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

Held at the University of Connecticut at Waterbury, February 10, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Andrew J. Canzonetti. Trustees present were: Mrs. Bradlau, Messrs. Brown, Cafero, Canzonetti, Crisco, Cunningham, D'Oliveira, Dowling, Kleban, Rich, Richter, Waterman, and White.

Trustees absent were: Governor O'Neill, Mrs. Kronholm, Messrs. Galotti, Gamble, Lowney, and Stroh.

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

I. A. Chairman Canzonetti noted that this meeting of the Board had been scheduled primarily to consider an agenda of the Institutional Policy Committee and noted that he would relinquish the chair to Mr. Cunningham following the President's report.

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

1. The President commented on the executive branch budget recommendations, noting that the document had been released only one day previous and the administration had not yet completed its analysis.

Dr. Mulvihill commented on the Health Center capital and operating budget recommendations.

2. Branford House - The President noted recent publicity regarding renovations to and future use of the Branford House at the Southeastern Campus. He noted that the University remains committed to working with the local community towards a common goal of preserving Branford House as a resource for the State.
3. The President commented on four leases with tenants of the University's "commercial block" on Route 195, noting apparent inadvertent irregularities with the standard review and approval process for these agreements. He reported that the State Auditors of Public Accounts are currently reviewing the matter.

4. The President announced his assignment of the duties of Director of Public Affairs for the University to Mr. David L. Kimball, with the understanding that Mr. Kimball would continue in his present position as Executive Assistant to the President and Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

5. The President called to the Board's attention the recent appointment of former University President Glenn W. Ferguson as President of the Lincoln Center in New York City.

C. During the public participation portion of the meeting, Mr. Robert McDonald addressed the Trustees on the Intentional Democratic Community.

D. Mr. Crisco reported on recent activity of the Board of Higher Education and distributed a report on this topic, a copy of which is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.

E. Mr. Cunningham assumed the chair for a discussion of the missions and current programs of the regional campuses. Vice-President DiBenedetto made introductory remarks on this topic, the text of which is attached to the file copy of the Minutes. Dr. DiBenedetto then introduced the directors of the five regional campuses, each of whom presented a brief report, copies of which are attached to the file copy of the Minutes. Considerable discussion followed the presentations.

1. On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Dowling, THE BOARD VOTED:

"After careful consideration and consultation with the Torrington community, the Board of Trustees adopted goals for increasing Torrington enrollments. We now have the actual enrollment reports, and we must regretfully report that the goals have not been met."
"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees notes with concern that enrollments at the Torrington regional campus have not met the minimum target specified for October 15, 1982 in the Trustees' resolution of September 19, 1980. This Board therefore directs the University administration to include in the complete academic plan specific recommendations on the best use of staff and financial resources at Torrington and at the other regional campuses.

"After receiving a complete academic plan for the regional campuses at the May meeting of the Board, the Trustees will act on plans for the Torrington Campus and the best utilization of its staff and financial resources."

F. Under Other Business, the following topics were discussed:

1. In reviewing the Board meeting schedule, the Chairman called attention to the Trustee-Faculty dinner on March 11. Additionally, it was the consensus of the Board that the March and April meetings would convene at 1:30 p.m. The Chairman asked that the schedule revisions be confirmed in writing to each Trustee.

2. Mr. Crisco requested a progress report from the administration, at a suitable time, on the status of development activities at the University.

3. Mr. Cafero reminded the administration of his continued interest in receiving a summary of the University's legislative objectives.

4. a. Mr. Crisco requested that the Minutes of the meeting of January 13, 1983 be corrected with respect to Item E 2.

b. Mr. Waterman requested that the Minutes of the same meeting be corrected to reflect his attendance.

G. On a motion by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. White, THE BOARD VOTED to add to the agenda an executive session for the purpose of considering personnel matters and matters of pending litigation.
II. A. On a motion by Mr. Kleban, seconded by Mr. Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to go into executive session for the purpose of considering matters of personnel and litigation. 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, Mulvihill and Wiggins, Attorney Shapiro, and Mr. Kimball were in attendance. All members of the Board noted above were present at this time.

B. No further business proper to Executive Session appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Otha N. Brown, Jr.
Secretary