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

Held at University of Connecticut at Storrs November 13, 1992
Bishop Center, Room 7 Storrs, Connecticut

The meeting was called to order at 10:42 p.m. by Chairman Lew Rome. Trustees present were: Mrs. Carrozzella, Messrs. Altschuler, George Brown, Otha Brown, Dowling, Kleban, Lawrence, Leone, Mika, Saslow and Taylor.

Trustees absent were: Messrs. Blum, Canzonetti, Carter, Ferrandino, Rich, and Stroh.

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

There was no public participation.

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

1. On a motion by Mr. Otha Brown, seconded by Mr. Kleban, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the minutes of August 27, 1992 and October 9, 1992.
2. Chairman Rome welcomed newly elected Student Trustee Thomas Mika to his first official Board meeting, and thanked him for his willingness to serve on the Board.
3. On a motion by Mr. Kleban, seconded by Mr. Otha Brown, **THE BOARD VOTED** to add to the agenda for action the Recommendation for Land Acquisition in Stamford.

On a motion by Chairman Rome, seconded by Mr. Saslow, **THE BOARD VOTED** to authorize the administration to proceed, through an orderly process following statutory procedures governing the acquisition of property, to take the necessary steps to acquire property in the City of Stamford for the purpose of moving the campus to a downtown Stamford location. Trustee Albert Kleban was appointed by Chairman Rome to work with the administration on this process.

4. Chairman Rome noted that the Consent Agenda contained Attachments B through ~~M~~^G and requested that the FY 1993-95 Biennial Capital Budget Request listed as an action item (Attachment M) under the Budget and Finance Committee Report be moved to the Consent Agenda. Trustee Leone also requested that the Declaration of Surplus Property, Latham Store, Noank, Attachment N, listed under the Budget and Finance Committee report also be moved to the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Dr. Dowling, THE BOARD VOTED to move the Declaration of Surplus Property, Latham Store (Attachment N) to the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. George Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to move the FY 1993-95 Biennial Capital Budget Request (Attachment M) to the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. Saslow, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Consent Agenda items listed as agenda Attachments B through G and M and N as follows:

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Contracts and Agreements for the University and the Health Center (B), Awards and Donations (C), Gifts and Donations from the University of Connecticut Foundation, Inc. and the University of Connecticut Law School Foundation, Inc. (D), Finding of No Significant Impact - Project BI-DH-894-1 - New Law Library (E), Amendment to Existing Lease for the Eastern Connecticut Area Agency on Aging at Uncas on Thames Hospital (F), Leasing of Space at Uncas on Thames Hospital to the Community Mental Health Services of Southeastern Connecticut, Inc. (G), FY 1993-95 Biennial Capital Budget Request (M), and Declaration of Surplus Property, Latham Store (N).
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A copy of these agenda items are attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

5. On a motion by Mr. Saslow, seconded by Mr. Leone, 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 and listed as agenda Attachment H. 7802-g
6. Chairman Rome called upon Peter McFadden, Executive Secretary, who reported that all Trustee Duality and Conflict of Interest forms had been received, and no conflicts of interest existed.

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7. Trustee Committee Chairmen were reminded that Chairman Rome wished to meet with them to discuss committee charges immediately following this meeting. In further discussion, it was decided that Chairman Rome would address the group during luncheon.
8. The annual Day of Pride of Dinner will be held tomorrow, Saturday, November 14th beginning at 3 p.m. Chairman Rome stressed the importance of Trustee support for this program and encouraged Trustees to attend.

B. The report of the President included the following:

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1. President Hartley reported that the Nutmeg Scholars Program was announced at a press conference at the Governor's Office on November 12. Approximately 30 scholarships will be available to Connecticut semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. The Nutmeg Scholarship will provide full support for tuition, fees, books, room and board, and a small weekly stipend for incidentals. The scholarship may also include an opportunity for summer employment with a sponsor.

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President Hartley praised Chairman Rome for his commitment to the program and for his tireless effort to win the support of alumni, employers and educators in the scholarship program.

2. Accreditation visits for the School of Engineering and the Computer Science program were completed in October, and the exit reports were very encouraging. The School of Education was also reviewed, and a very positive report was also received for that school. The President noted that it was especially encouraging to receive these reports in these very difficult fiscal times.
3. President Hartley reported that he had received a request from the Northeast Correctional Center to allow prisoners to attend classes at UConn. The President indicated that there was strong opposition from the Undergraduate Student Government and other groups against the request to allow prisoners to attend classes on campus because of concerns for public safety and the risks associated with allowing prisoners on campus. Consequently, the request was denied. However, President Hartley indicated that he is supportive of providing educational opportunities at the prison for inmates and encourages volunteers and faculty to teach courses within the prison confines.
4. On October 15, the University hosted a dinner for the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and its Executive Director, Louis Martin, as well as its formal

meeting and open educational forum entitled "Operation I.D.". This event provided students and faculty an opportunity to learn about the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, and also an opportunity for Commissioners to listen to the concerns of UConn's students and staff.

5. On October 20 about 150 high school guidance counselors attended a workshop held at the Storrs campus. The purpose of the workshop was to convey UConn's message to counselors who play a critical role in guiding juniors and seniors in Connecticut about their choice of colleges. The counselors were very interested in the Nutmeg Scholars Program, and it is our hope that the program will be successful in attracting and retaining outstanding students to our campus.
6. The second annual UConn Authors Reception was held at the Jorgensen Gallery on October 20 to recognize faculty and staff who are authors of major publications. The quality of the UConn publications is outstanding, and other colleges are using many of the publications in their courses which are authored by UConn faculty.

The Connecticut Supreme Court Justice, with Justice Ellen Peters presiding, conducted a formal session at Storrs recently. The session was very well attended and afforded students an opportunity to observe first hand how the Supreme Court operates.

President Hartley noted that the Student Life Committee recently held an open forum to discuss "fighting words", and to review the issues affecting the student conduct code. Chairwoman Carrozzella's report further explains the forum.

7. President Hartley noted that Provost Tighe is preparing a report on the Stamford Downtown Campus Plan which will be presented within the next few months for discussion.
8. UConn was pleased to have the opportunity to host Admiral William J. Crowe, Jr., former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under Presidents Reagan and Bush. The Admiral was the featured speaker at the third annual Louis Gerson Lecture in Political Science.

General Robert RisCassi, the four star general in charge of the forces in Korea and a UConn alumnus, lectured on the implications of military changes for the year 2000.

9. President Hartley reported that on November 11 a memorial dedication to Cindy Beaudoin was held. Cindy was the UConn student killed in the line of duty in the Gulf War. A commemorative plaque was dedicated to

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all alumni and students of UConn who have lost their lives while serving in the military.

10. In an effort to further recognize their ongoing and major contributions to the University, the names of the emeriti faculty will be listed in the 1993-94 General Catalog.
 11. President Hartley reported that Matt Cookson, Assistant Director of Governmental Relations, would be relocated to Washington, D. C. Matt's assignment will give UConn a physical presence in Washington and the opportunity to work more closely with our Congressional Delegation and the Governor's Office in Washington in an effort to secure more federal support for UConn. 7802-R
 12. Homecoming Weekend and Parents Weekend held recently were very successful events. UConn was represented at the Urban League Dinner, Bonds for Israel Banquet, and the Drugs Don't Work Dinner.
- C. Mr. Altschuler's report for the Institutional Policy Committee included the following:
1. Chairman Altschuler requested that Approval of the Policy on Indemnification of Research Sponsors, listed as agenda Attachment J, be removed from the agenda for further review by counsel. This item will be presented at a later meeting. 7902-i
 2. Mr. Altschuler called upon Vice President and Provost for Academic Affairs, Tom Tighe, to review agenda Attachment K, Establishment of the University of Connecticut Teaching Institute.

Provost Tighe reported that based on his obligation to promote the achievement of excellence in all instructional programs, the Teaching Excellence Initiative report is directed toward enhancing instructional programs at the University of Connecticut. The establishment of a Teaching Institute (UCTI) was one of eleven recommendations proposed to continuously and vigorously advocate and facilitate the move to achieve excellence. Benefits of the Teaching Institute, which would seek external funding to augment limited University funds, would include the availability of funds for improvements in teaching and enhanced interest in teaching improvement by the faculty.

Provost Tighe introduced Professor of Agronomy and Special Assistant to the Provost, Derek W. Allinson, who was assigned the task of considering means of enhancing

our instructional programs here at UConn. A copy of his report and recommendations is attached to the file copy of the minutes as part of agenda Attachment K.

On a motion by Mr. Altschuler, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the **Establishment of the University of Connecticut Teaching Institute**. ~~A copy of this agenda item is listed as Attachment K and is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.~~ 7800 j

D. Mrs. Carrozzella's report for the Student Life Committee included the following:

1. Chairwoman Carrozzella reported that the committee met on November 5 and received an overview of the housing situation for fraternities and sororities. Judith Preston, Coordinator of Greek Life, updated the committee about the growth of the fraternal system on campus. Students who make up the fraternal system on campus have been very active members of the campus community in the areas of volunteerism and contributions to charitable organizations, have set good examples, are not apathetic, and should be applauded for their efforts.

After further discussion, Mrs. Carrozzella indicated that the University supports fraternities and sororities, and wishes to show that support by providing housing for the members of the fraternal organizations on campus. Additional information will be presented to the committee as the housing issue is resolved.

2. On November 5 a well-attended public forum entitled "Fighting Words: An Educational or Regulatory Issue?" was held as the result of discussions with staff of the Division of Student Affairs and Services concerning how the University can be more effective in moving forward an agenda that seeks to develop educational responses to uncivil acts. The forum focused on the regulatory and educational issues surrounding "fighting words."

The Committee heard input from the community concerning whether or not the "fighting words" portion of the Student Conduct Code should be eliminated and the constitutionality of that section was questioned. This forum proved to be a very productive exchange. Although no action is necessary at this time, Mrs. Carrozzella indicated that she would be reporting to the Board in the near future as she continues to receive input on this very timely topic.

E. Mr. Leone's report for the Budget and Finance Committee included the following:

1. In accordance with the University Laws and By-Laws, the Recommended Fee Changes for 1993-94 have remained on the table until the second subsequent meeting (November). On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Dr. Lawrence, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the following proposed fees:

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1. Fourteen of the proposed fee changes as they were received and tabled by the Board at the September 1992 meeting (Rape Education Program Fee and Laboratory Fee-Studio Arts Classes omitted),
 2. Revisions to three of the parking decal fees to change the Commuter parking fee to a sliding fee from \$30.00 to \$55.00 per year (instead of a \$40.00 per year flat rate); increase the Summer parking fee by an additional \$2.00 to \$10.00; and increase the Vendor parking fee by an additional \$10.00 to \$40.00 per year."

Student Trustees Michael Taylor and Thomas Mika voted in opposition to the motion. A copy of Recommended Fee Changes for 1993-94 listed as agenda Attachment L is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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

1. Dr. Dowling gave an overview of the activities of the Joint Conference Committees of the John Dempsey Hospital and the Uncas on Thames Hospital noting that the quality of care remains high.

Dr. Dowling also reported that Trustee Charles Stroh who is recovering from major surgery is responsive and is improving.

2. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Kleban, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the John Dempsey Hospital's Proposed Price Reductions of 1.47% of gross revenue or \$2,017,000 on an annualized basis. A copy of this agenda item listed as agenda Attachment O is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7802-N
3. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Leone, **THE BOARD VOTED** that the annual fee for the Advanced Education (Dental Postgraduate Clinical) programs be increased from \$7,000 to \$7,350 in 1993-94 and from \$7,350 to \$7,700 in 1994-95. A copy of this agenda item listed as agenda Attachment P is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7802-O

4. Dr. Dowling introduced Interim Vice President for Health Affairs and Executive Director Leslie Cutler who reviewed the Strategic Plan for the Health Center. Dr. Cutler noted that the University of Connecticut can take great pride in the quality of the University of Connecticut's Health Center which is fulfilling its mission of providing education at the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels for practitioners, teachers and researchers, conducted in an environment of exemplary patient care, research and public service.

A draft report of the University of Connecticut Health Center Strategic Plan is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

- G. The Board recessed for luncheon at 12:50 p.m. at which time Chairman Rome spoke with Trustees regarding committee charges and assignments.

The Board returned to its regular open session at 1:20 p.m. At that time, on a motion by Chairman Rome, seconded by Mr. Kleban, THE BOARD VOTED to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters of personnel, pending litigation and negotiations regarding collective bargaining.

All members of the Board noted above as present were present for Executive Session.

Items discussed during Executive Session were as follows:

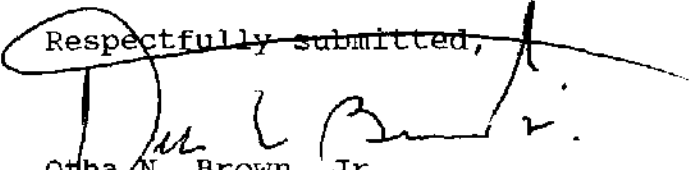
1. Pending litigation was discussed. President Hartley, Vice President and Provost Tighe, Interim Vice President for Health Affairs and Provost Cutler, Attorney Shapiro and Mr. McFadden were present for this discussion.

Executive Session ended at 1:40 p.m.

- H. 1. On a motion by Chairman Rome, seconded by Mr. Kleban, THE BOARD VOTED to add to the agenda for action the Resolution on litigation regarding Maxey Flats.
2. On a motion by Chairman Rome, seconded by Mr. Kleban, THE BOARD VOTED to authorize Assistant Attorney General Paul M. Shapiro to negotiate for a settlement of approximately \$116,000. Mr. Shapiro was requested to inquire whether payment could be made over a five-year period.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Otha N. Brown, Jr.
Secretary