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

Held at the Merlin D. Bishop Center, Storrs

April 8, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 1:50 p.m. by Chairman Andrew J. Canzonetti. Trustees present were: Mrs. Bradlau, Messrs. Brown, Canzonetti, Cunningham, D'Oliveira, Dowling, Kleban, Rich, Richter, Saslow, Stroh, Waterman and White. Mr. Crisco entered the meeting just before the close of Executive Session. Mrs. Kronholm was present for the open session.

Trustees absent were: Governor O'Neill, Messrs. Cafero, Galotti, and Gamble.

University staff present were: President DiBiaggio, Vice-Presidents DiBenedetto, Gillis, Katz, Mulvihill and Wiggins, Attorneys Kleinman and Shapiro and Mr. Kimball.

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

- I. On a motion by Mr. Stroh, seconded by Dr. Dowling, THE BOARD VOTED to go into executive session for the purpose of considering matters of personnel, litigation, and collective bargaining. The Chairman noted that the items to be considered required staff information and opinion and asked that the Minutes reflect that President DiBiaggio, Vice-Presidents DiBenedetto, Gillis, Katz, Mulvihill and Wiggins, Attorneys Kleinman and Shapiro, and Mr. Kimball were in attendance. All members of the Board noted above were present at this time. Items discussed and actions taken during Executive Session were as follows:
  - A. Personnel matters were discussed.
  - B. Mr. Shapiro reported on the status of pending litigation.
- II. No further business proper to Executive Session appearing, Chairman Canzonetti declared the meeting convened in Open Session at 2:10 p.m.

- A. On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Dr. Dowling, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Minutes of March 11, 1983.
- B. The following persons addressed the Board on the topics noted during the public participation portion of the meeting:
1. Mayor Michael Conway, Mayor of the City of Torrington - Torrington Campus
  2. Robert Ingolbsby - Torrington Campus
  3. Bernie McKinnon, President United Auto Workers CAP - Torrington Campus
  4. Michelle LaCroix, President, Associated Student Government - Torrington Campus
  5. Glenn Wilhide - Litchfield Resident - Torrington Campus
  6. Jon Hutchinson - Torrington Campus
  7. Marvin Moskovsky - Torrington Campus
  8. Evelyn Rowley - Selectman, Morris - Torrington Campus
  9. Cheryl Burke - Vice-President, Associated Student Government - Torrington Campus
  10. Antonia Moran - AAUP - Torrington Campus
  11. Arnold Orza - AAUP - March 11 Board of Trustees tenure decision.
- C. The Report of the Chairman included the following items:
1. Chairman Canzonetti welcomed Mr. Irving R. Saslow to his initial meeting of the Board.
  2. On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Kronholm, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following items listed on the Consent Agenda:
    - a. Approval and/or ratification of the lists of University and Health Center Hospital contracts and authorization for the President, Vice-Presidents, Associate Executive Director, and Associate and Assistant Vice-Presidents 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.
    - 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.

- d. Approval of appointment of Mr. David Kimball, Executive Secretary, to the Canvassing Board for the 1983 Alumni Trustee election process. A copy of the statute is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.
3. On a motion by Mr. Kleban, seconded by Mrs. Bradlau, THE BOARD VOTED to approve a formal list of the actions recommended by the President and the actions already taken by the administration on personnel matters pertaining to appointments, leaves of absence, promotions, reassignments, resignations, and retirements, and authorized the Secretary of the Board to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Trustees. A copy of the approved lists is attached to the file copy of the Board Minutes.

It was noted that the Board's action took cognizance of the following additions to the list of appointments:

- a. Mr. John Bihldorff, as Director of the University Hospital.
- b. Mr. James Kennedy, as Dean of the School of Dental Medicine.

- D. The report of the President included the following items:
  1. The recent acquisition of a rich collection of library materials documenting the history and cultural development of Puerto Rico makes the University's collection one of the three largest research resources on this topic in the country. Coincidentally, the entire month of April has been designated at the Campus as Puerto Rican-Hispanic history month, with a wide variety of programs scheduled to increase our community's awareness of the Puerto Rican and Hispanic contribution to our State and our entire society.
  2. At the invitation of the State Economic Development Department, the University will be among fifteen exhibitors in the United States Pavilion at the Hannover Industrial Fair next week in Hannover, Germany. This event reflects the University's role as a major research component of the State, and the emerging importance of the University's planned research park to the growth of high technology industry in the State.
- E. Mr. Crisco reported on activities of the Governor's Standing Advisory Committee. A copy of the report is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.

F. Mr. Rich reported on topics discussed earlier that day by the Budget and Finance Committee.

G. 1. a. Reporting for the Institutional Policy Committee, Mr. Cunningham called the Board's attention to the administration's recommendations regarding the regional campuses. These recommendations, with specific focus on the Torrington Campus, were formulated by the Office for Academic Affairs in response to the Board of Trustees request of February 10, 1983. A copy is attached to the file copy of the Minutes. The Trustees discussed the matter at some length, acknowledging the critical philosophical issues inherent in this matter, which make its resolution difficult. It was also noted that the Trustees' decision on this issue would be transmitted as a recommendation to the Board of Governors for Higher Education, since the latter now has final statutory authority for this matter.

b. On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Rich, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following:

In light of the fact that the Torrington Regional Campus has not met its goal of 250 FTE enrollments by Fall of 1982, and in light of the need to redistribute University resources to those programs of highest priority, it is recommended that the Torrington campus be closed effective August 15, 1983. Those students who would have returned to the campus in the fall should be given a guarantee of admittance to the campus of their choice for Fall 1983. Students newly admitted to the Torrington campus should be permitted to transfer to any other regional campus. All presently employed regular faculty and staff should be transferred to equivalent positions at the University, with priority being given to the needs of the other regional campuses.

The Executive Secretary of the Board of Trustees is directed to transmit immediately a copy of this recommendation to the Board of Governors.

Mr. Crisco voted in opposition and Mr. Saslow asked to abstain from voting on this action.

c. On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Kronholm, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following:

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The Administration is requested to report to the Board of Trustees by the May meeting with a proposal in greater detail for the use of the Torrington campus as an educational resource.

Messrs. Crisco and Saslow abstained from voting on this action.

- H. Mrs. Kronholm reported on recent activities of the Community Relations Committee.
- I. 1. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Waterman, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the School of Medicine By-laws changes, a copy of which is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.
- 2. Dr. Dowling reported on recent activities of the Joint Conference Committee of the University Hospital.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Otha N. Brown, Jr.  
Secretary