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

Held at the University of Connecticut at Hartford, March 14, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Chairman Gordon W. Tasker. Trustees present were: Mrs. Jorgensen, Mrs. Kronholm, Messrs. Brown, Canzonetti, Crisco, Cunningham, D'Oliveira, Donen, Krogh, Lowney, Rich, Stroh, and Tasker. Mr. Gamble and Mr. Shedd were present during the latter part of the executive session.

Trustees absent were: Governor Grasso and Mr. Kleban.

President DiBiaggio and Attorney McKenna were present during the executive and open sessions. Vice Presidents Gillis, Glasgow and Wilson were present for the open session in the afternoon and present for a portion of the executive session.

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

1. On a motion by Mr. Tasker, seconded by Mrs. Kronholm, THE BOARD VOTED to go into executive session for the purpose of considering matters pertaining to personnel and collective bargaining. The Chairman stated that since the matters to be considered would require staff information, the minutes should reflect that President DiBiaggio and Attorney McKenna were in attendance. Vice Presidents Glasgow and Wilson were present during some portions of the discussion of personnel matters. While in executive session, the Board took the following actions:
  - (A) The Board reviewed the latest recommendations on personnel matters pertaining to appointments, leaves of absence, promotions, awards of tenure, reassignments, resignations and retirements, with the understanding that the vote on these personnel matters would be taken in the open session part of the Board meeting.

- (B) Following the discussion of the recommendations pertaining to terminal appointments, on a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Dr. Canzonetti, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following terminal appointments:

1. Chi-Po Chen - Pharmacy - Assistant Professor
2. William Majors - Art - Associate Professor
3. Robert P. Vichas - Business Environment & Policy-  
Assistant

- (C) The Board discussed a letter from the AAUP, University of Connecticut Chapter, dealing with collective bargaining and whether the faculty at the University's regional campuses belong to any department, school or college of the University, and their tenure status at the University.

- (D) Chairman Tasker declared the executive session was recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened in executive session at 1:45 p.m.

- (E) The Board discussed the proposed closing of the Torrington Branch and the use of the Center site at the Waterbury Branch as it applies to personnel implications.

- (F) Chairman Tasker declared the executive session was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

2. The meeting was reconvened by the Chairman in open session at 2:15 p.m.

3. On a motion by Dr. Canzonetti, seconded by Mr. Rich, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following consent agenda items and the applicable actions:

1. "Contracts and Agreements"--

Authorized the President, Vice-Presidents, Associate Executive Director, and Assistant Vice Presidents to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the University. A copy of the approved contracts and agreements is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. "Awards and Donations" --

Accept and/or approve the lists of awards and donations. A copy of the lists is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

3. "Medical/Dental Staff Appointments" --

A copy of the approved list is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

4. Dr. Wilber Griswold, Director of the University of Connecticut at Hartford, welcomed the Board to the Hartford facility. He also commented briefly on the enrollments for this year in the undergraduate program (881 in the fall semester and 865 in the spring semester), the roof repair work to start on April 14th, and his hope that the Hartford campus would remain a part of the University of Connecticut.
5. Chairman Tasker, in his report on a few matters of interest, spoke of the following:
  1. The Centennial Fund Committee has been meeting and will be meeting at the end of this Board session.
  2. The Student - Trustee election mail ballot returns are due by March 26 and the results will be announced on April 1.
  3. The Annual Trustee - Faculty dinner is scheduled for Friday, April 11th. (the date of the Board meeting at Storrs).
  4. The Trustees will be guests of the Alumni Association at lunch on April 11th.
  5. The "International Studies" brochure which was distributed as reflective of the cooperative efforts between the State Colleges and the University of Connecticut.
  6. The pride of the Board of Trustees in noting that President DiBiaggio has been awarded Italy's prestigious "Order of Merit" -- in recognition of his achievements in the cultural and academic fields and for his contributions toward the enhancement of Italian culture in the United States.
6. The President's report to the Board included the following:
  1. The several important issues and bills that are being discussed before this session of the legislature and the testimony that the University has presented at the time of the various hearings.
  2. The appointment of an Advisory Committee to the President to study the University's budgetary situation and to make recommendations as to how any short falls might be met. Committee membership includes:

Mrs. Linda Chapley  
Mr. James Dolan  
Dean Julius Elias  
Vice President Arthur Gillis

Professor Lewis Katz  
Mr. Wulf Losee  
Dean Ronald Patten  
Professor Bruce Stave  
Professor Leroy F. Stutzman  
Professor Morton Tenzer  
Mr. David Kimball

3. The re-opening of the library on the full time schedule by the time the students return to campus next week.
4. Attention was called to the revised University Hospital Organization Chart.
5. The Math-Science building in the Higher Education Center in Waterbury has been completed and Mattatuck Community College has expressed its interest in using temporarily the space assigned to the University. The Board must come to some conclusion on this matter in the very near future.

Upon referring to the legislative proposal with regard to the closing of the Torrington facility, Dr. Canzonetti said that he could no longer rationalize the current existence of the Torrington facility as a viable Branch of a massive University with a commitment of funds. He stressed the need to look very critically at the Torrington Branch and with that point of entry, look at the whole off-campus structure of the University.

Mrs. Kronholm, expressing her agreement with Dr. Canzonetti's remarks, said "our viability as a Board is really being attacked and we have to take the initiative or the initiative will be taken by BHE and/or the legislature."

Mr. Donen reminded the Trustees that in February 1979, the Board asked the administration to look at the whole range of programs, including the off-campus sites, and to make recommendations regarding cut backs or elimination of programs. Rather than single out the Branches, Mr. Donen suggested that the administration deal with the Branches within the context of the University's wide range of programs.

Mr. Brown stressed the need to give credence to the Board's Committee system and base the discussions on the results of deliberations and recommendations by the appropriate Committee.

After further discussion, it was generally agreed that the Institutional Policy Committee and the Budget and Finance

Committee would jointly review the future viability and uses of the Torrington Branch and report back to the Board at the April meeting. The changed circumstances relating to the Waterbury Higher Education Center would also be reviewed by the Institutional Policy Committee for a report back to the Board within the same time frame.

7. Mrs. Jorgensen, reporting as Chairperson of the AD HOC Committee on the Reorganization of Higher Education, said that she planned to schedule a Committee meeting in the very near future.
8. Reporting on the latest meeting of the Board of Higher Education, Mrs. Jorgensen said that a regular meeting of the Board was held on February 26, 1980 at Middlesex Community College. The following items were covered:
  1. An update on affirmative action was presented as required by statute every six months.
  2. An associate degree level program in Aeronautical Engineering was licensed at the University of New Haven and a Bachelors' degree level program in Interior Design was licensed at the University of Bridgeport.
  3. The University of Connecticut's agreements for the lease of farm lands were approved, and the \$20 energy surcharge for this semester was also approved.
  4. A Doctor of Education Degree Program in Educational Leadership was approved for the University of Bridgeport. This is a part-time program which requires 30 semester hours of study in a variety of doctoral modules, a team project during the second year, a comprehensive examination and a dissertation. The program requires a minimum of three years.
  5. Several "quick fix" and "refit" energy conservation measures which had been approved in a telephone vote, were ratified.
  6. It was voted that procedures should go forward in the attempt to acquire the Tunxis Community College site by eminent domain.
  7. An informational report on standardization of enrollment reporting was presented to the Board, but action will be deferred pending further study.
  8. The Board is appealing the decision of the Superior Court concerning the decision of the Freedom of Information

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Commission in the matter of the June 1979 "Retreat" of the Board of Higher Education on a complaint filed by Antonia Moran.

Chairman Tasker, expressing his personal disappointment, observed that the latest revision of the BHE By-Laws still retained the statement indicating that the statute does not provide for any alternate representation when an appointed delegate has to be absent. Mr. Tasker reminded the Trustees that in the interest of coordination, he had written one year ago last July to Chairman Klebanoff suggesting that there should be a provision made for an alternate to be present and act in the absence of the permanently appointed delegate.

9. On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Shedd, 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, awards of tenure, 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.
10. Mr. Rich, reporting as Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, reported the favorable action of the Committee on the contracts and agreements as identified in the Consent Agenda. The Committee also discussed in detail an additional proposed agreement in the amount of \$20,000 with Arthur Anderson & Company to conduct a review of the organization, operation and management of the Health Center's Physical Plant Department. The Committee voted to recommend this agreement to the full Board. Accordingly, Mr. Rich moved approval of this agreement. The motion was seconded by Dr. Canzonetti.

During the discussion, Mr. Stroh reiterated objections to the proposal that he had expressed at the Health Affairs Committee meeting. In essence, Mr. Stroh opposed the spending of money for a third party to identify deficiencies that are already known and can be identified by the administration.

Chairman Tasker, expressing his concern with the late introduction of the proposal and the necessity of taking action at this meeting, reminded the group of the standing procedures that are to be followed when presenting any

items for Board action.

Mr. Rich said the advantages of having an outside independent analysis were worth the money, especially when one considers the amount of the fee in relation to the total operation of the Health Center.

Dr. Lowney's motion to table the matter pending receipt of background information as to the amount of money spent in the last two years on contractual types of study at the Health Center, was seconded by Mr. Stroh. In action on the motion to table, the Chairman declared the motion was lost. Upon returning to Mr. Rich's original motion, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the agreement with Arthur Anderson & Company and authorized the Associate Executive Director to sign the necessary documents in behalf of the University. A copy of the approved contract is attached to the file copy of the Board meeting.

11. On a motion by Mr. Rich, and by Dr. Canzonetti, THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the transfer of 1979-80 Appropriations from Personal Services to Other Expenses in amounts deemed necessary to meet energy costs for the current fiscal year (including the Health Center).
12. On a motion by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Donen, THE BOARD VOTED to confirm the necessity for the use of a State vehicle by the President to attend Out-of-State meetings and conferences or for other purposes related to his assigned responsibilities.
13. On a motion by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Catanese, THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the administration to instruct the Department of Public Works to locate and to negotiate for the acquisition of office space for the MBA Program in Danbury.
14. On a motion by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the administration to instruct the Department of Public Works to locate and negotiate for the acquisition of apartment space for students attending the Storrs Campus.
15. Mr. Rich reported the Budget and Finance Committee's discussion of the following informational items:
  - (1) The energy conservation report
  - (2) Capital project status report
  - (3) Health Services at Storrs - deferred to next meeting



16. Mr. Brown, reporting as Chairman of the Institutional Policy Committee, presented the following action items:
- (1) On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Donen, THE BOARD VOTED to receive and table for action at the April meeting the proposed revision of By-Laws XL9. A copy of the proposed revision is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.
  - (2) On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Donen, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the offering of a new major in Landscape Design in the Department of Plant Science in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.
  - (3) On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Donen, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the proposed re-organization of the degree programs of the Graduate School. A copy of the approved re-organization of fields of graduate study is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.
  - (4) On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Donen, THE BOARD VOTED to adopt the proposed policy on the Evaluation of Administrative Officers. Mrs. Jorgensen and Mr. Shedd opposed the action, expressing a preference to have the process of evaluation as flexible as possible, which would mean the elimination of paragraph 5. A copy of the approved policy is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.
  - (5) On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Donen, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following resolutions:

Whereas, the Board of Trustees reaffirms its commitment to enrolling no less than 2300 freshman at Storrs each academic year, it also recognizes the increasing demand for undergraduate housing.

Therefore, the Board of Trustees urges the administration to pursue all available alternatives to increasing the number of permanent spaces in the residence halls during the 1980-81 academic year. Furthermore, the Board authorizes the temporary

use of up to one-half of the studies in each of those dormitories designated by the Office of Residential Life in the event that other alternatives for dealing with the increasing demand for housing are exhausted or rejected.

Mr. Catanese asked to be recorded as abstaining on this action. Background information is attached per Mr. Donen's request.

17. Dr. Canzonetti, reporting as Chairman of the Health Affairs-Hospital Committee, said the Committee had reviewed the financial status of the Hospital, the Clinics, the proposed contracts, and the Medical/Dental Staff appointment recommendations. The last two items were recommended for submission as part of the Consent Agenda.
18. On a motion by Dr. Canzonetti, Seconded by Mr. Crisco, THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the University of Connecticut Health Center Administration to proceed with the process of acquiring a new UNIVAC 1100/60 computer to replace its present UNIVAC 11006.

Mr. Donen, referring to a personal conflict of interest asked to be recorded as abstaining.

19. In his report on the latest meeting of the Health Affairs Committee, Dr. Canzonetti said the Committee received reports related to the proposed Physical Plant study by Arthur Anderson, legislation and budget updates, and the operation of the dental clinics.
20. Dr. Canzonetti, reporting on the recent meeting of the Consortium, said he was happy to report that Dean Massey was the new President of the Consortium. The new Executive Director came on board in February. The Consortium faces a new problem in that by April 11th, a hospital was to be designated as an emergency service area and another hospital was to be designated as a resource area. In a community of nine very highly competitive hospitals, it was obvious that this time frame could not be met. A motion was passed that would give the hospitals at least eleven extra months to come up with a process that will meet the needs of the community.

21. Mr. Crisco, in his report as Chairman of the Community Relations Committee, said that all programs were proceeding on schedule and a detailed report would be presented at the next meeting.
22. On a motion by Mrs. Kronholm, seconded by Mr. Crisco, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 2 and February 8, 1980, as previously circulated.
23. The President suggested that Chairman Tasker and Mr. Gamble, Chairman of the Long Range Committee, at some time in the not too distant future arrange a meeting to begin Committee procedures.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Otha N. Brown, Jr.  
Secretary