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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Held at the Stamford Center for the Arts
Corner of Atlantic and Tresser Blvd. Stamford, Connecticut
May 8, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Chairman Canzonetti. Trustees present were: Mrs. Carrozzella, Messrs. Blum, Otha Brown, George Brown, Haskew, Kleban, Lawrence, Leone, Rich, Rome, Saslow and Stroh.

Trustees absent were Altschuler, Campbell, Carter, Dowling, and Nadolny.

University staff present were: President Hartley, Vice President and Provost Tighe, and 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.

There were no members of the public who wished to address the Board.

I. A. Chairman Canzonetti thanked Vice Chairman Rich for inviting the Board to hold its meeting at the Stamford Center for the Arts, and expressed his appreciation to the Center management for hosting the meeting. Chairman Canzonetti then turned the meeting over to the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, Frank Rich, who provided a report of committee activities during the past year.

Mr. Rich then called upon Provost Tighe who presented an in-depth review of academic planning and educational effectiveness. Dr. Tighe focused on the long and short term effects of academic planning, and described the process of implementation necessary to ensure the effectiveness of education for the future.

Implementation of Public Act 91-256 (Flexibility Legislation) and its effects on University operations was reviewed by Associate Vice President for Administration, Willie Hagan, and Dale Dreyfuss, Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration. A review of Public Act 91-256 demonstrated that this legislation established and/or clarified the University's flexibility to manage its own affairs in several operating areas: certification and payment of claims, travel policy and management, and autonomous purchase authority, including purchase of vehicles and disposal of surplus property.
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An overview of the Capital Budget and Planning was presented by Vice President for Finance and Administration, Wilbur Jones. Vice President Jones discussed the Biennial Capital Budget Request for FY 1993-94 and requested Board approval.

Documents supporting these presentations are attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

1. On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Biennial Capital Budget Request for FY 1993-94 and FY 1994-95 totaling $76,455,000 and $81,494,000, respectively, and the Five Year Long Range Plan. Background information listed as agenda Attachment A is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. On a motion by Mr. Rome, seconded by Mr. Kleban, the BOARD VOTED to go into executive session at 12:10 p.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 reviewed. President Hartley, Attorney Shapiro, Mr. McFadden, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Tighe, and Interim Vice President for Health Affairs and Provost Cutler were present for this discussion.

Executive Session ended at 12:15 p.m., and the meeting was reconvened in Open Session at 12:20 p.m.

II. A. The Chairman’s report was presented by Trustee Rich and included the following items:

1. On a motion by Mr. Rome, seconded by Mr. Saslow, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the minutes of the meetings of April 10, 1992 and May 1, 1992.
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2. On a motion by Mr. Rome, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, 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.

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. Rome, seconded by Mr. Saslow, 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 which is Attachment F of the agenda is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

4. Vice Chair Rich reminded Trustees of the Commencement schedule, and requested that Trustees notify the Assistant Executive Secretary, Shirley Ryan, of their plans for attendance.

5. Trustee Rich reported that Michael Taylor had been elected as the interim Student Trustee to complete Susan Nadolny's term until October 31, 1993. Thomas Mika has been elected to a two year term as Student Trustee replacing Derek Haskew beginning November 1, 1992. Steven Fierstein has been elected to a one year term on the Foundation Board.
B. The report of the President, (an outline form is listed as agenda Attachment G) included the following items:

1. President Hartley presented a brief status report on the operating budget for FY 93, noting that the projections made in January remained on target with a $25 million dollar shortfall.

2. Campuswide Open Houses were very successful. They were held specifically for students who have been granted admission and their parents to give them an opportunity to see the University at its very best. Approximately 3500 guests attended, which included prospective students, their parents, and interested alumni, as well as faculty members who were on hand to meet with students and parents. At the present time, freshman deposits number 2,277. Our final admission goal was set at 2200, and UConn administration is optimistic that the goal will be reached.

3. The first meeting of the newly formed "Mansfield/UConn Town and Gown Committee" was held recently. This committee was formed to provide a liaison between the University and the town which would enable them to work together to resolve issues that affect both communities.

4. On April 29, the University proudly celebrated the 20th anniversary of the UConn Women's Center with a banquet to honor the achievements of the past two decades. The Center continues to be a great asset to the University, as well as an excellent resource for all women.

5. On April 27, UConn hosted the "Forum on Campus Tensions" at the UConn Health Center in Farmington sponsored by the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, which has a Connecticut advisory group composed of 14 members. Two universities participated, UConn and Wesleyan. The forum was organized to discuss issues such as racism, sexual assault, and harassment, and to find possible solutions.
Commissioner DeRocco of the Department of Higher Education discussed his Department of Higher Education policies, and Tommi Clemons, Director of the Office of Affirmative Action at UConn, discussed UConn's policies and their impact on the University community.

President Hartley noted that a training program for managers would begin this summer to enhance their understanding and responsiveness to multicultural issues on campus.

6. The American Association of University Women Award for Excellence in Equity was awarded recently to President Hartley for his recognition of women's accomplishments by designating the last academic year as a Celebration of 100 Years of Women at UConn.

7. President Hartley reported that he had recently attended the service held each year on campus in remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

8. President Hartley proudly reported that the men's and women's basketball teams met with the Governor and the Legislature recently to receive recognition for their achievements during the past year.

9. The President reviewed the Commencement exercises at Storrs to be held on May 16 and May 17. He noted that this year's speaker for the undergraduate ceremonies would be Cynthia Adams, Chairwoman of the 100 Years of Women at UConn Committee. Chief Justice Ellen Peters will deliver the address at the graduate ceremony. He also noted that Floyd Abrams would speak at the Law School ceremony, and that Bernadine Healy, Director of the National Institute of Health, would receive an honorary degree and address the graduates at the Health Center commencement.

10. President Hartley discussed the list of candidates for Commencement and the figures which represent the approximate number of degrees expected to be conferred at Commencement on May 16, 1992, May 17, 1992, and May 28, 1992.
11. On a motion by Mr. Otha Brown, seconded by Mr. George Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the list of candidates for Commencement. Background information listed as agenda Attachment H is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

12. On a motion by Mr. Rome, seconded by Mr. Saslow, THE BOARD VOTED to designate Isabelle Atwood, Assistant Vice President for Business Services, Emeritus. Background information listed as agenda Attachment I is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

13. On a motion by Mr. George Brown, seconded by Mr. Saslow, THE BOARD VOTED to designate Donald E. Rowe, Associate Director of Athletics for Development, Emeritus. Background information listed as agenda Attachment J is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

C. Dr. Dowling's report for the Health Affairs Committee was presented by committee member Dan Leone, and included the following items:

1. Mr. Leone reported that the quality of patient care and services at the John Dempsey Hospital remains satisfactory.

2. Trustee Leone also reported on the meetings of the Joint Conference Committees of the Uncas on Thames Hospital and the John Dempsey Hospital.

3. Mr. Leone informed the Board that agenda Attachment K, Uncas on Thames Hospital Medical Staff By-Laws, and agenda Attachment L, Uncas on Thames Hospital Dental Staff By-Laws, were being removed from the table for further study, and would be presented to the Board for action at the July meeting.

4. On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. George Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to approve a one-year lease of approximately 1450 square feet of space in Cottage #7 at Uncas on Thames to the Eastern Connecticut Emergency Medical Services, Inc. for the purpose of providing administrative offices as proposed in the attached Lease Proposal. Background information listed as agenda Attachment M is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.
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D. The report of the Ad Hoc By-Law Committee was presented by Chairman Kleban who noted that the By-Laws had been distributed to Trustees for their review, and that they would be presented for action at a subsequent meeting. A copy of the By-Laws was also presented to the University Senate for its review and comment.

E. Mr. Otha Brown's report for the Institutional Policy Committee included the following:

1. On a motion by Mr. Otha Brown, seconded by Mr. Haskew, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the motion pertaining to the Department of Defense prohibition against commissioning homosexuals in ROTC. Trustee Stroh voted in opposition of the motion. Background information listed as agenda Attachment N is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

   In further discussion of this topic, Trustees requested that the President report annually to the Board on the position of the Department of Defense in order that its impact on the University may be monitored.

F. Dr. Canzonetti noted that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is a Committee Meeting of the Whole of the Health Affairs Committee and is scheduled for Friday, June 12, 1992, at 9 a.m. at the UConn Health Center, Farmington, CT.

G. No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Otha N. Brown, Jr.
Secretary