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

Held at University of Connecticut at Storrs September 10, 1993
Bishop Center, Room 7 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. Berkley, Blum, Canzonetti, Lawrence, Leone, Mika, Saslow, Taylor, 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, Attorneys Shapiro and Molitor, and Mr. McFadden.

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

The following individuals addressed the Board on the noted topics:

John Byer
Peter Halvorson

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

1. Chairman Rome welcomed new Board members Claire Leonardi, Jennifer Smith, Louise Berry and William Berkley to the Board.

2. Chairman Rome gave an overview of the progress of the Nutmeg Scholarship Program. He noted that a student with the highest scholastic score in Connecticut had been recruited into the program. Mr. Rome congratulated the Development Office on the success of the program as well as other development efforts.

3. Chairman Rome presented an in depth explanation of the potential benefits to UConn and of the circumstances surrounding the proposed establishment of a stadium in downtown Hartford and of his rationale for support of such an endeavor as part of the State economic development package.

Board members received a list of committee assignments, listed as agenda Attachment M for their review and comment.

Chairman Rome reported that he had appointed Trustee Lawrence to chair a committee that will study the
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The advisability of upgrading UConn’s football program to Division I-A status and joining the Big East football conference. Dr. Lawrence was selected because of his leadership and contribution to the athletics task force that he previously co-chaired. All UConn constituencies will have an opportunity to provide input into the decision.

4. Mr. Rome announced that he had appointed Trustee C. Berkley to chair the Strategic Planning Committee of the Board and also to chair the Strategic Planning Management Committee which will include representation of board members, university personnel and citizens. When the plan is complete, a draft of the plan will be circulated to Trustees for information and comment. Professor David Jordan will serve as vice-chairman of the Management Committee.

5. Chairman Rome noted that the Board had recently received the Stamford Partnership plan for the development of a downtown campus in Stamford. The multifaceted plan preliminarily answered questions about who we are and what we want to be in a small state. There is a constituency in the Stamford area which strongly supports the downtown initiative.

However, the initiative still requires an identification of the programs which would be offered at the Stamford campus and the funds necessary to initiate such a program. A public hearing will be held at Storrs to present the plan and to receive input from the academic community. The Stamford Partnership has identified two physical sites of interest for the relocation of the campus. A $10M bond issue was appropriated for the acquisition of a site for the campus through the Department of Public Works.

Dr. Canzonetti expressed his concern about budgetary restraints which might restrict the University’s leadership role in recruiting faculty lost through retirement at a time when we are trying to establish a downtown campus. He noted that he supported the concept of the Stamford initiative with the recognition that the Board will continue to be aggressive in its competition in the Legislature for finances to support the University.

6. Executive Secretary of the Board, Peter McFadden, reported that the Board had been surveyed, and no duality or conflict of interest was reported among Trustees.
7. On a motion by Dr. Canzonetti, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 9, 1993.

8. On a motion by Trustee Leone, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, THE BOARD VOTED to amend the Consent Agenda with the addition of two Health Center contracts over $5,000 to Attachment B which are attached to these minutes.

On a motion by Dr. Canzonetti, seconded by Dr. Lawrence, THE BOARD VOTED to further amend the agenda with the addition of the Revised Operating Budget for the John Dempsey Hospital. A copy of the Revised Operating Budget for the John Dempsey Hospital is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. Blum, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the amended Consent Agenda (Attachment A) which contained the following items:

- Contracts and Agreements for the University and the Health Center (B) (amended), Awards & Donations (C), Gifts & Donations from University of Connecticut Foundation, Inc. and University of Connecticut Law School Foundation (D), Annual Report of the Endowed Chair Program Entitled "English Chair in Writing" (E), Library Borrowers Fee for Connecticut Health Professionals Unaffiliated with the UCHC (F), Lease Renewal at Thames River Campus with the Law Enforcement Council of Connecticut, Inc. (G), John Dempsey Hospital Quality Program (H), John Dempsey Hospital Utilization Management Program (I), Uncas on Thames Hospital Quality Improvement Plan (J), and the Uncas on Thames Hospital Medical Staff Rules and Regulations and By-Laws of the Medical and Dental Staff (K), and the Revised Operating Budget for John Dempsey Hospital. A copy of these consent agenda items are attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

9. On a motion by Mr. Saslow, seconded by Mr. Leone, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the formal list of 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 N). A copy of the approved list is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.
10. The Board Meeting Schedule (Attachment L) was discussed. Several Trustees expressed their concern with having only six Board meeting dates. Dr. Canzonetti requested that an additional meeting be added to the schedule and held in Stamford, possibly in June. Mrs. Carrozzella also requested that the July meeting be held at the Avery Point campus rather than in Storrs to show Trustee support for the regional campuses.

Chairman Rome noted that he would attend in person any meetings conducted by telephone from Storrs. Trustees may participate by attending the meetings in person or by telephone for those meetings designated as telephone meetings. Mr. Berkley requested that telephones be available to those Trustees unable to be physically present so that they may hear the Board discussions.

Trustee Saslow questioned the rationale for telephone meetings. Chairman Rome responded that telephone meetings were necessary to allow those Trustees who could not be physically present to hear the Board discussions. He also reminded the Board that emergency meetings could be convened if necessary.

After much discussion, and on a motion by Mr. Treibick, seconded by Mr. Leone, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Board Meeting Schedule for 1993-94 as amended to include a June meeting in Stamford and a July meeting at Avery Point. This item as presented is agenda Attachment(L) and is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

11. Chairman Rome reminded Trustees that the By-Laws mandate that the TAFS Committee (Trustee-Administration-Faculty-Student) meet yearly in October, and instructed the Executive Secretary to set a date, and to notify all necessary parties. It is customary for the TAFS meeting to be held following the October Board meeting.

12. Chairman Rome called for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Saslow nominated Dr. Canzonetti. On a motion by Mr. Saslow, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, THE BOARD VOTED to close the nominations and to instruct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Dr. Canzonetti as Vice Chairman.
13. Chairman Rome called for nominations for the office of Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Taylor nominated Mrs. Carrozzella. On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Canzonetti, THE BOARD VOTED to close the nominations and to instruct the Chairman to cast a unanimous ballot for Louise Carrozzella as Secretary.

14. Chairman Rome reminded Trustees that the Audit Subcommittee of the Board would meet following the Board meeting and that all Trustees are invited to attend.

15. Chairman Rome called upon Trustee Lawrence who read a resolution recognizing Stephen Altschuler's service to the Board.

On a motion by Dr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Rome, THE BOARD VOTED that the resolution be noted in the minutes and a copy sent to Mr. Altschuler. A copy of the resolution is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

Mrs. Carrozzella then read a resolution which recognized Otha Brown's service to the Board and requested it be noted in the minutes with a copy sent to Mr. Brown. On a motion by Mrs. Carrozzella, seconded by Mr. Rome, THE BOARD VOTED that the resolution be noted in the minutes and a copy sent to Mr. Brown. A copy of the resolution is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

Dr. Canzonetti read a resolution recognizing Frank Rich's service on the Board. On a motion by Dr. Canzonetti, seconded by Mr. Rome, THE BOARD VOTED that the resolution be noted in the minutes and a copy sent to Mr. Rich. A copy of the resolution is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

16. Student Trustee Taylor congratulated Trustee Carrozzella for the honor she received recently of being named to Who's Who of American Women.

17. Chairman Rome reminded Trustees that on Sunday, October 10, 1993, the University will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the Senator Thomas J. Dodd Archive and Research Center at 2 p.m. at the Babbidge Library. All Trustees have been invited to attend.
B. The Report of the President (Attachment 0) included the following:

1. The President welcomed the new Trustees and pledged his support and that of the administration to implement policy and to safeguard the interests of the students.

2. President Hartley announced that he expected to hire the Vice President for Institutional Advancement by November 1. He also announced several administrative changes which have taken place since June. A copy of the list of changes is part of the President's Report which is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

3. Activities surrounding the opening of the school year, including Convocation, the Nutmeg Scholars Luncheon, and the Campus Picnic were all very successful.

4. UConn has received the highest State single bond authorization in its history, $100 million in new bond funds, from the Legislature. $67.8M has been allocated for FY94, and $32.6M for FY 95.

5. President Hartley highlighted a few of the improvements in facilities for students on campus. Among them are the establishment of four fitness centers, and the repaving of two student parking lots, S and W. McCounoughy dorm has had renovations to its dining hall which can now accommodate 830 students. A breezeway has been constructed that connects the two buildings that comprise the Student Union. Holcomb, Whitney, and Sprague dorms have been extensively renovated. Renovations will also be done in the South Campus during the next year. New basketball courts have also been constructed in Towers.

The President gave a status report on the major construction projects currently in progress including improvements to the Castleman Engineering Building which will open for classes in the spring, the Biobehavioral Sciences IV building, and other buildings which now have new classrooms and labs. Total major projects underway currently amount to approximately a quarter of a billion dollars.

6. Major international summer conferences and programs were held at Storrs during the summer. These included Confratute and Luminescence/Spectroscopy, two conferences which enjoyed heavy enrollment and success.
7. UConn presently has international students from 90 different countries. We have approximately 1200 international students; many of whom are graduate students. Over the summer we had a number of international visitors, many of them ambassadors, including visitors from Laos, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Belo-Russia, and Estonia. We are hopeful that we will have an even greater international presence in the future.

8. Six males and five females with a SAT Mean Score of 1420 and a class ranking of 98% have become freshman Nutmeg Scholars. We are especially proud that the Nutmeg Scholar Program allows us to recruit and retain some of Connecticut's outstanding scholars at UConn.

9. There were 22 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists who enrolled as freshman at UConn, a record for the freshman class. The deposits for the freshman class currently number approximately 2,130. The Mean SAT score of these freshman is 1039, and the minority representation is 14.7%. Eighty percent of these students are from Connecticut.

10. On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the By-Law Revisions proposed by the University Senate. Background information listed as agenda Attachment(P) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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

1. A presentation concerning substance and alcohol use/abuse was presented by Dr. Janice Wilbur, Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator. Materials related to that presentation are attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. The first meeting of this committee will be held on Tuesday, September 21, and will focus on tuition increases and financial aid.

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

1. An amended copy of the Recommended Fee Changes for 1994-95 (Attachment Q) was distributed to Trustees. The amendment included an adjustment to the Graduate Student General University Fee not included on the original agenda Attachment Q. The original Attachment Q listed adjustments to twelve fees applicable to the 1994-95 fiscal year subject to the provisions of the University's Laws and By-Laws, Article III, Section 3. On a motion by Mr. Rome,
seconded by Mr. Leone, THE BOARD VOTED to receive the amended Recommended Fee Changes for 1994-95 which included the Graduate Student General University Fee. In accordance with the By-Laws, this item will sit on the table until the second subsequent meeting (November). A copy of this item is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. Rome, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the allocation of $3.2 million of designated fund balances to eliminate the 1993-94 budget deficit in the Education and General component of the University’s operating budget. This agenda item, listed as Attachment K, is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

3. Agenda Attachment S, Modification of University Travel Policies was withdrawn. A copy of this item is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

4. On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Dr. Canzonetti, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the consolidation of the Department of Food Services and the Department of Student Commissaries beginning with FY 1993-94. The consolidated department will be operated as the UConn Food Services, which will function under the legal format of the existing institutional activity fund. Trustee Treibick voted in opposition. This agenda item is Attachment T and is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

E. Dr. Canzonetti’s Report for the Health Affairs Committee included the following:

1. On a motion by Dr. Canzonetti, seconded by Mr. Rome, THE BOARD VOTED to add to the agenda for action the Revised Student Health Plan. The goals of the proposed plan, which is self funded and self administered, are to make comprehensive health care services available to UCHC students and to control the health care and administrative costs in such a way as to increase benefits to the students.

On a motion by Dr. Canzonetti, seconded by Dr. Lawrence, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Revised Student Health Plan to take effect October 1, 1993. A copy of this agenda item is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. Vice Chair Canzonetti reported that he had visited Dr. Dowling who sends his best to all.
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3. Dr. Canzonetti reported on the activities of the Joint Conference Committees of the John Dempsey Hospital and the Uncas on Thames Hospital. Quality remains high at both facilities.

4. An amendment to the Medical By-Laws was distributed for review. This item will be brought to the October meeting for approval.

F. Mrs. Berry's Report for the Institutional Policy Committee included the following:

1. Mrs. Berry directed Trustee attention to a new publication entitled "The Connecticut Economy", a University of Connecticut quarterly review of economics in Connecticut. Mrs. Berry introduced William McEachern, Professor of Economics, who explained the philosophy of the publication, its goals and objectives, and the feedback about the publication that has been received.

2. On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Mr. Rome, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (U) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

G. The next meeting will be a telephone meeting of the Board and is scheduled for Friday, October 8, 1993, at 10:30 a.m. Information regarding the procedures for the meeting will be sent with the call letter.

H. On a motion by Mrs. Carrozzella, seconded by Mr. Saslow, THE BOARD VOTED to go into Executive Session at 1:30 p.m. Litigation was discussed. Vice President and Provosts Tighe and Cutler, Mr. Shapiro, Ms. Molitor, and Mr. McFadden were present for this discussion.

I. No further business appearing, the Board reconvened in Open Session at 1:40 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Carrozzella
Secretary