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BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  

Held at University of Connecticut at Storrs May 13, 1994  
Bishop Center, Room 7  
Storrs, Connecticut  

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chairman Lew Rome. Trustees present were: Mesdames Berry, Carrozzella, Leonardo and Smith, and Messrs. Berkley, Blum, Canzonetti, Isidro-Cloudas, Jacobs, Lawrence, Leone, Mika, Saslow, and Treibick. Trustees absent were: Messrs. Carter, Ferrandino and Heist.

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

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

Although teleconferencing was available, no Trustees participated by telephone.

Two students, Ms. Heather Mack and Mr. Gregory Polletta, addressed the Board with regard to certain policies and procedures in the Department of Residential Life. A copy of their remarks is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

II. A. The report of the Chairman included the following items:

1. Chairman Rome noted that the Consent Agenda contained Attachments B through L as follows:
   - Contracts and Agreements (B), Awards and Donations (C), Medical/Dental Staff Appointments (D), 1994/95 (7911C)
   - Rental Rates for Residential Properties (E)
   - Transfer of Funds to the UCHC Finance Corporation to Perform Functions for the University Physicians, School of Medicine (FY 1993-94) (F), Transfer of Funds to the UCHC Finance Corporation to Perform Functions for the University Physicians, School of Medicine (FY 1994-95) (G), Transfer of Funds to the UCHC Finance Corporation to Perform Functions for the University Dentists, School of Dental Medicine (FY 1994-95) (H), Transfer of Funds to the UCHC Finance Corporation to Perform Functions for UConn Thames Hospital (FY 1994-95) (I), Amendment of the Agreement with the University of Connecticut Health Center Finance Corporation to Contract with Whitmire to Purchase Pharmaceuticals for the John Dempsey Hospital (March 1, 1993-June 30, 1994) (J),
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Renewal of the Agreement with the University of Connecticut Health Center Finance Corporation to Contract with Whitmire to Purchase Pharmaceuticals for the John Dempsey Hospital (July 1, 1994-September 30, 1995)
Renewal of the Lease at Thames River Campus with the Community Mental Health Services of Southeastern Connecticut, Inc.

On a motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Treibick, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Consent Agenda which contained Attachments B through L. Background information on these agenda items is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. On a motion by Dr. Canzonetti, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, THE BOARD VOTED to approve a formal list of the promotions, sabbatic leaves, changes in salary, and moving expenses as presented on the personnel list. A copy of the approved list which is Attachment M of the agenda is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. Trustee Berkley requested that a copy of the policy on sabbatical leaves be provided to all Board members.

Trustee Berkley noted that there were a number of program expenses for the Jorgensen Auditorium for June, July and August. He questioned the number of students on campus during the summer, whether the funds are being spent appropriately during the summer versus the rest of the year, and whether it was necessary to do so. Associate Vice President Hagan answered Mr. Berkley's inquiry, and Mr. Berkley requested an accounting of the profitability or lack thereof during the summer.

Trustee Leone noted that the Budget and Finance Committee receives periodic reports on the Jorgensen Auditorium and profitability is part of those reports. Chairman Rome directed Mr. Hagan to provide that information to Board members.

3. Chairman Rome reminded Trustees of the Commencement schedule, and noted that the graduate ceremony would be held in Gampel Pavilion this year due to the large number of graduates who will participate. He requested that Trustees notify the Assistant Executive Secretary, Shirley Ryan, of their plans for attendance.
4. Barnaby Horton has been elected to a two year term as the Student Trustee succeeding Thomas Mika who is graduating, and resigning from the Board effective June 30, 1994. Barnaby will begin his term on July 1 per the new statute. Kristine Otto has been elected to a one-year term on the Foundation Board. Both are students at the School of Law.

Chairman Rome and several other Trustees expressed their appreciation to Student Trustee Mika for his service on the Board, and his participation in the formulation of the strategic plan, and wished him well in his new career.

5. Chairman Rome called upon Trustee Berkley, Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee, for a report of recent activities. Mr. Berkley reported that the Strategic Planning Committee recently held its first public hearing, and that the Board will receive a copy of the vision statement, which completes phase 1 of the planning process, for its consideration at the June meeting.

Mr. Berkley noted that phase 2 of the process will be the most difficult phase since during that phase the committee will be reviewing where the plan stands with regard to budgetary restraints, evaluations of various departments, where funds are expended, and how the university is structured. At that time, all the difficult decisions will be made. The committee expects to bring the second phase to a close by December.

Trustee Berkley reminded the Board that every member of the Board and legislators who are involved in the University's funding will probably hear comments about the inappropriateness of the plan, but that it will be a plan that makes changes, focuses resources, and has a recognition of our obligation to the students first and foremost. Mr. Berkley urged Trustees to attend one of the two remaining public hearings scheduled for Hartford and Stamford.

Trustee Berkley noted that since the Committee believes that maintaining "Husky" spirit is of the utmost importance, Mr. Berkley presented Board members with a "Husky" dog sports cap.

6. Chairman Rome reported on the dedication of the Andrew J. Canzonetti, M.D. Medical Building at the Health Center and the honor it was for the Board to pay tribute to such a dedicated Trustee.
The Report of the President (Attachment(N)) included several items, the highlights of which follow:

1. The President noted that the Class of 1944 was on campus for their 50th reunion. Eighty-five alumni returned for the occasion. The class presented the President with a gift of a $20,000 scholarship for a non-traditional student.

2. President Hartley directed Trustee attention to two University publications of significant importance to the University and the State, The Connecticut Economy and University of Connecticut, The State's Partner in Economic Development. The latter is a concise inventory of research and teaching activity linked to the State's economy. The President has presented the publication personally to the Governor, various legislators and agency heads to deliver the message that our budget is not an expense to the State but rather the best investment the State can make in the future of Connecticut. This document, our second version, demonstrates how the University is directly linked to the State's economy. A copy of the publication is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

3. Background information regarding the President of Senegal and his visit to Storrs, as well as history about Senegal was distributed. President Diouf will be awarded an honorary degree on Sunday, May 22, at the graduate ceremony.

4. President Hartley presented the list of candidates for Commencement and the figures which represent the approximate number of degrees expected to be conferred at Commencement on May 21, May 22, and May 26, 1994.

On a motion by Dr. Canzonetti, seconded by Mr. Mika, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the list of candidates for Commencement. Background information listed as agenda Attachment(O) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

On a motion by Mrs. Carrozzella, seconded by Mr. Saslow, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Connecticut and the University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) Concerning Summer Salaries for Faculty Holding Academic Appointments during the Regular Academic Year Who Are Teaching Summer Credit Bearing Courses. Background
On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mrs. Berry, THE BOARD VOTED, contingent upon ratification by the union membership, to approve the Agreement Between The University of Connecticut and The Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union for the period July 1994 through June 2000. Trustee Treibick voted in opposition. Background information listed as agenda Attachment is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

7. President Hartley introduced Mr. Michael Helfgott, Executive Vice-President of The University of Connecticut Educational Properties, Inc. Mr. Helfgott presented a brief history of the Connecticut Technology Park, and discussed the proposed mission statement, the park's beneficiaries and benefits, the park's master plan and development, and the Advanced Technologies Institutes Building.

Trustee Berkley raised several questions relative to the park, and requested additional information about those areas. Background information related to Mr. Helfgott's presentation is attached to the file copy of the Board's minutes.

8. Pursuant to the Board's action on May 8, 1992, which requires an update of the University's position on ROTC, President Hartley called upon Provost Tighe for a report. Provost Tighe first reviewed the resolution, then continued to report that the President had written to the members of the Congressional delegation and to the Secretary of Defense and co-signed with other university presidents urging a change in policy which prohibits gay and lesbian people from participating in the ROTC program.

The Board also indicated in its resolution that if by March 1995 there had been no change in the Department of Defense policy and it continued to be inconsistent with University policy, a special committee of the Trustees would be formed to revisit the issue and consider what action would be taken to try to change the policy. Provost Tighe reminded Trustees that March 1995 would be the time to form such a committee.
9. President Hartley introduced the newly elected President of the Undergraduate Student Government, Mary Jo Blanchard. Ms. Blanchard greeted the Board, invited them to take a student-conducted tour of campus, and noted that students were very interested in the strategic plan now being formulated.

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

1. Chairman Leone noted that the committee had discussed two items, Board policy regarding contracts and the library renovations. The committee wished to go on record in support of the Vice President and his staff in their work with the legislature to achieve final resolution of the problems associated with the library.

On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mrs. Berry, THE BOARD VOTED approval of the Capital Budget Request for the 1995-97 biennium. Mr. Leone noted that the budget had been formulated and prioritized by the Cabinet. Upon approval by the UConn Board, the request will then be reviewed by the Department of Higher Education and the legislature. Mr. Leone answered questions by Trustees with regard to various items listed in the budget. Background information listed as agenda Attachment(R) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

D. Mrs. Carrozzella’s report for the Student Life Committee included the following:

1. There was a discussion of the draft alcoholic beverage/tobacco products corporation sponsorship policy prepared by Tom Mika. This policy will come before the Board for action in June.

2. The Committee heard a presentation by Robert Spadafora, a senior in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, which was related to a freshman orientation seminar. In addition, there was discussion related to the Food Services operation at the University.

3. The Committee also heard an update on the status of the legislation concerning the date that student elected Trustees take office. The date has been changed from November 1 to July 1.
4. In response to an inquiry from Trustee Smith regarding the testimony given by two students at the beginning of the meeting, Mrs. Carrozzella indicated that she would report back to the Board at the next meeting about the results of the committee’s findings.

E. Mr. Treibick’s report for the Institutional Advancement Committee included the following:

1. The Committee met on April 18 at the Barney House in Farmington and continued to discuss the purpose of the Committee. The Committee also discussed advancement efforts currently underway in other divisions of the University, the role of the University of Connecticut Foundation and its relationship to the University as a whole, and the proposed 1993-96 budgets and the need for institutional commitment to this project. The University must be willing to make trade-offs in order to fund new initiatives such as institutional advancement.

The Committee will meet again on June 9 for a final review of the proposed 1993-96 budgets in preparation for the June 24 budget hearing.

A plan for a closer relationship between the UConn Foundation and the University is being prepared and will be presented to the Board for approval at a subsequent meeting.

Trustee Berkley expressed concern about various issues relating to the development of Connecticut Technology Park, and proposed an oversight committee be appointed to monitor that development and our intellectual assets. Chairman Rome asked Trustee Leonardi to work with Dean Giolas, and in consultation with the Academic and Research Affairs Committee and Provost Tighe, and advise the Chairman whether or not a new committee is required.

F. The report of the Health Affairs Committee presented by Dr. Canzonetti included the following:

1. Trustee Canzonetti reported on the activities of the Joint Conference Committees of the John Dempsey Hospital and the Uncas on Thames Hospital. Quality of care remains satisfactory at both institutions.

2. In other matters, Dr. Canzonetti reported that a University Medal would be awarded posthumously to John Healey, a much loved former Professor at the Health Center and the Law School.
The Second Annual Academic Chairs Dinner will be held on Friday, May 27 from 6-11 p.m. at the Health Center. Two new chairholders, Dr. John Shanley, State of Connecticut Chair in Infectious Diseases, and Dr. Peter Tutschka, Physicians Health Services and American Red Cross in Transfusion Medicine Chair will be honored at that time.

The Lowell P. Weicker General Clinical Research Center dedication will take place on June 6 in the Academic Lobby of the Health Center at noon. Trustees are urged to attend.

The cardiac certificate of need at the John Dempsey Hospital has finally been approved after four years of hard work. The program is designed to support our cardiology research program, and the open heart component is based on a partnership between New Britain General Hospital and Hartford Hospital.

On a motion by Dr. Canzonetti, seconded by Mr. Leone, THE BOARD VOTED to add to the agenda the Lease Proposal at The Exchange, Suite 160, Farmington Avenue, Farmington, Connecticut. On a motion by Dr. Canzonetti, seconded by Mr. Leone, THE BOARD VOTED to approve said contract. A copy of the resolution is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

G. Mrs. Berry’s Report for the Academic and Research Affairs Committee contained the following:

On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Mr. Rome, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Proposal to Offer the Marriage and Family Therapy Program in the School of Family Studies Jointly with Bristol Hospital. Background information listed as agenda Attachment S is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Ms. Smith, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Proposed New Marine Sciences and Technology Center (MSTC) at the Avery Point Campus. Background information listed as agenda Attachment T is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

Mrs. Berry called upon Provost Tighe to provide a brief history and background on this project which will yield great benefits to the University and the State.

Provost Tighe also referenced a distributed publication entitled University of Connecticut, The State’s Partner in Economic Development. The
report describes University programs that are especially pertinent to the economic vitality of Connecticut’s social and economic welfare.

Mrs. Berry noted a correction to the title in the resolution. The word "Science" should be corrected to read "Engineering." On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, THE BOARD VOTED to approve a Proposal to Add a Master of Science Degree in Environmental Engineering. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (1) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

Chairman Berry called upon Provost Tighe to introduce Professor Michael Turvey, Professor of Psychology and the 1994-97 Distinguished Alumni Professor at UConn. Professor Turvey is an individual of international reputation, whose scholarship reflects substantial credit to the University of Connecticut.

Professor Turvey reported on his research which continues to have an enormous impact on the fields of perception and movement coordination. His work is conducted at the Center for the Ecological Study of Perception and Action, a Center established by this Board in 1987.

Trustee Saslow congratulated Vice President Carol Wiggins, on her recent award from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrations. The Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance as a Dean (awarded even though she is a Vice President) recognizes people who are respected by colleagues and students for outstanding and sustained service to an institution, the profession, the community and society.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Friday, June 10, 1994, beginning at 11 a.m. in Stamford.

H. On a motion by Mrs. Carrozzella, seconded by Mrs. Berry, THE BOARD VOTED to go into Executive Session at 2:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters of security, personnel, pending litigation and negotiations regarding collective bargaining.

All members of the Board noted above as present were present for Executive Session.

1. The only item discussed during Executive Session was security surrounding the President of Senegal’s visit to the Storrs campus. President Hartley, Vice President and Provost Tighe, Vice President for Health Affairs and Provost Cutler, Vice Presidents
Jones and Wiggins, Mr. McFadden, Professors Barker and Halvorson, Messrs. Bachoo, Brodeur and Hagan, Ms. Ryan, Attorneys Molitor and Shapiro, Director Robert Hudd, Major Herindeen, and Messrs. Marchitello and Gardner of the U.S. Secret Service were present during the entire Executive Session.

Executive Session ended at 2:10 p.m., and the Board returned to Open Session at 2:11 p.m.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise B. Carrozzella
Secretary

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