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

Held at University of Connecticut at Storrs September 11, 1992
Bishop Center, Room 7
Storrs, Connecticut

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m. by Chairman Lew Rome. Trustees present were: Messrs. Altschuler, Blum, George Brown, Otha Brown, Canzonetti, Dowling, Haskew, Kleban, Lawrence, Leone, Rich, Saslow, Stroh and Taylor.

Trustees absent were: Mrs. Carrozzella, Messrs. Carter, and Ferrandino.

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.

Kelle Young, President, Undergraduate Student Government, introduced herself and Steven Fierstein, the new Controller of the Undergraduate Student Government, and encouraged interaction and communication between students, Trustees, and administration.

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

1. On a motion by Chairman Rome, seconded by Mr. Otha Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to add to the agenda the award of honorary degrees to Trustees.

On a motion by Chairman Rome, seconded by Mr. Otha Brown, and on a unanimous vote of the Trustees, THE BOARD VOTED that a member of the Board may be awarded an honorary degree from the University of Connecticut providing said Trustee has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut for a period of at least 15 years. Said honorary degree may be awarded to the recipient by the Board of Trustees upon retirement from the Board of Trustees.

2. On a motion by Chairman Rome, seconded by Mr. Leone, THE BOARD VOTED to add to the agenda the Naming of the Hospital Support Building.

On a motion by Chairman Rome, seconded by Mr. Leone, THE BOARD VOTED to name the Hospital Support Building presently under construction at the Health Center in Farmington the Dr. Andrew J. Canzonetti, M.D. Building.
3. Chairman Rome congratulated President Hartley and announced to Trustees that President Hartley had been designated an Alumni Fellow at Penn State and that Dr. Hartley would be receiving the Distinguished Alumni award at Penn State this weekend.

4. Chairman Rome informed Trustees that fundraising for the Nutmeg Scholarship award would not be formally announced until the organization of the development effort was complete. He noted that the Alumni Association's response was the first official response received to fund a full scholarship which represents a commitment of $50,000. The Division of Athletics has also made a similar commitment. The University of Connecticut Foundation has also been contacted, as have a number of corporations. Mr. Rome pointed out that it would take $1M to fund five scholarships in perpetuity. Chairman Rome highlighted the benefits of the scholarship and its far reaching benefits in the State of Connecticut.

5. Chairman Rome requested a volunteer to canvass the Board for its combined contribution to one scholarship of $12,500 for the next year. Mr. Rome urged Trustees to commit according to their ability, but noted that he wanted to announce 100% participation by the Board when the campaign opens. Student Trustee Michael Taylor volunteered to contact the Trustees about their support for this project.

6. On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Dr. Canzonetti, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Consent Agenda items listed as agenda Attachments B through K which are attached to the Board minutes.

Those items were as follows: Contracts and Agreements, Awards and Donations, Medical/Dental staff appointments, Gifts and Donations from the University of Connecticut Foundation, Inc. and the University of Connecticut Law School Foundation, Inc. (E), Declaration of Surplus Property-Kirby Mill (F), Release of Requirement of Board Approval for the Mortgaging of Property at 34 Willowbrook Road, (G), Transfer of Funds to the UCHC Finance Corporation to Perform Functions for Uncas on Thames Hospital (I), Transfer of Funds to the UCHC Finance Corporation to Perform Functions for the University Physicians, School of Medicine (J), Implementation of the Report of the Committee on the Future of Development at the University (K).
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7. On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. Otha Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to approve a formal list of the promotions, sabbatic leaves, changes in salary, and moving expenses as presented on the personnel list.

Dr. Dowling noted that there were several administrators listed on the retirement list portion of the personnel list which represented a great deal of change in the administration at the Health Center due to retirement.

8. Chairman Rome called upon Executive Secretary, Peter McFadden, who reminded Trustees that the Conflict of Interest form must be completed by each Trustee each year. Forms were distributed to Trustees, and many were returned at the conclusion of the meeting.

9. Chairman Rome discussed the Board Meeting Schedule for 1992-93 and heard comments from Trustees. It was decided that the schedule would remain as presented at present, but if circumstances warranted it, the location of the Board meetings could be changed.

10. Chairman Rome noted that the Committee Assignment List had been distributed, and that anyone wishing to change their assignment should contact him.

11. A bus tour of Facilities improvement projects was provided to show Trustees first hand the improvements being made on campus. The tour was led by Vice President Wilbur Jones, Associate Vice President Willie Hagan, and Director of Facilities, Larry Schilling.

Chairman Rome announced that a master architect from the Department of Public Works will be assigned to the University to expedite capital projects. A resolution will be formulated for the next legislative session to develop our own in house public works capacity exclusive of the capacity of the rest of the state.

B. The report of the President included the following:

1. President Hartley showed the Board the original colors of the University at the time when we were called the Connecticut Agricultural College in 1930. At that time, the colors were black and orange.

2. The President noted his pride about the award he recently received from the Alumni Association as an Honorary Alumnus of the University of Connecticut.
3. Money Magazine has listed UConn as the 37th best buy in colleges. We have moved up in the ratings and hope to see another increase next year.

4. The Council of Presidents met in August, and Dr. Hartley noted that there are many problems at other land-grant universities, and that he continues to be encouraged by the positive indicators for UConn for next year. Projections show an increase in actual freshman enrollment this year. Overall enrollment is very healthy and encouraging when compared to other schools.

5. The annual Convocation was held on September 3, and included the special award of the University Medal to Dr. Canzonetti. The President commented that to eliminate some of the problems with scheduling, he would focus on a common date for festivities which would include the student picnic, the Husky welcome week, the Convocation, and other activities. The substance of the program this year was excellent, and a common date will enhance all activities.

6. President Hartley noted that groundbreakings had been held on campus for the new Biotechnology Building and the new agricultural barn on Horse Barn Hill. A dedication of one of the student fitness centers on the second floor of the Field House, sponsored by the Parents Fund, was also held recently. The Fine Arts Faculty had a very successful art exhibit at the Benton Museum on September 1.

7. The search for the Vice President for Institutional Advancement, chaired by Provost Tighe, and the search for the Vice President for Health Affairs, chaired by Dean Gray are both progressing well. Both positions are expected to be filled during this academic year.

8. On September 4, the President attended a very successful dinner for approximately 100 student leaders representing about fifty student organizations. Dr. Hartley noted that the enthusiasm of the student leaders is incredible and continues to encourage students to become involved.

9. On September 9, the President met with the State Coalition of 100 Black Women, which are interested in contributing funds for minority scholarships. Our minority enrollment at Storrs is up over 14%, and over 17 1/2% at the regional campuses. We will continue to work to increase that percentage as part of our diversity goals.
10. Dr. Hartley proudly announced that an agenda item which will come to the Board through the Budget and Finance Committee would allocate the sum of $750,000 to the University of Connecticut Foundation, Inc. for reimbursement of University employee salaries paid in fiscal years 1988 and 1989. This action will ensure that we can now go forward with our fundraising efforts and development with our Foundation and Development Offices in place.

Dr. Canzonetti requested that the appreciation of the Board be conveyed to all faculty and staff for their cooperation over the last critical year. He noted that all Board members were very proud of the support received from the faculty and staff during very difficult times.

11. The President introduced Provost Tighe, who highlighted Dean Brody’s past experience, and introduced Harold Brody, Dean of the School of Engineering. Dean Brody gave an overview of the School of Engineering and his future plans for the school. An executive summary of Dean Brody’s presentation is attached to the Board minutes.

Chairman Rome commented that the School of Engineering has an excellent program, but that the Dean should communicate with school guidance counselors to make them aware of the excellent program UConn has to offer. He also encouraged Dean Brody to consider establishing a liaison with the Vice President for Health Affairs at the Medical/Dental School to discuss future opportunities with a combined effort and where that effort might be. Chairman Rome also appointed Trustee Altschuler as the Board liaison with the School of Engineering to ensure that any problems are relayed to the Board.

C. Mr. Leone’s report for the Budget and Finance Committee included the following items:

1. On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Chairman Rome, THE BOARD VOTED to approve expenditure reduction options totaling $3.4 million and a parking fee enhancement option of $100 thousand, as well as an $8.5 million expenditure from the University’s June 30, 1992 Operating Fund cash balance ("reserves") to offset the $12 million budgeted deficit that was approved on July 10, 1992. A copy of this item, listed as agenda Attachment M is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. Kleban, 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 1993-94 as described in agenda Attachment N a copy of which is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.
3. On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Chairman Rome, THE BOARD VOTED to allocate the sum of $750,000 to the University of Connecticut Foundation, Inc. for reimbursement of University employee salaries paid in fiscal years 1988 and 1989. This item was distributed at the meeting and a copy is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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

1. Dr. Lawrence reported that the committee had not met recently. He reminded Trustees that a summary of activities of this committee was distributed in June.

2. Dr. Lawrence welcomed Trustee Irving Saslow to the Chair of the Student Life Committee and pledged his support for their activities.

F. Mr. Altschuler's report for the Institutional Policy Committee included the following items:

1. On a motion by Mr. Altschuler, seconded by Mr. Kleban, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Proposed Master's Degree Program in United States Legal Studies to be offered by the School of Law. Background information listed as agenda Attachment O is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. On a motion by Mr. Altschuler, seconded by Mr. Taylor, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Proposed Bachelor of Science Program in Management and Engineering for Manufacturing (MEM) offered jointly by the Schools of Business and Engineering. Background information listed as agenda Attachment P is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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

1. Mr. Brown noted that a meeting had been held on September 8, and the agenda included a discussion of the report of the Committee on the Future of Development and its implementation to date, the future work of the Development Steering Committee, and plans for the coming year.
H. Dr. Dowling’s report for the Health Affairs Committee included the following items:

1. Dr. Dowling thanked Trustee Carozella for her past participation on the committee, and welcomed Trustee Lawrence as a new member to the committee.

2. Dr. Dowling highlighted the activities of the Joint Conference Committees of the John Dempsey Hospital and the Uncas on Thames Hospital. Quality of care at these institutions remains high.

3. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Saslow, THE BOARD VOTED that the operation of the University of Connecticut Health Center located in Norwich, Connecticut hereafter be identified as the Thames River Campus, and that the use of the title of Uncas on Thames Hospital be reserved specifically for the long-term use hospital located on that campus. Background information listed as agenda Attachment Q is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

Chairman Rome noted that a few new committees had been added to the committee list. They are strategic planning, fund raising, and physical plant committees.

Trustee Michael Taylor reported that he and Trustee elect Thomas Mika met with the Student Presidents’ Council, and noted how important it is for the Board to recognize their efforts in working together to advance the university.

Chairman Rome reminded Trustees that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Friday, October 9, 1992 at 3 p.m. at the University of Connecticut Bishop Center at Storrs. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. to accommodate the University Medals Dinner which begins with cocktails at 5 p.m. at the Centennial Alumni House, and Trustees were encouraged to attend.

Chairman Rome also noted that according to the By-Laws, the TAFS (Trustee-Administration-Faculty-Student) Committee must meet no later than October. Therefore, the TAFS Committee meeting has been scheduled to meet on Friday, October 9, 1992 from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Bishop Center, Room 3. All Trustees who serve on the Institutional Policy Committee are members of the TAFS Committee and are expected to attend. However, all Trustees are invited to attend all committee meetings of the Board.
On a motion by Mr. Otha Brown, seconded by Mr. George Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to go into Executive Session at 11:55 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.

Items discussed during Executive Session were as follows:

1. Pending litigation was discussed. President Hartley, Vice President and Provost Tighe, Interim Vice President for Health Affairs and Provost Cutler, Attorney Shapiro and Mr. McFadden were present for these discussions.

Executive Session ended at 12:10 p.m. No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Otha N. Brown, Jr.
Secretary

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