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

Held at the University of Connecticut at Hartford
1800 Asylum Street, West Hartford, Connecticut
March 19, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by Chairman
Lewis Rome. Trustees present were: Mrs. Carrozzella, Messrs.
Altschuler, Blum, George Brown, Otha Brown, Canzonetti, Kleban,
Lawrence, Leone, Mika, Saslow, Taylor and Treibick.

Trustees absent were: Messrs. Carter, Dowling, Ferrandino
and Rich.

University staff present were: President Hartley, Vice
President and Provost Tighe, Interim 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.

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

1. Chairman Rome noted that the Consent Agenda
(Attachment O) contained Attachments P through S. He
also noted that an additional contract over $5,000
needed to be added to the consent agenda. On a
motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. Blum, THE BOARD
VOTED to add the contract and to approve the amended
Consent Agenda as follows:

- Contracts and Agreements for the University and the
  Health Center (P), Awards and Donations (Q), Gifts
  and Donations from the University of Connecticut
  Foundation, Inc. and the University of Connecticut
  Law School Foundation, Inc. (R), Uncas on Thames
  Hospital Safety Management Program (S). A copy of
  these agenda items are attached to the file copy of
  the Board minutes.

2. Mr. Saslow questioned a personnel item involving
payment during a sabbatic leave. Associate Provost
Maryanski clarified the general policy and noted that
this item was in accordance with the policy.
On a motion by Mr. Kleban, seconded by Mr. Taylor, THE BOARD VOTED to approve a formal list of the promotions, sabbatic leaves, changes in salary, and moving expenses as recommended by the President and as listed on the personnel list as amended. A copy of the approved list (Attachment T) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

3. Chairman Rome announced that the Trustee ad hoc hearing committee of the Board had scheduled its first hearing to receive testimony from schools and colleges in answer to the recommendations of the Program Review Committee. The first hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Storrs and on Thursday, April 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the UConn Health Center. All Trustees are invited to attend.

B. The report of the President included the following items. President Hartley directed trustee attention to agenda Attachment U.

1. President Hartley noted that town meetings, hosted by the Alumni Association, were held in Waterford, Meriden, and West Hartford recently to discuss budget issues. Press coverage has been excellent and attendance good.

2. The President directed attention to the academic affairs update on selected 1992-93 teaching, research and outreach reports attached to his report which was presented by Provost Tighe to the University Senate on March 8, 1993.

3. The President reported that The Hartford Graduate Center and the University of Connecticut have agreed to collaborate in graduate and professional education, beginning this partnership with cooperative program activities in business, engineering, and public administration. The arrangement includes a public services component with the offering of a series of joint conferences on issues facing Connecticut.

4. President Hartley also noted that he had met with the Education Committee, the Appropriations Committee and its subcommittees to discuss our budget requests in detail for the operating budget. He also met with the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee on February 25 to defend the capital budget.
5. A workshop, co-hosted by the President’s Advisory Committee on Affirmative Action, was held on March 6 to study Diversity and Community Building and was well attended by students, faculty, staff and administrators.

6. On March 8, the President met with the Hartford Courant Editors, Mike Waller and John Zakarian, to convey to them as a leading media in the state, some of the problems and issues UConn is facing, and to answer their questions. The President also took the opportunity to thank the media for their consistently supportive tone of the editorials printed since he became President.

7. The University Medal Presentation took place at the UConn Health Center on March 10. The medal was presented to William C. Steere, Jr., Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of Pfizer, Inc., by Governor Weicker, as President of our Board.

8. President Hartley continues to visit the regional campuses, and recently completed visits to Avery Point, West Hartford, and Waterbury campuses.

9. President Hartley reminded trustees of the Admissions Open Houses scheduled for April 3 and April 17. The purpose of the open houses is to insure that students who have been accepted for enrollment will come to UConn. The intent is to welcome new students and their families, make them feel at home, and acquaint them with all that UConn has to offer. Last year’s attendance was excellent, and the same is expected this year.

10. The annual Trustees-Faculty Dinner will be held on April 16 beginning with a reception at 4 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

11. Speaking commitments for the Undergraduate Commencement have been received from Randall Pinkston, CBS White House correspondent and an alumnus of the UConn Law School, and from the President of Rockefeller University, Dr. Torsten Wiesel, who will address the students at the Graduate Commencement. Producer/director Ron Howard has also agreed to receive an honorary degree at the Undergraduate ceremony.
12. President Hartley reported on his meetings during the months of January and February with area legislators. The President reiterated his commitment to working with the state and industry to identify critical problems, to assist in solving those problems, and to build the links needed to address them.

C. Dr. Dowling's report for the Health Affairs Committee was presented by Dr. Canzonetti and included the following items:

1. Dr. Canzonetti reported that the committee reviews the quality of care at the John Dempsey Hospital each month, and that quality remains high.

2. Dr. Canzonetti also reported on the meeting of the Joint Conference Committee of the John Dempsey Hospital and the Health Affairs Committee of the Board.

3. The Health Center was the proud recipient of the Greater Hartford Pride Award. The Greater Hartford Pride Award is presented by the business and technology councils of the Hartford Chamber of Commerce. It is given to the business in the state and the region that in tough economic times is the most innovative, entrepreneurial, and shows the best business approach to providing service to the public.

4. $65,000 was raised by the Whalers Wives for the benefit of children's cancer research at the Health Center.

5. Dr. Cutler reported that the senior dental students ranked second in the nation. At the medical school, there was a 100% match of students which means that every single medical student was chosen into one of their top three choices of places to do their internship or residency. This is almost unheard of. More than 40% of those medical students elected positions in primary care.
D. Mrs. Carrozzella’s report for the Student Life Committee included the following:

1. Chairman Carrozzella reported that the committee had not met since the last Board meeting, but she reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24. Two agenda items, the University’s ad hoc committee for a balanced curriculum and the replacement of UConn’s negative checkoff on the fee bill, will be considered at that meeting.

E. Chairman Altschuler’s report for the Institutional Policy Committee included the following:

1. On a motion by Mr. Altschuler, seconded by Mr. Otha Brown, THE BOARD VOTED approval of the Executive Master of Business Administration at Stamford. Background information listed as agenda Attachment V is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. On a motion by Mr. Altschuler, seconded by Mr. Blum, THE BOARD VOTED the Change of the Undergraduate Major Name from Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology to Resource Economics. Background information listed as agenda Attachment W is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

F. Mr. Leone’s report for the Budget & Finance Committee included the following items:

1. The committee heard a report from Vice President Wiggins and Carmen Vance on the status of dormitories on campus and the financing of the reconstruction and changes in South campus. In addition, the committee heard a report on the administrative service charge on restricted gifts. The committee also reviewed the financial statement for the Cooperative Extension System, and more discussion will follow in the future. The review of the budget for the Development Office will be a future agenda item.

G. Mr. George Brown’s report for the External Affairs Committee included the following items:

1. The committee met on Monday, March 8, 1993, and the entire meeting was devoted to discussing the details of producing a University magazine. The basis for discussion was a report submitted to the committee by Karen Williams and the public relations staff.
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The committee agreed to continue efforts to publish the first issue of the new University magazine on the first day of spring 1994. The first printing would be a quantity of 150,000 copies which would be sent to all parents of current students and to all alumni at a cost of approximately $1 per copy or a total cost of $150,000. The second issue would be on the first day of fall 1994. Thereafter, the magazine would be published twice a year in the spring and the fall.

The External Affairs Committee would continue to serve as the editorial board for the magazine, and the public relations division would coordinate publication matters. The committee feels that a six month lead time for each publication would be more than adequate.

H. Chairman Rome noted that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Friday, April 16, 1993, at 3 p.m. at the Student Union, United Nations Room #306, Storrs. The late start is to accommodate the Trustee-Faculty Dinner scheduled for 6:30 p.m. that evening.

On a motion by Mr. Saslow, seconded by Mr. Leone, THE BOARD VOTED to go into Executive Session at 11:40 a.m. for the purpose of discussing matters of personnel, litigation, and collective bargaining. The Chairman noted that based on the advice of counsel, only the staff members whose presence was necessary to provide their opinion would be permitted to attend executive session. All members of the Board noted were present.

Items discussed during Executive Session were as follows:

1. Pending litigation was reviewed. President Hartley, Attorney Shapiro and Mr. McFadden were present during this discussion. Vice President and Provost Tighe and Interim Vice President for Health Affairs and Provost Cutler were also present for this discussion.

2. Personnel matters were discussed. President Hartley, Vice President and Provost Tighe and Interim Vice President for Health Affairs and Provost Cutler, Attorney Shapiro and Mr. McFadden were present during this discussion.

Executive Session ended at 11:50 a.m., and the meeting was reconvened in Open Session at 11:51 a.m.
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Discussion followed regarding the process to be used for the public hearings of the ad hoc Trustee committee.

I. No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Otha N. Brown, Jr.
Secretary