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

Held at University of Connecticut at Storrs and by telephone
October 8, 1993
Bishop Center, Room 19
Storrs, Connecticut

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Chairman Lew Rome. Trustees present were: Mesdames Berry, Carrozzella, Leonardi and Smith, and Messrs. Lawrence, Leone, Mika, Saslow, and Taylor. Trustees present by telephone were: Messrs. Berkley, Blum, Canzonetti, and Treibick. Trustees absent were: Messrs. Carter, Dowling, Ferrandino, and Kleban.

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

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

Chairman Rome called the roll and reminded those Trustees participating by phone of the proper procedure since this was the first time this method has been used.

No members of the public addressed the Board.

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

1. On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Dr. Lawrence, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Consent Agenda (Attachment T) which contained the following items:

   Contracts and Agreements for the Health Center (U), and Approval of the Changes to John Dempsey Hospital Medical Staff Bylaws (Attachment V). A copy of these consent agenda items are attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. On a motion by Mr. Saslow, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the formal list of the awards of tenure, promotions, sabbatic leaves, changes in salary, and moving expenses as recommended by the President and as listed on the personnel list (Attachment W). A copy of the approved list is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.
3. Chairman Rome reminded Trustees of the Trustee-Administration-Faculty-Student Committee meeting scheduled immediately following the Board meeting in Room 7.

4. Chairman Rome reported that for the first time in the Board’s history both an honorary degree and a University Medal would be awarded to a Trustee, Kevin Dowling. A press release will be distributed today for publication.

II. The Report of the President included the following:

1. The groundbreaking ceremony for the Senator Thomas J. Dodd Archives and Research Center is scheduled for Sunday, October 10, 1993 at 2 p.m. at the south end of the Homer Babbidge Library, and the President urged all Trustees to attend. President Hartley showed the Trustees the framed copy of the invitation that will be presented to Senator Dodd on Sunday.

2. President Hartley announced that Edward Allenby had been hired as the new Vice President for Institutional Advancement and that he would begin work on November 1.

3. On October 6, President Hartley testified before a legislative task force which is examining whether to merge the State University with the University of Connecticut, abolish the Connecticut State University system central office, create separate boards of trustees for each campus or leave the system alone. President Hartley told the task force that he does not completely reject the idea of a merger with UConn, but reminded them that UConn’s research mission is very different from the State University’s primary mission of teaching undergraduates.

4. The President reported that Family Weekend was held on October 2 and 3 with numerous campus activities being very well attended. The campus spirit was very positive. He noted that next weekend is Homecoming, and he hoped that the same Husky positive spirit would prevail.

5. The United Way: Connecticut State Employees Campaign has a fund-raising goal at UConn this year of $93,000. The campaign has just begun, and 10% of our employees have already pledged. President Hartley stressed the importance of this campaign to the State of Connecticut and to its many residents who profit from its programs.
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6. President Hartley reported that the 1991 Nobel Laureate in Physics, Pierre G. de Gennes, visited Storrs to deliver a lecture at the Institute of Materials Science on October 4. This is just one example of many distinguished visitors who come to Storrs each year.

7. A ceremony to dedicate the School of Nursing’s cottage as the Carolyn Ladd Widmer Building was held on October 2. Carolyn Ladd Widmer was the first Dean of the School of Nursing. This action recognizes her commitment and her many contributions to the field of nursing.

8. The School of Law Alumni Association held its Annual Awards Dinner recently to honor Chief Justice Ellen Ash Peters and Hubert J. Santos, criminal attorney. The President observed that 59% of the incoming students are female. Twenty-one percent of the students at the Law School are minorities. President Hartley was pleased to note that these figures demonstrated our firm commitment to diversity.

9. President Hartley was a guest speaker at the 37th Annual Convention of the Connecticut State AFL/CIO. He thanked the unions for their role in contributing to the sacrifices made during the very difficult past few years.

10. The Council of Presidents met in Boston on September 24, and President Hartley noted that the fiscal problems of the other five New England State universities were similar to ours; but that UConn received substantial legislative support which sustained us during the current fiscal legislative session.

11. As a further demonstration of UConn’s commitment to diversity, President Hartley attended a luncheon meeting of the Latina Women’s Group on October 6. On October 6, Richard Bachoo represented the President at a luncheon meeting of black faculty, students and staff. The atmosphere at both events was positive and supportive.

12. The UConn School of Law received a $650,000 grant from the U. S. Department of Education to support and expand clinical legal education and skills training. Less than half of the law schools applying for funding received grants, and Connecticut’s is one of the largest awards.

13. Provost Tighe distributed an update on strategic planning for academic affairs, 1993-94. The report focused on a four-part initiative which contained the features essential to maintain the pursuit of excellence in teaching, research, and service. A copy of that report is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.
14. A copy of the Daily Campus weekend edition was distributed to Trustees. President Hartley complimented the Daily Campus on this informative issue, and noted that it made reference to the day he and I-98 disc jockey Peter Nichols exchanged jobs for the day.

B. Dr. Canzonetti's report for the Health Affairs Committee included the following:

1. The changes to the John Dempsey Hospital Medical Staff Bylaws were approved on the consent agenda. These Bylaws have been reviewed twice by the Health Affairs Committee and approved by the Hospital Medical Board.

2. Dr. Canzonetti reported that the usual committee attention was directed to quality of care at the John Dempsey Hospital and Uncas on Thames Hospital, and quality remains high.

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

1. This committee met on September 21 at which time it heard presentations from Vice President for Finance and Administration, Wilbur Jones, and two of his Associate Vice Presidents, John Maloney and Dale Dreyfuss. Vice President Jones provided background information related to the establishment of tuition rates. Mr. Maloney discussed the General University Fee, and Mr. Dreyfuss gave an update on financial aid.

Dr. Irene Brown, Chair of the University Senate's Student Welfare Committee, also spoke that evening about issues and proposals on the agenda of the Student Welfare Committee, particularly the proposal for seminars for incoming students. Dr. Brown will keep the committee informed of the status of this proposal.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27 at 5:30 p.m. in Shippee Dining Hall. Guests for that evening will be Myra Hindus and Barbara Wright, Co-Chairs of the President's Commission on the Status of Women.

D. Mrs. Berry's report for the Institutional Policy Committee included the following:

1. The committee will meet immediately following this Board meeting, and will consider several academic affairs issues, specifically fund balances and their programmatic importance, the approval of a policy for Centers and Institutes, and the committee meeting schedule.
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2. Chairman Berry reminded Trustees that the report concerning strategic planning for academic affairs for this academic year which had just been distributed is regarded by the committee as a very important document, and requested that Trustees read and respond at the Board level or to the Provost.

Dr. Lawrence asked how the strategic planning for academic affairs tied in with the Strategic Planning Committee. Mrs. Berry responded that it was on the agenda for discussion at the committee level.

E. Mr. Leone's report for the Budget and Finance Committee included the following:

1. The committee met on September 10 as the Audit Subcommittee and discussed the relationship between the University and the State auditors, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Jackie, who were in attendance. The committee also reviewed the State audit report and found no significant problems. The committee also met with our internal auditors, Howard Cooper (Storrs), and Brendan Fraher (Health Center), and reviewed their report which also found the University's practices in order.

2. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12 at 9 a.m. At that time, the committee will vote on the fees recommended by the administration last month. All Board members are welcome to attend the committee meeting.

F. Chairman Rome noted that the strategic planning for academic affairs report distributed at this meeting posed no conflict between the essential features of that plan and the strategic planning responsibility of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Chairman Rome reminded Trustees that they were welcome to add any item with supporting information to the agenda which they felt deserved attention, and that they may do so through the President's Office.

Chairman Rome noted that this was Student Trustee Michael Taylor's last meeting, and thanked Michael on behalf of all member of the Board and all students of the University for his commitment and service. A resolution recognizing Michael's contributions will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Saslow questioned whether the Board's policy passed several years ago regarding conducting business with companies that do business with South Africa should be changed.

Trustee Leonardi reported that the State Treasurer had already issued a similar appropriate statement.
On a motion by Trustee Berkley, seconded by Dr. Canzonetti, THE BOARD VOTED to add to the agenda for action the revoking of a former restriction passed by the Board prohibiting the University from investing in companies that do business in South Africa.

On a motion by Trustee Saslow, seconded by Dr. Canzonetti, THE BOARD VOTED to revoke the restriction on investing in companies that conduct business in South Africa.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Friday, November 12, 1993, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the University of Connecticut, Bishop Center, Room 7, Storrs, Connecticut.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise B. Carrozzella
Secretary