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

Held at the University of Connecticut at Storrs
Bishop Center, Room 7 Storrs, Connecticut
October 11, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 10:50 a.m. by Chairman Andrew J. Canzonetti. Trustees present were: Mrs. Kronholm, Ms. Nadolny, Messrs. Altschuler, Otha Brown, George Brown, Dowling, Haskew, Herndon, Lawrence, Rich and Stroh.

Trustees absent were: Messrs. Carter, Kleban, Leone, Rome and Saslow.

University staff present were: President Hartley, Vice Presidents and Provosts Tighe and Mulvihill, 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.

Mr. Christopher Long, President of the Undergraduate Student Government addressed the Board regarding financial exigency. Professor Cynthia Adams addressed the Board regarding activities of the 100 Years of Women at UConn Committee.

I.A. On a motion by Mr. George Brown, seconded by Ms. Nadolny, the BOARD VOTED to go into executive session at 11:05 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 above as present were present for executive session except Mrs. Kronholm.

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 Provosts Tighe and Mulvihill and Vice President Wiggins were also present for a part of this discussion.
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2. Personnel matters were discussed. President Hartley, Attorney Shapiro, Mr. McFadden, and Vice President and Provost Mulvihill were present during this discussion.

3. Collective bargaining matters were discussed. President Hartley, Vice Presidents and Provosts Tighe and Mulvihill, Attorney Shapiro and Mr. McFadden were present during this discussion.

Mrs. Kronholm entered the meeting at this time.

Executive Session recessed at 12:10 p.m., and the meeting was reconvened in Open Session at 12:11 p.m.

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

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

   a. Approval of the lists of University contracts and agreements and authorization for the President, Vice-Presidents, Vice President and Provosts, Associate Vice-Presidents, Associate Provosts, Assistant Vice Presidents and Assistant Provosts, Controller and Associate 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 with the exception of one individual on whom additional information was requested. A copy of the revised list is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. On a motion by Dr. Dowling seconded by Mr. George Brown, 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. A copy of the approved list is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.
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3. Chairman Canzonetti read a note of appreciation from former Board member and Commissioner of Education Gerald Tirozzi thanking the Board for the gift of the UConn chair given to all retiring Board members.

4. Chairman Canzonetti reminded Trustees that the annual Day of Pride Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 16 at the Putnam Refectory beginning at 4 p.m., and urged Trustees to attend.

5. Dr. Canzonetti reminded trustees that the annual Trustee-Administration-Faculty-Student Committee would be meeting today immediately following the Board meeting at the President's residence.

6. Chairman Canzonetti discussed the possibility of scheduling a retreat for trustees to discuss development sometime in January.

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

1. Dr. Hartley reported on the rally held on Wednesday, sponsored by student leadership, and that petitions had been signed by approximately 2,500 students and staff and presented to the Governor in Hartford by the students.

2. Dr. Hartley informed the Board that as part of his "UConn on the Road" public relations effort, he had hosted a community breakfast in Meriden recently. The primary reason for holding such gatherings is to inform the community about the University and to listen to suggestions about how we can better serve communities throughout the state. James Pellegrino, the Mayor of Meriden, is also the contact for the Meriden UConn Alumni Chapter. More than 80 guests which included members of the business and industry community, educators, interested alumni, and community leaders came together very enthusiastically to listen to his message and to pledge their support for higher education.

3. Parents Weekend activities went very well, and were attended by some 8,000 guests. President Hartley addressed the parents and students and encouraged them to call their legislators about the need to support UConn in the current fiscal crisis.
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4. A reception for retirees and another for emeriti were held recently to honor their contributions to the university. Both were well attended, and many expressed their support for the administration's position regarding the budget and current layoffs.

5. At the last Board meeting, trustees requested a report on the number of faculty on sabbatical leave. Review of a three year period revealed that on the average 4.6% of the faculty were on sabbatical leave at any point in time. This compares very favorably with other institutions of higher education.

6. President Hartley reported on the recent layoffs and their impact on the university. He noted that this is a very difficult time for everyone, but that all students, faculty and staff are working together to solve the problems that result from a reduction in staff produce. President Hartley also noted that Trustees had received several articles from The Hartford Courant and from Connecticut Magazine regarding support for the University.

7. President Hartley advised the Board that preparation had begun on the 1992-93 budget. A contingency budget plan is also being prepared for presentation to the Department of Higher Education which will include 10%, 15% and 20% cuts as requested by the Governor. While the Department of Higher Education does not have the authority to approve the plan, it is presented to them for information and review.

8. President Hartley announced that Dr. Leonid Azaroff, Director of the Institute for Materials Science, would be returning to teaching and relinquishing the directorship of the Institute as of October 15. Dr. Anthony DiBenedetto has accepted the directorship for a period of three years. At the end of that time, a national search will be conducted.

C. Dr. Dowling's report for the Health Affairs Committee included the following items:

1. Dr. Dowling reported that quality assurance is reviewed at each committee meeting, and quality continues to be satisfactory.
2. Chairman Dowling also reported on the meetings of the Joint Conference Committee of the Uncas on Thames Hospital and the John Dempsey Hospital.

3. Dr. Dowling welcomed George Brown as the Board representative to the Hospital Consortium.

4. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. George Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to remove from the table and approve the annual fee for the Advanced Education (Dental Postgraduate Clinical) programs be increased from $6,250 to $7,000. Background information listed as agenda Attachment H is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

5. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. George Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to remove from the table and approve the Professional Schools' Fee for the Schools of Medicine and Dental Medicine be increased from $2,450 to $2,700. Background information listed as agenda Attachment I is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

D. Mr. Rich's report for the Budget & Finance Committee included the following items:

1. On a motion by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Herndon, THE BOARD VOTED to adopt the revised version of the Common Environmental Classification Document Response Form (ECD). Background information listed as agenda Attachment F is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. On a motion by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Haskew, THE BOARD VOTED to approve a curatorial fee of $200.00 per cubic foot of wrapped specimens to cover the cost of acquisition, curation and permanent storage of archaeological artifacts to be deposited in the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History. Background information is listed as agenda Attachment G, a copy of which is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

E. Mr. George Brown's report for the External Affairs Committee included the following:

1. The committee will meet for the first time this year on Tuesday, October 29. The charge of the committee will be to monitor those activities and entities that formerly reported to the Vice President for External Affairs.
2. This committee will focus on matters of special importance such as:

(a) monitoring progress of the Development Steering Committee, the Joint Committee, and development planning.

(b) monitoring the implementation of the license plate bill.

Mr. Brown also reported that he had met with the Development Steering Committee, and had contributed to the planning process.

F. Mr. Stephen Altschuler, Co Chair, gave the report for the Institutional Policy Committee which included the following items:

1. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Altschuler, THE BOARD VOTED to add to the agenda for action the Targeted Appropriations Report.

On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Altschuler, THE BOARD VOTED to accept and approve the Targeted Appropriations Report. Background information is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. Mr. Brown, Chairman, welcomed Mr. Stephen Altschuler as Co-Chair of the Institutional Policy Committee. Mr. Brown reported that among other topics, the committee had discussed the earmarked funds report prepared by the Provost's Office, the low-productivity actions from the initial DHE report last May through the administrations's actions in September, and the variability of Centers and Institutes on campus.

F. Dr. Lawrence's report for the Student Life Committee included the following:

1. Dr. Lawrence reported that the committee met on September 19, and that the meeting was devoted to a presentation related to the summer Orientation Program. Chris Long, President of the Undergraduate Student Government, and Tom Mika, Vice President, spoke about campus spirit and the need for students to become involved in campus life.
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2. At the October 22 meeting, the agenda was devoted to a discussion centering around information related to issues of acquaintance rape and substance abuse.

3. The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20 at 5:30 p.m. at Shippee Hall, and as always, all trustees are invited to attend.

G. Dr. Canzonetti noted that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Friday, November 8, 1991, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bishop Center, Storrs.

H. No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Brown, Jr.
Secretary