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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Rome. Trustees teleconferenced were: Berkley, Canzonetti, Carrozzella, Ferris, Heist, Horton, Leonardi, Leone, Saslow, Smith and Treibick. Trustees physically present in Storrs included Mrs. Berry and Mr. Isidro-Cloudas. Trustees not available for teleconferencing were: Carter, Jacobs, Lawrence and Sergi.

University staff present were: President Hartley, Executive Secretary Peter McFadden, and Vice Presidents Wiggins and Allenby, Virginia Miller, Director of Labor Relations, Associate Provost Fred Maryanski, and Attorney Shapiro. Vice President and Provost for Health Affairs, Leslie Cutler participated by phone.

All actions taken were by unanimous vote of the Trustees who participated both in person and by telephone. Chairman Rome called the roll, and each Trustee was identified and recognized.

All Trustees had received the teleconferencing procedure and a copy of the Board agenda as well as an amended precis of the agreement (Attachment A) to be voted upon.

Mr. Rome reminded Trustees of the discussion regarding the parameters of the contract that had been discussed in executive session at the last board meeting. On a motion by Mr. Saslow, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, the BOARD VOTED to approve the Wage Reopener and Contract Extension Agreement Between the University of Connecticut and the University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors for the period July 1, 1995 – June 30, 1997. Background information listed as agenda Attachment A is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

Chairman Rome then moved to the next item on the agenda which was a personnel item involving promotion and the award of academic tenure for Roger Celestin. Mr. Rome reminded the Board that their role was not to determine the merits or demerits of the nomination, but to insure that the proper process was followed. He then called upon Trustee Louise Berry, Chairwoman of the Academic and Research Affairs Committee of the Board for comment. Trustee Berry reported that she had reviewed the process and procedure and conferred with the President.

Mr. Rome called upon President Hartley who reminded Trustees that he had reported to the Board at its April meeting that there was one tenure case at Storrs which was
pending and would come before them at the May meeting. He noted that the case was being grieved and presented to the Committee of Three as prescribed by the Laws and By-Laws. President Hartley met with the Committee of Three (Professors David Jordan, Myra Ferree, and Harry Johnson) and all were in agreement that Mr. Celestin had satisfied the criteria for both promotion and tenure. The President noted that he had conferred with Trustee Berry, Chairwoman of the Academic and Research Affairs Committee of the Board, and was satisfied that both the process followed and the criteria used in evaluation were sound. There was a general discussion among Trustees about the process, and they expressed satisfaction that the process had been followed correctly.

Chairman Rome then called for a motion to address this agenda item. On a motion by Mr. Berkley, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, THE BOARD VOTED that pursuant to the Board’s review and discussion it accepted the administration’s recommendation that Roger Celestin be promoted to Associate Professor and to award him tenure in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences on the Storrs Campus effective September 1, 1995.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Friday, July 14, 1995 beginning at 2 p.m. at the University of Connecticut at Avery Point, Groton, Connecticut. Trustees and spouses are invited to a demonstration cruise on the Project Oceanology vessel and to a clambake following the demonstration. Invitations and information will be sent with the July agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise B. Carrozzella
Secretary