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Held at the University of Connecticut at Farmington
June 5, 1987
Function Room

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman Andrew J. Canzonetti. Trustees Present were: Mrs. Bradlau, Mrs. Kronholm, Messrs. Altschuler, Brown, Dowling, Hill, Johnson, Kleban, Lawrence, Opinsky, Saslow, and Stroh.

Trustees absent were: Governor O'Neill, Messrs. Andersen, Crisco, Rich, Rossi and Tirozzi.

University staff present were: President Casteen, Vice-Presidents Elias, Hartley, Mulvihill and Wiggins, Attorneys Shapiro and Kleinman, Mr. Hagan, and Mrs. Burns.

All actions taken were by unanimous vote of the Trustees present, except as otherwise noted.

I. A. No members of the public expressed a wish to address the Board during the public participation of the meeting.

B. The Report of the Chairman included the following items:

1. On a motion by Mr. Saslow, seconded by Mr. Kleban, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the minutes of May 8, 1987.

2. Dr. Canzonetti noted that the main purpose of the meeting was to consider, as a committee of the whole, an agenda of the Health Affairs Committee.

3. Chairman Canzonetti reminded the Trustees that an honorary degree would be awarded to Marian Anderson on Tuesday, June 9, 1987, at the Danbury Hilton Hotel, Danbury, beginning at 3:00 p.m., and encouraged all to attend.
On a motion by Trustee Elizabeth Bradlau, seconded by Mr. Stroh, THE BOARD VOTED TO spread upon the minutes the following resolution for outgoing Alumni Trustee, Joseph J. Crisco, Jr.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1979-1987

JOSEPH J. CRISCO, JR.

WHEREAS, Joseph J. Crisco, Jr. has completed a term of eight years as an Alumni member of the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, and as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, Honorary Degree Committee and Chairman of the University Medals Committee; and

WHEREAS, he has lent his personal expertise and enthusiasm as a Trustee of The University of Connecticut, for which the University has been a beneficiary.

WHEREAS, he has distinguished himself as both 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 recognizes with sincere gratitude the service of Joseph J. Crisco, Jr. and does extend to him all good wishes for the future, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board, with a copy sent to our colleague and friend.

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

1. The President announced that Mr. Todd Turner has been appointed Director of Athletics effective July 1, 1987. President Casteen commended the Search Committee, chaired by John Allen, for its superb work in identifying candidates for the position.
2. The final report from the Search Committee for the Vice President for Administration has been received, and interviews will be scheduled shortly with several strong candidates.

3. The Search Committee for the Vice President for Finance has not completed its work as yet. President Casteen noted that Vice President Hartley would be returning to the faculty on or about July 1, 1987. In the interim, other experienced members of the Division of Finance would be responsible for fiscal matters.

4. President Casteen informed the Board that he would be traveling to Poland during the month of July to be involved in a major archive project relating to the holocaust, and to the expansion of our foreign studies program.

The University of Connecticut Laws and By-Laws, Article VIII, The Vice President, B.2., call for the Vice President for Academic Affairs to serve as Acting President in the absence of the President. However, since Vice President Elias will also be absent from the University during part of the time the President is absent, the President requested that the Board consider a motion to designate Vice-President Harry J. Hartley as Acting President during the concurrent absences.

On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mrs. Bradlau, THE BOARD VOTED TO add to the agenda, the designation of an Acting President during President Casteen's absence.

On a motion by Mr. Kleban, seconded by Dr. Lawrence, THE BOARD VOTED TO designate Vice President for Finance and Administration, Harry J. Hartley, as Acting President during President Casteen's and Vice President Elias' absence.

5. Following the President's comments on the maintenance of the campus grounds before Commencement, he commended Vice-Presidents Carol Wiggins and Harry Hartley for the excellent work completed by both the Office of Residential Life and the Office of Facilities. He noted that many employees worked long hard hours in order to complete the year-end cleanup project before Commencement. Everyone on campus that day felt a great pride in the work that had been done.
6. The President reported that the bill creating the John Dempsey Hospital Finance Corporation had passed the legislature. The Board of authority will be composed of five members. An Executive Director will coordinate the activities of the Finance Corporation. Governor O’Neill is expected to appoint a Chairman, and the first meeting of the Board is scheduled for sometime in August.

President Casteen also noted that the collective bargaining group and the administration had worked very closely together to ensure the bill’s passage, and he expressed his appreciation to Willie Hagan, Director of Governmental Relations, Janice Perkins, President of the University of Connecticut Health Center Professional Employees Association, and to Vice President James Mulvihill and his staff for their tireless efforts on behalf of the University.

7. Due to a combination of factors; more aggressive recruiting, an increased enrollment at the University, increased costs for off-campus housing, and decreased financial aid, requests for on-campus housing for the fall have increased significantly.

The end result will be an increase in the number of students assigned to one room. Temporary and alternative housing plans are under review by Vice President Carol Wiggins and the Residential Life staff.

8. President Casteen announced that the groundbreaking for the new sports center will be scheduled for the end of June, and additional information will be forthcoming as soon as a date has been selected.

9. The General Assembly authorized the funding of two endowed chairs from the State’s surplus to the University. These monies will provide for chairs in Infectious Diseases and Law and Medicine. The appropriation is $2.2 million which includes $1.0M for each chair, plus $100,000 start up cost.
D. Dr. Dowling commented on the major issues before the Health Affairs Committee. He noted that future plans call for a major expansion of the Health Center. Dr. Dowling expressed his gratitude to the Committee, and noted his pleasure in working with Health Center management.

Dr. Mulvihill introduced other members of his staff who were involved with preparation and presentation of materials for this meeting. Dr. Mulvihill recognized Herb Hansen, Assistant Vice President for Finance, for his service to the Health Center. Mr. Hansen leaves on June 30 to assume a new post in St. Louis. Other staff assignments were discussed. Dr. Mulvihill also provided additional detail with regard to the following topics.

1. Proposed Health Center Operating Budget, 1988-89

Dr. Mulvihill distributed and highlighted the Operating Budget for 1988-89. He noted that the 1988/89 General Fund Request of $68,536,196 (including the Uncas-on-Thames Hospital Request) represents approximately 31% of the total proposed Health Center budget.

Among those areas that Dr. Mulvihill reviewed were Operating Expenses, Equipment, and Clinical Program Subsidy.

Operating Expenses
As stated in the Health Center Budget Request booklet, "in general, the request in the area of Other Expenses, which includes utilities, reflects current utilization levels adjusted for a modest inflation of 4.5%.

Equipment
"The budget calls for an inflation related increase in Library Equipment and for the continuation of the planned replacement of Dental Clinic and Basic Science equipment. In addition, the 1988/89 equipment budget calls for a substantial investment in a high priority area: $629,700 to support the second year of the development and implementation of the Academic Computing facility."

Clinical Program Subsidy
"For the FY 87/88, an inflationary increase was requested and approved. An additional $597,310 over inflation is being requested in FY 88/89 to recognize and fund the impact of the State-mandated increased fringe benefit costs over which the John Dempsey Hospital has no control."
2. Proposed John Dempsey Hospital Operating Budget, 1988-89

Vice President Mulvihill introduced Dr. Helen Smits who discussed the proposed John Dempsey Hospital Operating Budget, 1988-89. Executive Summary. In her discussion, Dr. Smits noted that it was necessary to define three legitimate areas of state support for the clinical subsidy. They are fringe benefits, free care, and the cost of teaching.

Dr. Smits discussed the assumptions in preparing the 1987-88 Operating Budget. She commented that the budget process at the Health Center involves considerably more preparation since two fiscal year budgets must be prepared since the State’s fiscal year ends on July 1 and Medicare’s on October 1.

The following is quoted from the Executive Summary of the Proposed Operating Budget. “In consideration of the conflict inherent in maintaining a high quality level of patient care in a price competitive environment, the Hospital seeks approval to increase rates charged to patients by approximately 4.7% on an annual basis. This increase would be accomplished by raising rates 6.2% on October 1, 1987 in order to coincide with the effective date of increases in other hospitals in Connecticut.” Given the increase, the Budget should yield a modest positive balance of $875,000.”

In closing, Dr. Mulvihill noted that both budgets will be presented to the Board for formal action at its July meeting.

3. Vice President Mulvihill discussed the Health Center Dinner Dance, the John Dempsey Financial Corporation, and Legislative and Development matters, and briefed the Board on the prestigious awards presented to the Development Office staff recently.

Trustee Irving Saslow requested that the minutes reflect the Board's gratitude to Herb Hansen for his excellent work with the Health Affairs Committee and the Health Center, and wished him well in his new position.
E. On a motion by Dr. Lawrence, seconded by Dr. Opinsky, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Health Center Master Plan 1984-1990 and Addendum as presented. A copy of the Master Plan, presented as agenda Attachment R, is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

F. On a motion by Mr. Kleban, seconded by Mrs. Bradlau, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Health Center Master Site Plan Study of February 1987 as presented. A copy of the Master Site Plan, presented as agenda Attachment S, is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

G. It was noted that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Friday, July 10, 1987, at 10:30 a.m. at the University of Connecticut at Avery Point.

H. No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Otha N. Brown, Jr.
Secretary