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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
held in Storrs, April 21, 1943

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| Present: | Mr. Hollister | Mr. Eddy       |
|          | Mr. King      | Mr. Fox        |
|          | Mr. Hook      | Mr. Jorgensen  |
|          | Mr. Mitchell  | Mrs. Dadourian |

1. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 16, 1942.
2. The minutes of the special committee of the Board of Trustees meeting on March 3, 1943 were read by the Secretary. THE BOARD VOTED that the recommendations of this committee be approved, and that the appointments, resignations, leaves of absence and other recommendations made at such meeting be approved, ratified and confirmed by this regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.
3. The President discussed at considerable length the reasons for contracts not having been signed for the training of Army Specialized Training groups. The Trustees were in accord with the President's unwillingness to sign a contract until all uncertainties with respect to state and federal financing were clarified.
4. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following resignations:
  - (1) The written resignation of George R. Grantham, Instructor in Civil Engineering, effective March 31, 1943.
  - (2) R. Constance Hastie, Instructor in Home Economics, September 15, 1943.
  - (3) Lore Marx, Instructor in Animal Diseases, April 18, 1943.
5. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following appointments:
  - (1) Louis E. Day, Instructor in Insurance, salary \$180., effective February 1, 1943.
  - (2) Mrs. Elizabeth MacPherson Hayes, Associate County Club Agent, (New Haven County), annual salary \$2340, effective May 1, 1943. Replacing Maria Shaw Preston.
  - (3) Esther Barnett, Assistant Editor, annual salary \$2520, effective February 1, 1943 - June 30, 1943. Replacing John T. Merrill.
  - (4) Robert Hepburn, Assistant Professor of Marketing, annual salary \$3360., effective May 1, 1943. Replacing George L. Peterson.
  - (5) Neil W. Hosley, Acting Extension Forester, annual salary \$4320, effective June 1, 1943. Replacing Floyd M. Callward.
  - (6) Dudley Smith, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics, (temporary research work), annual salary \$3000, effective April 1, 1943 - June 30, 1943.
  - (7) Theodore Wentworth Sprague, Instructor in Sociology, annual salary \$2400, effective April 1, 1943 - June 15, 1943. Replacing James H. Barnett.

- (8) Owen S. Trask, Instructor in Poultry Husbandry and Horticulture, 4-H Clubs, annual salary \$2580, effective July 1, 1943. Replacing Garry A. Miles.
- (9) Fred Couey, Director Vocational Counselling and Placement, (temporary, in addition to his duties as Associate Professor of Education), effective January 15, 1943. Replacing Waldemar Hagen.

The President discussed the recruiting, training and placement of farm labor and explained that the General Assembly has approved an appropriation of \$50,000 for each year of the coming biennium, this money to be added to the budget of the Agricultural Extension Service and to be used for the recruiting, training, and placement of farm labor. The President also explained that Congress will soon make available a sum of money ranging somewhere between \$9,000,000 and \$13,050,000, this money to be distributed among Land-Grant Colleges for the purpose of recruiting, training, and placing of farm labor. It is planned to finance the activities in Connecticut out of Federally allotted funds so far as is possible. It may result in all of the state appropriated funds reverting to the General Fund of the State. It will be necessary to set up an organization for this work and the appointing of a number of temporary employees.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following appointments:

- (1) George P. Sexton, Farm Labor Assistant, annual salary \$2400, effective April 19, 1943. New position.
- (2) Charlotte Goodwin, District Farm Labor Supervisor, annual salary \$2040, effective April 19, 1943. New position.

6. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following leaves:

- (1) Extension of leave to C. G. Tilton, April 19, 1943 - September 16, 1943.
- (2) James H. Barnett, Associate Professor of Sociology, April 1, 1943 - September 15, 1944. Work with War Relocation Authority.
- (3) Wesley J. Hansen, Instructor in Farm Management, April 1, 1943 - September 15, 1943. Work with OPA.

7. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following adjustment in appointment and salary:

- (1) J. B. McKee Arthur, Defense Program Instructor, from \$850, part-time, to \$3000 annual rate, effective March 1, 1943.

8. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the re-appointment of all staff members who are on annual appointment in accordance with the policy of the Board with respect to appointments and tenure.

The Board authorized the President and the administrative staff to modify those eligible for the permanent staff and those for annual reappointment.

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9. The President informed the Board that Mr. L. C. Riccio has been promoted to the position of Comptroller replacing Mr. R. I. Longley who retired as of April 1, 1943. Mr. Longley has been retained on a half-time basis for the three month period ending June 30, 1943. Mr. J. M. Trail has been promoted to the position of Chief Accountant formerly held by Mr. Riccio.

THE BOARD VOTED to authorize Mr. Trail to sign checks.

10. The President informed the Board that the University has been requested by the representatives of Weylister Secretarial Junior College, Marot Junior College and the New Haven College for Women to take over their institutions and operate them. The President informed these representatives that in his judgment it would not be in the best interests of the University or in the best interests of the State for the University to take over these institutions.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the President's position in the matter and that the institutions should be so informed.

11. The President discussed with the trustees the request of Miss Elizabeth Hicks that the Ratcliffe Hicks funds held in trust by the Meriden Trust Company be invested until such time as the funds can be used for the construction of the Ratcliffe Hicks Classroom and Laboratory Building.

THE BOARD VOTED to recommend to the Meriden Trust Company that the money held in trust be invested and that the recommendations of Mr. Spencer regarding such investments be approved.

12. The Board discussed the illness of Professor George C. White.

THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the President to discuss the matter with the State Personnel Board and that he urge the Board to grant Mr. White an extension of sick leave until October 15, 1943. This would cover thirty years of employment for Mr. White and would enable him then to apply for retirement on a retirement pay of 60% of the average of his base pay for the past five years.

13. The President discussed briefly the schedule of endowment funds which had been mailed out to the trustees.

THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the President to discuss the schedule of investments with the State Treasurer, Mr. Longley, and Mr. Riccio, and to prepare recommendations to be presented at the next meeting of the trustees.

14. The President discussed the scholarship and student aid program of the University and indicated a need for a revision in the present plan to better meet the post-war situation. The President explained that the matter will be discussed with the Governor on Monday, April 26, and with the sub-committee of the Appropriations Committee within the next week. A further report will be made on this matter at a later meeting.

15. The President informed the Board of an invitation he has received to

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appear before the directors of the Hartford County Manufacturers Association. He has been asked to discuss with this organization the need for better facilities for the University's ESMWT program. The State Manufacturers Association, the Hartford County Manufacturers Association, war industries, the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, and the Governor have urged the University to increase this type of service to the industries. All may be expected to support some plan for providing larger and better located facilities. The industries will be expected to take the initiative in securing these facilities. It may take the form of renting, leasing, or purchasing a suitable building for this purpose.

16. The President discussed at considerable length the status of John Y. Squires and Ivan Fuqua, whose resignations were accepted on April 22, 1942. The President suggested that he write Mr. Fuqua and Mr. Squires.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth M. Dadourian  
Secretary