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

Held at the University of Connecticut at Stamford, March 12, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m. by Chairman pro tem Frank D. Rich, Jr., Trustees present were: Mrs. Kronholm, Messrs. Brown, Crisco, Cunningham, Donen, D'Oliveira, Dowling, Kleban, Krogh, Rich, Stroh and White.

Trustees absent were: Governor O'Neill, Mrs. Bradlau, Messrs. Canzonetti, Gamble, and Lowney.

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

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

- I. On a motion by Mr. Crisco, seconded by Mr. Cafero, 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, Attorney Kleinman, 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. President DiBiaggio asked Vice-President Mulvihill to report on a collective bargaining issue at the Health Center.
  - B. The Board reviewed at length recommendations for terminal appointments.
    1. On a motion by Mr. Krogh, seconded by Mrs. Kronholm, THE BOARD VOTED to approve a terminal appointment for Martha Echols, Assistant Professor of English, Waterbury Campus.

2. On a motion by Mr. Donen, seconded by Mrs. Kronholm, THE BOARD VOTED to approve a terminal appointment for Yvonne Grimm-Jorgensen, Assistant Professor of Anatomy at the Health Center.
3. On a motion by Mr. Krogh, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, THE BOARD VOTED to approve a terminal appointment for Godfrey Ripley, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at the Health Center.
4. On a motion by Mrs. Kronholm, seconded by Mr. White, THE BOARD VOTED to approve a terminal appointment for Robert G. Votaw, Assistant Professor in Research in Health Education at the Health Center. Mr. Brown abstained from voting on this action.

It was noted that this action was recommended and adopted as a result of program discontinuance, as described in Article XV.E. 1. and 3. of the University Laws and By-Laws.

- C. The President and Trustees discussed the appointment, employment and performance of the University Computer Center director and his chief associates.
- D. The President reviewed with the Board information related to a prospective law enforcement action concerning pilferage at the Associated Student Commissaries Warehouse.
- E. No further business proper to Executive Session appearing, Chairman pro tem Rich declared the meeting recessed at 12:35 p.m.

Messrs. Crisco and Cunningham left the meeting at this point.

II. Chairman Rich reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 1:40 p.m.

- A. On a motion by Mr. Kleban, seconded by Mrs. Kronholm, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Minutes of the meetings of January 8, and February 11, 1982.
- B. The following persons addressed the Board on the topics noted during the public participation portion of the meeting:

1. John Puzzo - academic integrity and professional ethics. Mr. Puzzo distributed materials related to this topic to the Board.
2. Roland Richter - University proposals regarding governance of higher education
3. Rick McCaulley - University proposals regarding governance of higher education
4. Steve Basche - University proposals regarding governance of higher education

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

1. On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Dowling 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 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 recommendations pertaining to Medical/Dental Staff appointments. A copy of the list is attached to the file copy of the Board Minutes.
2. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Krogh, 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, reappointments, leaves of absence, promotions, the award of academic tenure, reassignments, resignations, terminations, 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.

3. The Chairman yielded the floor to Mr. Shedd, who offered the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. White, whereupon THE BOARD VOTED its unanimous approval:

JOHN E. TOFFOLON

WHEREAS, The University of Connecticut notes with sorrow the death, on February 22, of John E. Toffolon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Toffolon served with distinction as a member of the State Board of Education for thirteen years, the last seven as its chairman; and

WHEREAS, his commitment on behalf of public education reflected his high ideals and reflected most favorably upon this University which was his alma mater,

BE IT THEREFOR RESOLVED, that this Board of Trustees acknowledges with gratitude the contributions of an Alumnus and leader in the State of Connecticut, John E. Toffolon, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Board, with a copy sent to the Toffolon family.

4. The Chairman expressed the sorrow of the Trustees at the death of Mrs. Bradlau's father.
5. Mr. Rich noted that the Board's Ad Hoc Committee on Planning had held its first meeting on March 1. Members of the Committee appointed by Chairman Canzonetti include Trustees Rich, Cunningham (cochairmen), Dowling, Gamble, White, and Canzonetti (ex officio). Mr. Rich noted that much of the Committee's first meeting was spent reviewing testimony proposed by the administration calling for the retention of a University Board of Trustees with full fiscal and program authority. It was the consensus of those Trustees present that the position was consistent with the Board's past public position. Mr. Rich reported that there was consensus that the Committee's most useful role could be to discuss and shape a very specific set of short-range objectives for presentation by the Committee to the full Board at the earliest possible time.

6. Following Mr. Rich's report, on a motion by Mr. Donen, seconded by Mr. Brown, THE BOARD VOTED that the Board of Trustees endorse the concept of the administration response to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education and the Economy's report as presented to the General Assembly's Joint Education Committee. The Board of Trustees opposes a centralized governing board for the State's system of higher education and continues to support a central coordinating board, and, a Board of Trustees for the University, vested with the powers and responsibility for the governance of its seven campuses.

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

1. The President called to the Board's attention, and commented upon, several items of information, copies of which are attached to the file copy of the Minutes:
  - a. Trustee Gamble's testimony before the Joint Committee on Education of the Connecticut General Assembly;
  - b. President DiBiaggio's testimony before the Field Hearing of the U. S. Senate subcommittee on Education;
  - c. a summary of legislation of major interest to the University under consideration by the General Assembly;
  - d. summaries of the status of the University's operating and capital budget requests for 1982-83;
  - e. the text of a letter from the President to alumni, parents, and faculty. The President noted that the cost of printing and mailing the letter was underwritten by the Alumni Association;
  - f. The text of a letter from a faculty member noting the serious jeopardy in which external research-funding is being placed as a result of inadequate University equipment and maintenance funds.

Mr. Shedd left the meeting at this point.

2. Following the President's endorsement of the Committee on Retirement's recommendation, and, on a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Cafero, THE BOARD VOTED that the Emeritus rank be conferred upon Dr. Frances J. Braceland, former Visiting Professor of Psychiatry at the Health Center, as provided for in Article XV.I.5 of the University Laws and By-Laws.
3. The President informed the Board that he had asked Vice-President DiBenedetto to review and report to him on alleged improprieties involving an academic degree claimed by the director of the University Computer Center. The President reported that he had accepted Dr. DiBenedetto's report, the text of which is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.
4. The President noted that the administration has proposed, and the appropriate committee chairmen have concurred, that the business agenda of the Health Affairs Committee should henceforth include all actions required on contracts pertaining to the University Health Center. Such actions will be reported monthly to the Board of Trustees for their concurrence, and will be sent as information items to the Budget and Finance Committee.

On the President's further recommendation, and on a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Krogh, THE BOARD VOTED to extend to the Vice-President for Health Affairs the signatory authority for Health Center contracts up to \$100,000.

- E. Noting that Mr. Crisco, Trustee representative to the Board of Higher Education, had been called away from the meeting, Chairman Rich called to the Board's attention Mr. Crisco's report on BHE activities. A copy of the report is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.
- F. Reporting for the Budget and Finance Committee, Mr. White noted that a joint meeting with the Health Affairs Committee had been held earlier in the day to review the Health Center Capital Budget Request. Mr. White also reported that a meeting of the Audit Subcommittee of the Budget and Finance Committee had been held earlier in the day. He called the Board's attention to an information item, "Guidelines for the 1983-84 Budget," a copy of which is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.

1. On a motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Donen, THE BOARD VOTED to approve a criteria for acceptance of gifts of land. A copy of the criteria is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.
  2. On a motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Cafero, THE BOARD VOTED to authorize negotiations for additional space for the New England Research Application Center. A copy of the document is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.
- G. Mr. Cafero's report for the Institutional Policy Committee, included the following items:
1. On a motion by Mr. Cafero, seconded by Dr. Dowling, THE BOARD VOTED to approve revisions in the Undergraduate Student Government By-Laws. A copy of the By-Laws is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.
  2. On a motion by Mr. Cafero, seconded by Mr. Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to approve a Policy Statement regarding scholarships and the desirability of a diverse student population. The text of the policy statement is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.
- H. Reporting for the Community Relations Committee, Mrs. Kronholm reminded the Trustees of the Board's reception for members of the General Assembly, scheduled for March 23 at the Governor's Residence. Mrs. Kronholm also reported that four of a projected total of 33 capital fund drive screening meetings had been held.
- Mr. Brown left the meeting at this time.
- I. Reporting for the Health Affairs Committee, Dr. Dowling noted that the Joint Conference Committee of the John Dempsey Hospital had met earlier in the day to review medical staff appointments, the annual report of the Hospital, and the proposed 1982 goals for the Hospital. The Health Affairs Committee reviewed the latest quarterly financial reports from the Hospital, Burgdorf Health Center, the Medical Group and the Dental Clinics.

- a. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mrs. Kronholm, THE BOARD VOTED to accept the revised 1981-82 operating budget for University Hospital and Burgdorf Health Center, and Capital Region Mental Health Center. A copy of the budget is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.
  - b. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Kleban, THE BOARD VOTED to approve a policy regarding the write-off of patient accounts receivable under \$400. A copy of the document is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.
  - c. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. White, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Health Center 1983-84 Capital budget request. A copy of the budget is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.
- J. Mr. Rich reminded the Trustees that the next scheduled meeting of the Board would be held on April 16 at the Torrington Campus. No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Otha N. Brown, Jr.  
Secretary