome Commons Ballroom
South Campus Complex
Storrs, Connecticut

May 8, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Chairman Roger Gelfenbien. Trustees who participated by telephone were: James Abromaitis, Christopher Albanese, Louise Bailey, Louise Berry, Michael Cicchetti, Linda Gatling, Claire Leonardi, Frank Napolitano, Irving Saslow, and Anne George, who represents the Governor's Office.

Trustees absent were: William Berkley, James Donich, Shirley Ferris, Lenworth Jacobs, Michael Martinez, Theodore Sergi, and Richard Treibick.

University Staff present were: President Austin, Executive Vice President Deckers, Chancellor and Provost for Academic Affairs Petersen, Vice President for Financial Planning and Management Aronson, Associate Vice President Callahan, Assistant Attorney General Shapiro, Dr. Schurin, and Ms. Locke.

University Staff who participated by telephone were: Vice President for Financial Planning and Management Aronson, Health Center Chief Financial Officer Upton, Health Center Chief Operating Officer Whetstone, and Dr. Wetstone.

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) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

- (1) Quarterly Report to be Submitted to the UCHC
Legislative Review Committee

(Copies are available
upon request.)

- (2) Resolution to Approve the University of Connecticut
Health Center Quarterly Report

(Attachment 1)

THE BOARD APPROVED a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, to approve the University of Connecticut Health Center Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2001 for submission to the General Assembly's Health Center Review Committee.

Ms. Leonardi noted that it was important to note that the Health Center continues to improve operationally and that performance is slightly ahead of budget. This report confirms that the actions taken at Health Center are working. Ms. Leonardi asked Vice President Aronson if she wished to add anything. Vice President Aronson asked Mr. Upton to update the Board about the key highlights at John Dempsey Hospital. Mr. Upton reported that for the month of March, the hospital broke even with a slight gain. Overall, on a year-to-date basis for the nine-months ending March 31, there is in excess of revenues over

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expenses approximately over \$1 million. The administration anticipated that there would be deficit of \$783,000. The Health Center is \$1.8 million ahead of plan. Compared to last year, the Health Center is ahead by \$13.8 million. Mr. Upton noted that the most significant point is that even without State appropriations or any special appropriations, the Health Center's operations have improved by 10% or \$8 million over the previous year.

Chairman Gelfenbien noted that the status of the Health Center is still very fragile and that it is important to note that there are no significant increases in surplus at this point.

Ms. Leonardi commented the positive bottom line does include the special State appropriations and it is not necessarily from operations. She agreed with the Chairman that there is still a lot of work to do and it is important that the budget and strategic plan funds come through.

Chairman Gelfenbien noted that the results would be even better if the accounting for the research funds were done differently. Mr. Upton responded that during the early part of the fiscal year, they found that some of the revenues that were being accounted for were being accounted for on a cash basis. Therefore, the revenues in the prior fiscal year were included in that fiscal year where the expenses for those grants were included in the current fiscal year. The administration has resolved this problem. Mr. Upton further noted that upon reviewing the research sheet, it indicates that it is behind plan. Once the Health Center gets through this fiscal year, the accounting will catch up. Mr. Upton assured the Board that next year there will be a solid accounting structure in place.

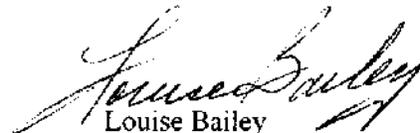
- (3) Personnel matters (Storrs-based programs and Health Center) (Attachment 3)
- (a) Promotion, tenure, and reappointment lists
 - (b) Informational items

On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the recommendations indicated on Attachment 3.

Chairman Gelfenbien announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be the Budget Workshop/Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 26, 2001 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the University of Connecticut, Rome Commons Ballroom (South Campus Complex), Storrs, Connecticut.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Louise Bailey
Secretary