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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, October 7, 1981

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Frank D. Rich, Jr. Trustees present were: Mrs. Bradlau and Mrs. Kronholm, Messrs. Brown, Catanese, Crisco, Cunningham, D'Oliveira, Donen, Kleban, Krogh, and Rich.

Trustees absent were: Governor O'Neill, Messrs. Canzonetti, Dowling, Gamble, Lowney, Shedd, Stroh, and White.

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

A. The report of the Chairman included the following items:

1. Mr. Rich noted Dr. Canzonetti's recent surgery and his continuing convalescence. It was the sense of the Board to express to Dr. Canzonetti its best wishes for a rapid recovery.

2. Mr. Rich reminded the Trustees of the Board's action in September which dropped a December meeting from the proposed schedule and added meetings in February and April. It was the sense of those present that the February and April meetings should be scheduled on the second Friday of the month. The Waterbury Campus was suggested as a convenient location for both meetings, and it was further suggested that these meetings could be scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and to conclude at 11:30 a.m. It was understood that the Executive Secretary would seek concurrence on this schedule from members of the Board who were not present for this discussion.

B. The report of the President included the following items:
1. President DiBiaggio called to the Board's attention recently received guidelines from the Office of Policy and Management which describe a potential further reduction of 10% in the 1982-83 operating budget request. The President noted that the Administration did not find it possible to propose modifications to the Trustees' budget request of such magnitude on such short notice. Rather, the President reported, the Administration would provide to OPM a budget summary displaying the current costs of University programs. After discussion, it was the sense of the Board to support the Administration's response to this issue. Copies of a brief summary of this issue were distributed to the Trustees, and a copy of this document is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.

2. President DiBiaggio reviewed, for the Board, a draft presentation for the University's October 13 hearing before the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education. Copies of the document were distributed to the Trustees, and one is attached as well to the file copy of the Minutes.

Members of the Board commented upon the materials. The President asked that the Trustees review the draft document and forward any comments and suggestions to him through the Board's Executive Secretary.

It was the sense of those Trustees present that the presentation reflected the position of the Board.

C. No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Otha N. Brown, Jr.
Secretary