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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
September 13, 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, George Brown, Otha Brown, Carter, Dowling, Haskew, Lawrence, Leone, Rich, Rome, and Saslow.

Trustees absent were: Messrs. Herndon, Kleban, Stroh and Tirozzi.

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 to introduce himself as the new USG President and to report on planned student activities.

I.A. On a motion by Mr. George Brown, seconded by Mr. Rich, 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 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 Provosts Tighe and Mulvihill were also present for this discussion.

2. Personnel matters were discussed. President Hartley, Vice Presidents and Provosts Tighe and Mulvihill, Attorney Shapiro and Mr. McFadden were present during this discussion.
Executive Session ended at 11:30 p.m., and the meeting was 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. Leone, seconded by Mr. Altschuler, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following items listed on the Consent Agenda with the exception of the Medical/Dental appointments:
   
   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.

2. On a motion by Mr. George Brown, seconded by Mr. Carter, THE BOARD VOTED to remove the Medical/Dental Staff Appointments from the agenda for further study to be presented at the October meeting.

3. On a motion by Mr. Saslow, seconded by Mr. Carter, 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.

   At the request of Trustee Saslow and supported by other trustees, in the future moving expenses will list the to and from location of the move.

4. Chairman Canzonetti informed the Board that Public Act 91-30 requires that each Board of Trustees of the constituent units of the state system of higher education appoint a university representative to the State's Educational Technology Committee. At the recommendation of Provost Tighe, Chairman Canzonetti has appointed Professor Francis Archambault to this committee.
5. Chairman Canzonetti noted that the John Dempsey Hospital's Duality and Conflict of Interest Policy states that:

"Upon appointment or election to the Board of Trustees, such member shall disclose to the Board:

(a) any duality or possible conflict of interest which he has or could reasonably be expected to have as a result of his appointment to the Board; and

(b) any interest, including an office or a directorship in any other health care facility or institution, or of its affiliated corporations."

Dr. Canzonetti called upon Executive Secretary, Peter McFadden, to report the results of trustee disclosure. Mr. McFadden reported that to date Commissioner Herndon as a trustee and as a member of the Executive Committee of Sharon Hospital, Mr. Rich as a Trustee of St. Joseph's Hospital and Yale New Haven Hospital, Dr. Lawrence as a Director of the Windham Community Memorial Hospital, and Mr. Carter as a trustee of New Milford Hospital were the only trustees to report a duality of interest.

Mr. McFadden noted that trustee duality or possible conflict of interest will be reported to the Board annually at the September Board meeting. If further dualities or conflicts are brought to our attention, they will be reported.

6. Chairman Canzonetti reminded trustees that the annual Day of Pride Dinner was scheduled for November 16, and urged them to attend.

7. On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. Otha Brown, THE BOARD VOTED approval of the following resolution:

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

GERALD N. TIROZZI

WHEREAS, Gerald Tirozzi has completed a six year term as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut, and as a member of the Institutional Policy Committee, and
WHEREAS, he has distinguished himself through his thoughtful contributions, personal expertise and enthusiasm as a Trustee of the University of Connecticut, for which the University has been a beneficiary;

WHEREAS, he has also been recognized as an informed and responsible spokesman for University concerns, and as an articulate champion of the institution's mission;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut records its gratitude to Gerald N. Tirozzi for his participation and extends to him its best wishes for the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with a copy sent to Mr. Tirozzi.

8. Chairman Canzonetti reported that as is the usual practice and at the recommendation of Vice President and Provost Mulvihill, the following appointments and reappointments to the Health Center Advisory Council had been made: reappointed to a second 4 yr. term: Mrs. Betsy Friedman, Dr. Howard Mark; appointed to their first 4 yr. term: Sandra Chase, Dr. Evans Daniels, Sam Dolfi, Bill Ortiz, Owen Quinn, Alfreda Turner, and Barbara Booth. Dr. Henry Jacobs was appointed an ex-officio member because of his involvement with the Health Center's Alumni Association.

Mrs. Sylvia Levy, Director of Public Relations for the Hartford Courant was nominated as Chair, and Dr. Howard Mark, an oral surgeon who is also Editor of the Journal of the Connecticut State Dental Association was nominated as Vice Chair.

9. On a motion by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. George Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the President to approve the settlement of suits by and against the University. On a motion by Mr. Rome, seconded by Mr. Leone, THE BOARD VOTED TO amend the motion to include the words "...in the absence of objections from the Board of Trustees." Background information listed as agenda Attachment (1) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

10. Chairman Canzonetti distributed the committee assignments for 1991-92. Co-Chairs have been appointed in each committee, and most Co-Chairs will assume the chairmanship when committees are next reappointed.
B. The report of the President included the following items:

1. President Hartley reported that he has designated the academic year 1991-92 as the celebration of "100 Years of Women at UConn" in tribute to the first admission of women to the university. Dr. Cynthia Adams will chair the committee and direct the year's activities in celebration of women's past accomplishments at the university and plans for the future.

The opening event was the Convocation on September 5 to begin the academic year. Dr. Regina Barreca, noted author of "They Used to Call Me Snow White...But I Drifted," was the first woman featured speaker for Convocation. She spoke to a record audience of students, faculty, and staff.

2. The UConn Foundation held its annual meeting on September 12. Thirty students who received scholarships through the Foundation were honored at the meeting.

3. President Hartley described his recent speaking schedule as hectic. Within the last two days, he delivered the keynote speech at the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Avery Point campus, spoke to the AFL-CIO Convention's subcommittee on women's civil rights, presented the 1992-93 UConn budget to the Board of Governors in Hartford, and attended a testimonial for Gerald Tirozzi.

4. President Hartley was pleased to report that the former Faculty Alumni Center, now called the Hillside Place, has reopened to the general public.

5. A picnic to welcome students back to campus was held on the first day of classes. Approximately 8,000 students attended, the largest number since the first picnic in 1985. The spirit was upbeat, in spite of many financial aid concerns.

6. The President noted improvements to several recreation facilities and construction of others. Approximately $300,000 had been earmarked for new and improved recreation facilities. The President commended the athletic, recreation and student affairs departments for their excellent team work in planning and executing new construction and
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refurbishing other recreational areas. The most notable, in north campus, is the newly constructed tennis, basketball and handball courts, as well as improvements to the old softball area. All projects will be completed this semester.

7. President Hartley reported on the new members of the UConn family: Jonathan X, the Husky Dog; Danegeld, the Morgan horse; and Baron, the German Shepherd -- both are with the Police Department. All have been received enthusiastically by the university community.

8. President Hartley gave a status report on the state budget and the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition. Negotiations are currently in progress. The twelve unions at UConn have acted very responsibly through this difficult period. They have been open about negotiations, and have really cared about the status of the university.

UConn’s General Fund allotments from last year to this year are down $8.7 million. Translated into positions, that means that we are down 112 funded positions. In one year, we have had a dramatic loss in both positions and funds. Our cabinet, deans, directors, academics, internal staff and facilities have done an exceptional job of trying to do more with less.

The President noted that he has indicated to the Governor, the legislature, and to internal staff that we will continue to do the best we can with the available resources. In 1970, UConn had 3,041 General Fund positions. In 1991, UConn has 2,738; a substantial loss of 300 positions in a 20-year period. In 1970, our enrollment was 19,800, and this year it is estimated at 24,600. We are providing more services and graduating more students with fewer staff and less resources.

9. The next UConn community breakfast will be in Meriden on October 8, when we will meet with key community leaders in that area. The basic message delivered each time is to explain the state of the state university and to listen to community concerns.

10. President Hartley reviewed his 20 Management Priorities for 1991-92 that had been distributed to the Board. He noted that progress had been made in each area, and that he would report to the Board as further progress is made.
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C. Mr. Rich's report for the Budget & Finance Committee included the following items:

1. On a motion by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Otha Brown, THE BOARD VOTED in accordance with the University Laws and By-Laws (Article III, Section 3) to receive and table for action at the second subsequent meeting (November) the recommended fee changes for 1992-93 as described in agenda Attachment G, a copy of which is attached to the file copy of the Board agenda.

Trustee Rich informed the Board that each October, representatives from the Division of Student Affairs and Services and the Division of Finance and Administration meet with student leaders to review the fee package which is presented to the trustees in September. That meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 382 of the Student Union, and all trustees are invited to attend.

2. On a motion by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Altschuler, THE BOARD VOTED approval of the Contract Signing Authority with an amendment to paragraphs #2, 3 and 4 to be changed to read: "...provided that it be presented to the Board of Trustees as a subsequent information item." Background information listed as agenda Attachment H is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

3. On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. Rome, THE BOARD VOTED to demolish the chapel annex of the Branford House at Avery Point. Trustees voting in opposition were Carter, Nadolny, Haskew, and Dowling. Background information listed as agenda Attachment I is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

4. On a motion by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Saslow, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Letter of Agreement between the University of Connecticut (UConn) and The Stamford Partnership (the Partnership) regarding the Stamford Campus Relocation. Background information listed as agenda Attachment J is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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

1. Dr. Dowling reported that the quality of care at the John Dempsey Hospital is reviewed each month, and it continues to be satisfactory.
2. Chairman Dowling also reported on the meetings of the Joint Conference Committees of the Uncas on Thames Hospital and the John Dempsey Hospital.

3. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. George Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the John Dempsey Hospital to enter into an agreement with the John Dempsey Hospital Finance Corporation to purchase, on behalf of the Hospital, any or all of the assets in the Hospital's approved 1991-1992 capital budget. Also, that the Board authorize the transfer of up to $4,000,000 on an as-needed basis, from the John Dempsey Hospital to the John Dempsey Hospital Finance Corporation to provide funding for the purchase of these capital assets. Background information listed as agenda Attachment K is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

4. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. George Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the John Dempsey Hospital's charity care policy. Background information listed as agenda Attachment G is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

5. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Leone, THE BOARD VOTED to approve a five year lease of approximately 2,004 square feet in Cottage #3 at Uncas on Thames to the Community Mental Health Services of Southeastern Connecticut, Inc. for the purpose of providing a site for psychiatric outpatient counseling services to adults. Background information listed as agenda Attachment M is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

6. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Haskew, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the revised Mission Statement for the University of Connecticut Health Center. Background information listed as agenda Attachment N is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

7. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Leone, THE BOARD VOTED to add to the agenda for action the Supplemental Hospital Rate Increase. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. George Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Supplemental Hospital Rate Increase of up to 4% effective October 1, 1991. A copy of the background information is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.
E. Mr. Otha Brown's report for the Institutional Policy Committee included the following items:

1. On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Rome, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the proposal to establish a Center for Contemporary African Studies. Background information listed as agenda Attachment O is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. On a motion by Mr. Otha Brown, seconded by Mr. George Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the proposal for an Administrative Faculty Sabbaticals Policy. Background information listed as agenda Attachment P is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

3. On a motion by Mr. Otha Brown, seconded by Mr. Saslow, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the establishment of a Center for Learning in Retirement. Background information listed as agenda Attachment Q is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

F. The Student Life Committee report was presented by Mr. Saslow and included the following:

1. Mr. Saslow reported that a meeting had been held on September 19 and was devoted to a presentation related to the summer Orientation Program. The presentation included historical information, information related to staff selection and training, the schedule of activities, and the evolution of Parent Orientation.

2. The next meeting is scheduled for October 22 and the focus of the meeting will be on acquaintance rape and substance abuse. All trustees are invited to attend.

G. The report of the Ad Hoc By-Law Committee was postponed to a later date.

H. Dr. Canzonetti noted that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Friday, October 11, 1991, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bishop Center, Storrs.

Chairman Canzonetti also noted that the Trustee-Administration-Faculty-Student Committee mandated by the By-Laws would meet at the President's house following the October meeting. All Trustees are invited to attend.
I. No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Otha N. Brown, Jr.
Secretary