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Held at the University of Connecticut at Storrs
Bishop Center, Room 7  Storrs, Connecticut
March 6, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by Chairman Andrew J. Canzonetti. Trustees Present were: Messrs. G. Brown, O. Brown, Dowling, Haskew, Herndon, Lawrence, Leone, Rich, Rossi, Saslow, Stroh, and Messdames Kronholm and Nadolny.

Trustees absent were: Governor Weicker, Messrs. Altschuler, Kleban, Opinsky, and Tirozzi.

University staff present were: President Hartley, Vice-President and Provost Tighe, Vice Presidents Giffen, Wiggins, Brown, Jones, Associate Vice President and Provost Cutler, and Attorney Shapiro and Mr. McFadden.

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

There were no members of the public who expressed an interest in addressing the Board.

President Hartley expressed the condolences of the Board and the University on the loss of a UConn family member, Cindy Beaudoin. Cindy was a freshman on the Storrs campus in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. As a member of the 142nd Medical Company in the Army National Guard on active duty in the Persian Gulf, Cindy was killed while coming to the aid of a fellow soldier. In respect to her memory, the Board observed a moment of reflection and silent prayer.

I. A. On a motion by Mr. Saslow, seconded by Mr. Rossi, THE BOARD VOTED to go into executive session at 10:50 a.m. for the purpose of discussing matters of personnel, litigation, and collective bargaining. The Chairman noted that 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 above were present at this time.

Items discussed during Executive Session were as follows:
B. Personnel matters were discussed. President Hartley, Attorney Shapiro, Vice President and Provost Tighe, and Mr. McFadden were present for this discussion. Associate Vice President for Administration, Les Cutler, was also in attendance for a portion of the discussion.

C. Pending litigation was reviewed. President Hartley, Vice President and Provost Tighe, Attorney Shapiro, and Mr. McFadden were present for the entire discussion.

There being no further business proper to Executive Session, the meeting reconvened in Open Session at 11:40 a.m.

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

1. On a motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mrs. Kronholm, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 11, 1991, and February 6, 1991.

2. On a motion by Mrs. Kronholm, seconded by Mr. G. Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following items listed on the Consent Agenda:

   a. Approval and/or ratification of the lists of University and Health Center Hospital contracts and agreements as amended and authorization for the President, Vice-Presidents, Associate Vice Presidents, Associate Executive Director and Director of Fiscal Services (Health Center only), Director of Business Services, and the University Controller to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the University. A copy of the approved lists of contracts and agreements is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

   b. Acceptance and approval of the lists of awards and donations. A copy of the lists is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

   c. Approval of the latest list of recommended Medical/Dental Staff appointments. A copy of the list is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.
3. On a motion by Mr. O. Brown, seconded by Mr. Leone, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the formal lists of the promotions, sabbatic leaves, changes in salary and moving expenses as recommended by the President and as listed on the personnel list. A copy of the approved list is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. Mr. Rich was not present for this discussion or vote.

At the request of Trustee Saslow, one moving expense, that of Dr. Mitchell Kresch, was removed from the personnel list for further research. It will be presented as part of the next personnel list.

4. On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. George Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to postpone promotion, award of tenure, and reappointment to the April meeting.

5. Dr. Canzonetti reminded Trustees that the April Board meeting date is also the scheduled date for the Faculty/Trustee Annual Dinner. The Board meeting will begin with lunch at 12 noon on April 5. The evening of the Faculty Trustee Dinner will begin with tours of the Institute of Materials Science from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Cocktails and dinner is scheduled to begin with cocktails at 7 p.m. at the Museum of Natural History.

6. Chairman Canzonetti read a recent letter of appreciation from David McQuade, former Governor O'Neill's representative, in which he thanked the Board and members of administration for their past courtesies and support.

7. Dr. Canzonetti also announced the schedule for inauguration and the names of committee members.

B. The report of the President included the following items:

1. President Hartley reported that he had provided testimony regarding institutional priorities, new initiatives, and implications of the recommended budget before the Appropriations Committee on February 26, 1991.

Distributed with the copy of his testimony was an appendix which contained a list of twelve priorities for the new president that were adopted last year by the Board of Trustees. The current budget crisis is likely to delay
achieving some of those goals, but the hope is that the current management strategy will position the University to become even better and stronger in the near future.

The President has also created a budget advisory committee whose membership includes representation from the Senate Executive Committee, AAUP, UCPEA, Undergraduate Student Government, Graduate Student Council and academic deans. The committee, co-chaired by Vice President and Provost Tom Tighe, and Vice President for Finance, Wilbur Jones, was formed to advise the President where funding cuts should be made.

2. President Hartley announced that Hal Brody had been hired as the new Dean of Engineering, bringing the number of new Deans hired recently to three.

3. The President reported that General Reinsurance Company of Stamford has donated $25,000 toward the campaign to relocate the Stamford Campus to downtown Stamford. Next year, the company has promised to donate $133,000.

Champion International Corporation has made "in kind" contributions to the campaign, including the donation of space for future fund-raising events.

The Stamford Partnership, which encourages cooperative efforts between business and government, has donated office space. The Stamford Partnership is a coalition of business, government and community leaders whose mission is to improve Stamford for residents, employees and business. Committee bill #455 which proposes bonding funding for $500,000 to support the move is currently before the legislature.

4. President Hartley introduced the Dean of the School of Nursing, Beverly Koerner, and praised her leadership. The School will soon celebrate its fiftieth anniversary.

5. President Hartley introduced Dean Hugh McGill, new Dean of the Law School.
C. Dr. Lawrence's report for the Student Life Committee included the following items:

1. The committee met on March 10, and the entire meeting was devoted to the presentation and discussion concerning the revised Student Conduct Code. Because of the magnitude of both the review process and the Student Conduct Code, the Committee deferred action on the revised Code until its next meeting scheduled for April 15, 1991. The major focus of the next meeting will be on student support services.

2. Dr. Lawrence introduced representatives of the firm of Dober, Lidsky, Craig and Associates, Inc., consultants, who made a presentation concerning the Residential Life Facilities Plan. A summary report will be sent to the Board with the April agenda for review and study.

D. Mr. Brown's report for the Institutional Policy Committee included the following items:

1. On a motion by Mr. O. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Kronholm, THE BOARD VOTED approval of the proposed Ph.D. Program in Nursing. Background information listed as agenda Attachment F is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. On a motion by Mr. O. Brown, seconded by Mr. Saslow, THE BOARD VOTED approval of the proposed name change and expansion of the Community Music School to a Community School of The Arts. Background information listed as agenda Attachment G is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

E. Dr. Opinsky's report for the External Affairs Committee was presented by Trustee George Brown and included the following items:

1. Trustee Brown reported that the committee had met and heard a progress report about the inauguration of the President scheduled for Founders Day, April 21. Mr. Brown noted that at the request of the President, the inauguration ceremony and reception would be dignified, yet austere, reflecting the state's financial situation. Trustees Lawrence, Opinsky, and Altschuler have been appointed by the Board Chairman to serve on the Inauguration Committee.
2. Mr. Brown also reported that Storrs merchants had recently formed a formal organization and would be affiliated with the Willimantic Chamber of Commerce.

3. Mr. Brown reviewed the Law School Foundation Agreement and requested Board approval. Trustee Saslow requested that action on this item be postponed until the next Board meeting since Trustees had just received the Agreement and did not have time to review it. Discussion followed, and Vice President Brown and Attorney Shapiro explained that this agreement was basically the same as the agreement approved in June 1990 between the UConn Foundation and the Board, and that state statute dictated its adoption.

On a motion by Mr. George Brown, seconded by Mr. Haskew, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Law School Foundation Agreement. Trustees Saslow and Dowling voted against the motion. Background information listed as agenda Attachment H is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

F. Mr. Rich's report for the Budget and Finance Committee included the following items:

1. On a motion by Mr. Rich, seconded by Ms. Nadolny, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following changes to the Student Health Fee at the Law School and Greater Hartford Campus, effective for the 1991-92 academic year:

   1. Law School: From $48 to $50 per semester
   2. Hartford Campus Undergraduates: From $8 to $0
   3. School of Social Work: From $8 to $0
      (Except that individual students may opt to participate in the Law School plan.)

   Background information listed as agenda Attachment I is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. On a motion by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Saslow, THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the University to loan up to $80,000 from the local fund to The Daily Campus to finance their new building. The loan will be repaid to the local fund in quarterly installments over a two-year term, the final payment to be due February 1, 1993. At The Daily Campus' request, interest on the unpaid balance will be charged at the prime rate as of the date funds are disbursed by the University.

   Background information listed as agenda Attachment J is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.
G. Dr. Dowling's report for the Health Affairs Committee included the following items:

Activities of the Joint Conference Committee of the University Hospital were reviewed.

1. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Rossi, THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the John Dempsey Hospital to renew the contract with the John Dempsey Hospital Finance Corporation for the purchase of drugs, on behalf of the Hospital, from the McKesson Drug Company, and authorize the transfer of up to $2,000,000 on an as-needed basis to reimburse the Finance Corporation for such purpose. Background information listed as agenda Attachment K is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. G. Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the John Dempsey Hospital to contract with the John Dempsey Hospital Finance Corporation for the purchase of drugs, on behalf of the Hospital, from Cardinal Health (James W. Daly, Inc.), and authorize the transfer of up to $500,000 on an as-needed basis to reimburse the Finance Corporation for such purpose. Background information listed as agenda Attachment L is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

3. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mrs. Kronholm, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Uncas on Thames Hospital revised Medical Staff Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, consistent with J.C.A.H.O. standards, to address the restructuring of the medical staff. Background information listed as agenda Attachment M is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

4. Dr. Dowling advised the Board that each trustee in their role as a hospital trustee would be requested to sign a duality of interest statement this spring.
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It was noted that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Friday, April 5, 1991, at Storrs.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Otha N. Brown, Jr.
Secretary