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

Held at the University of Connecticut at Storrs
Student Union, United Nations Room 306   February 11, 1994

Due to the impending inclement weather, Trustees were contacted by phone prior to the Board meeting and invited to participate by phone or in person.

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Chairman Lewis B. Rome. Trustees present were: Mrs. Berry, Messrs. Heist, Isidro-Cloudas, Jacobs, Lawrence, Leone, and Mika. Trustees teleconferenced were: Messrs. Berkley, Blum, Canzonetti, Saslow and Mesdames Carrozzella, Leonardi, and Smith. Trustees not available for teleconferencing were Carter, Ferrandino and Treibick.

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

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

All Trustees had received the teleconferencing procedure, and a Board agenda with attachments.

Chairman Rome instructed the Trustees about the teleconferencing procedures for the meeting, and requested Executive Secretary Peter McFadden to call the roll of those participating. Each Trustee was identified, and recognized.

Chairman Rome introduced new Trustees Dr. Lenworth Jacobs and L.C. Heist and welcomed them to their first Board meeting.

Mr. Rome commended Trustees for their commitment to the University and extended special gratitude to Trustee Berkley for his leadership in chairing the newly formed Strategic Planning Committee.

It was announced that February is the month for celebration of Black History, and the luncheon originally planned for today to be hosted by the Cultural Centers would be canceled due to
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the Northeaster storm currently underway.

Trustees were reminded that the University Medals presentation will take place on Friday, March 18 beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m. at the Stamford Center for the Arts in Stamford.

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

A. The Report of the Chairman included the following items:

1. A correction to the minutes of November 12, 1993 was noted with the clarification to the minutes on page 7881, E.5. The second sentence should read "this revision to the By-laws will be presented for approval at the February meeting". It was also noted that Mrs. Berry was absent from the meeting. On a motion by Mr. Rome, seconded by Mr. Leone, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the corrected minutes of the meeting of November 12, 1993.

2. On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Dr. Lawrence, THE BOARD VOTED to add to the Consent Agenda a Release of Board Approval for the Refinancing of Property of Robert O. and Jane W. Gillard, 9 Hillside Circle, Mansfield, Connecticut.

On a separate motion by Chairman Rome, seconded by Dr. Canzonetti, THE BOARD VOTED to add to the Consent Agenda an Addition to the Guidelines of the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine: Appendix B: Guidelines for Types of Faculty Appointments, and an Agreement with the University of Connecticut Health Center Finance Corporation to Contract with Sodexho to Provide Food Services for the John Dempsey Hospital.

On a motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Dr. Canzonetti, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the amendments to the Consent Agenda and the following items (Attachments B through M), already listed on the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Contracts and Agreements (B), Awards and Donations (C), Medical/Dental Staff Appointments (D), Medical/Dental Staff Reappointments (E), John Dempsey Hospital Medical Staff By-Laws Change: Article VII, Section 1: Clinical Services (F), John Dempsey Hospital Revised Safety Management Program (G), Transfer of Funds to the UCHC Finance Corporation to Perform Functions for the John Dempsey Hospital (H), Transfer of Funds to the UCHC Finance Corporation to
Perform Functions for the University Dentists, School of Dental Medicine, Transfer of Funds to the UCHC Finance Corporation to Perform Functions for the Uncas on Thames Hospital, Approval of the Connecticut Administrator Preparation Program Sixth-Year Diploma in Educational Administration and the PhD Program in Educational Administration at the University of Connecticut at Stamford, Approval of an Associate of Applied Science Degree from the Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture (existing certificate program), Finding of No Significant Impact-Project D-T-844-1-Chemistry and Technology Quadrant Buildings. Background information on these agenda items is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

3. On a motion by Mr. Saslow, seconded by Mr. Berkley, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the formal lists of the promotions, sabbatic leaves, changes in salary and moving expenses as recommended by the President and as listed on the personnel list. A copy of the amendment and the approved list (Attachment N) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

4. Chairman Rome called upon Trustee Lawrence who offered the following motion seconded by Dr. Canzonetti, and VOTED unanimously by the Board:

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Albert J. Kleban
1973-1993

WHEREAS, Albert J. Kleban has completed twenty years of service as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut, having served as a member of the Budget and Finance, Honorary Degree, Health Affairs, By-Law and Community Relations Committees; and

WHEREAS, he has distinguished himself not only as an alumnus and leader in the business community, but as an outspoken advocate of higher education in the state, and as an articulate champion of the institution's purpose and mission; and
WHEREAS, Albert J. Kleban was appointed by three Governors of the State, and has served under two Chairmen of the Board of Trustees, and worked with five Presidents, and has ably guided the Board in its policy decisions over those many years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut records its gratitude to Albert J. Kleban for his dedication and service and extends to him its best wishes for the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with a copy sent to our friend and colleague, Albert J. Kleban.

5. Chairman Rome introduced Professor Ronald Taylor, President of the American Association of University Professors, to exhibit a piece of sculpture that the AAUP has made which bears the message "A New Connecticut is Taking Shape at UConn". Professor Taylor reported that the AAUP's logo is part of its increased public relations effort and is intended to increase public and state support for the University of Connecticut.

B. The report of the President (Attachment 0) included several items, the highlights of which follow:

1. President Hartley noted that Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was observed on January 17 at UConn and that in celebration the African American Cultural Center sponsored a lecture by Russell McCloud. He noted other events such as the Law School Library groundbreaking sponsored by the Department of Public Works. The new addition is 120,000 square feet and represents an investment of $23 million.

2. President Hartley announced that he was very pleased to welcome Skip Holtz to UConn as the head football coach. Mr. Holtz was the former assistant coach at Notre Dame.

3. Meetings with legislators in January 1994 were highlighted in the President's Report, Attachment 0-1. President Hartley spent a good deal of time in Hartford meeting with legislators which resulted in UConn's ability to obtain addbacks from the legislature. The President commended the Trustees,
the students, and the AAUP for their role in conveying a message to the General Assembly for the need to fund the University.

President Hartley noted that while the purpose of his visits to Hartford were to thank the legislators for their support during the past year, he was also there to indicate that the University of Connecticut is poised to be a partner to the state in economic recovery, job creation, and retention.

4. Professor Peter Halvorson gave a brief description of the Metanoia events planned for February 1 - 11. The theme for Metanoia is "Reflection for Direction" and will focus on the future of the University. He commented that the turnout for the events has been extremely good. The ideas and suggestions which have resulted from participation in and discussion at these sessions can now be brought forward to the Strategic Planning Management Committee. The purpose of Metanoia was to spark discussion of issues and to provide suggestions from the University community.

5. President Hartley reported on the first Alumni Breakfast held recently in Mystic. This event provides an opportunity to communicate with the community on the direction of the University and the status of its budget, to thank them for their support, to answer questions, and to solicit their advice.

6. President Hartley noted that John Allen, Faculty Representative to the NCAA, and Lew Perkins, Director of Athletics had attended the NCAA Convention and invited Professor Allen to report on the Convention. A copy of Professor Allen's report is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

7. Provost Tighe introduced the new Dean of the School of Pharmacy Michael Gerald, who came to us from Ohio State University. Dean Gerald assumed his new position on December 9, 1993.

8. On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Dr. Lawrence, THE BOARD VOTED to add to the agenda the Ratification of the SCOPE Agreement.

The agreement implements the Legislative mandate to achieve pay equity as expressed in Connecticut General Statutes 5-200c. It includes a Master Agreement
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covering the classified service and separate agreements reached with University of Connecticut Professional Employees Association and the University of Connecticut Health Professionals at the Health Center. The Office of Policy and Management has urged our prompt action so that the entire agreement can go to the Legislature later this month.

Trustee Leone questioned whether the agreement would be negated if the Legislature does not provide full funding. Chairman Rome responded that it would not, but that he felt that this agreement was imperative for the University and the state.

On a motion by Mrs. Carrozzella, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, THE BOARD VOTED Ratification of the SCOPE Agreement. Background information on this item is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

C. Mrs. Berry’s report for the Academic and Research Affairs Committee included the following items:

1. Mrs. Berry announced that regretfully the Cultural Centers’ presentations would not be presented today because of the impending snowstorm and indicated that they would be scheduled at a later date. The scheduled luncheon which was to be hosted by the Centers was also canceled.

On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Mr. Mika, THE BOARD VOTED to accept the amendment to the Bylaws that will require that annual reports of centers and institutes be received by the Provost, who will share notable information about newly established centers and institutes with the Board of Trustees through the Academic and Research Affairs Committee. This item was presented at the November Board meeting and has remained on the table until the second subsequent meeting as required by the By-laws. Background information listed as agenda Attachment P is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

D. Mr. Leone’s report for the Budget and Finance Committee included the following items:

1. The Audit Subcommittee met today and heard reports
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from the auditors at Storrs and the Health Center. There were no major problems reported within the University.

2. The committee discussed some long-term contracts, and the auditor was requested to forward any long-term contracts that he felt should be reviewed by the Audit Subcommittee. Those reports will be reviewed by the President's Office.

3. Following the Audit Subcommittee meeting, the Budget and Finance Committee met and received a report on the $2.5 million dollar endowment fund which is being invested by Fleet Bank. All committee members have received this report, and some changes to the investments have been recommended.

4. President Hartley informed the committee about the status of the University's Operating Budget and the Governor's budget for fiscal year 1995.

5. On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Revised Rate Schedule for Water and Sewer Charges effective April 1, 1994 for non-University facilities. Background information listed as agenda Attachment C is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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

1. The committee discussed the development of an official University policy concerning alcoholic beverage sponsorships. It was noted that no departments within the Division of Student Affairs and Services use alcoholic beverage sponsorships. There was a great deal of discussion about whether or not an official policy was needed, how such a policy would be worded, and to which groups the policy should apply.

The committee heard discussion from Scott Zuffelato, Director of Athletics Marketing and Corporate Relations, and Kevin Fahey, Associate Director of Student Activities and Union Programs regarding alcoholic sponsorships. Although many corporate sponsors support UConn Athletics, there are currently no sponsorships from alcoholic beverage corporations. A variety of beer companies wish to advertise at UConn athletic events, but UConn has not made a commitment
because there is no official University policy.

At the committee meeting Trustee Lawrence indicated that the promotion of the use of alcohol sends a mixed message in light of problems caused by excessive use of alcohol on campuses. Trustees Leone, Smith and Saslow voiced their agreement with Dr. Lawrence's comments. It was decided that Vice President Wiggins would draft a statement for the committee's review and discussion at a subsequent meeting. Dr. Jacobs suggested a more proactive role in alcohol sponsorship centered around education.

2. Student Trustee Peter Isidro-Cloudas commented about the term of the student elected Trustees noting that according to Connecticut General Statutes, student elected Trustees serve for a term of two years and take office on November 1.

Mr. Isidro-Cloudas suggested that the student Trustees begin their Board term on July 1 rather than November 1. After discussion of the legislation, it was pointed out that other aspects of the legislation could also be improved. Chairwoman Carrozzella indicated that she and Isidro-Cloudas would review the legislation and bring recommendations for change to the next Student Life Committee.

F. Mr. Saslow’s report for the Athletic Policy Committee included the following:

1. Chairman Saslow announced that the committee would meet at 5 p.m. at the Alumni House and all are invited to attend. A report will be presented at the next Board meeting.

G. Dr. Canzonetti’s report for the Health Affairs Committee included the following:

On a motion by Dr. Canzonetti, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the naming of the Health Center's newly funded (NIH for $7 million) General Research Center the "Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. General Clinical Research Center." Background information listed as agenda Attachment is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. Quality assurance at the John Dempsey Hospital of the UConn Health Center remains high. The managed care issue is being addressed to assure that the Dempsey
Hospital can better compete in the marketplace.

H. Mr. Berkley’s report for the Strategic Planning Committee included the following items:

   1. Chairman Berkley commended Professor Jordan, Frank Gifford, and Ed Allenby for their effort in helping the strategic planning process to move quickly.

   A meeting summary which included a summarization of the conclusions reached at the committee’s first meeting, the major goals of the plan, and a mission statement were distributed to Trustees.

   The committee first focused its efforts on goal setting followed by a definition of the tasks that needed to be accomplished in each area. The task that lies ahead is the implementation of the goals. Mr. Berkley stressed that this document provided only a starting point for beginning discussion. The first outline of the tasks necessary for implementation is targeted for March. A copy of the meeting summary is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

   President Hartley expressed his commitment to the strategic planning process and his appreciation to the Board and to Mr. Berkley for the role they have accepted in the strategic planning process.

   Mrs. Carrozzella complimented Mr. Berkley on the formulation of a student subcommittee to provide input to the strategic plan.

   Dr. Canzonetti commended Mr. Berkley for establishing a system which gives everyone ownership in the process and the final strategic plan.

   It was noted that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Friday, April 8, 1994 at 3:30 p.m. at the University of Connecticut at Storrs, Student Union, United Nations Room 306.

   No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise B. Carrozzella
Secretary
TO READERS OF THESE MINUTES

The February 1994 minutes were not ready in time for the April Board meeting so an estimate of the number of pages necessary for the written copy was made. The written text of the February minutes did not require these last two pages, pages 7892 and 7893. This is the reason that there are two blank pages in this book. The April 1994 minutes therefore begin with #7894.
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