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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
held in Storrs, February 19, 1954

Present: Mr. Bishop
          Mrs. Mahoney
          Mr. Brock
          Mrs. Poses
          Mr. Howe
          Mr. Shippes
          Mr. Jorgensen
          Mr. Watson

1. The minutes of the regular meeting of January 20, 1954,
having been mailed out, were approved without being read.

2. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following resignations:
   (1) Frank L. Clark, Instructor in Marketing, effective
       March 16, 1954.
   (2) Clayton R. Grimstad, Instructor in Accounting,
       effective January 28, 1954.

3. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following appointments:
   (1) Arley William Backlund, B.A., Departmental Assistant
       Senior Grade (Assistant Agricultural Editor), $4020, 
   (2) Nathan S. Hale, M.S., Associate Professor of Animal
       Husbandry, $6360, August 1, 1954. Replacing
       Robert Hallmark.
   (3) Bruce Klee, M.A., Instructor in Speech and Drama,
       $4200, February 1, 1954.
   (4) Greta W. Prince, B.A., Departmental Assistant
       Junior Grade, Institute of Public Service, $2940,
       February 8, 1954. Replacing Carol Luft.
   (5) Harry C. Whelden, Jr., B.S., Instructor in Poultry
       Science, $5100, March 1, 1954.
4. THE BOARD VOTED to accept and place on file the following requests for leave of absence:

(1) Thomas C. Chapin, Associate Professor of Law, School of Law, sabbatic leave for second semester of 1954-55 or full academic year 1955-56. Tentative request made pending maturing of detailed plans. Ultimate purpose - publication of teaching materials.

(2) Mary L. Eukers, Assistant Professor of Education, sabbatic leave second semester 1954-55. Study for doctorate.

(3) Maurice L. Farber, Assistant Professor of Psychology, sabbatic leave second semester 1954-55. Research.

(4) P. T. Pritzkau, Assistant Professor of Education, sabbatic leave first semester 1954-55. Research and writing. Request for sabbatic leave for entire year 1954-55 cancelled.

5. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following scholarships, financial aids, and gifts and instructed the President to write appropriate letters of appreciation:

(1) $1000 from Greater Hartford Alumni Association to establish four year scholarship commencing academic year 1954-55.

(2) $42.31 representing income from Ratcliffe's Hicks Trust "A" Account, to be used for scholarships.

(3) $100 from Connecticut Vegetable Growers Association, to be added to Scholarship Fund.

(4) $100 from Connecticut State CIO Council, to be added to Scholarship Fund for second semester 1953-54.

(5) $100 from Bloomfield Lions Club to provide financial aid to Raymond D. Froscio.

(6) $150 from Norwich College Club to provide financial aid to the following:

   Miss Viola Kiszkiel    $75.00  
   Miss Carol Wennrich    75.00  

(7) $50 from Watertown Teachers Association to provide financial aid to James Tignor.

(8) $1000 from L. E. Talcott & Sons, Inc., East Hartford, to be used to defray cost of publishing the "Campus Guide."
6. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following research projects to be carried on by the University and financed by the agency indicated:

(1) $750 from American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education covering second half of annual grant to James Dusenberry.

(2) $375 from Haskins Laboratories, New York, to cover one-half time assistantship to Department of Psychology in connection with research under the direction of Dr. Liberman.

7. The President presented to the Board of Trustees a communication from Mrs. Widmer, Dean of the School of Nursing. The communication requested the Trustees to consider the possibility of permitting seniors in the School of Nursing to go through the Commencement exercises in June although they will not have completed all requirements for graduation until September.

The Trustees discussed the University policy regarding "requirements for graduation." Among the requirements is one which reads:

"Only those students who have met all requirements for the degree may be in the Commencement academic procession, take part in graduation exercises, and be listed on the Commencement program."

After considerable discussion, THE BOARD VOTED to modify this requirement in only one respect and that would be to permit the nurses in the senior class to appear in the procession and sit with all graduating seniors; the nurses not to appear in cap and gown but to appear in the University-adopted nurses uniform.

8. The President presented to the Board of Trustees a communication from Mr. George Paul, Director of the Labor-Management Institute. This communication requested consideration of the appointment of an "Advisory Committee to the Labor-Management Institute."

After long discussion, it was decided that it would be better not to appoint an Advisory Committee to the Labor-Management Institute. It was felt that the Labor-Management Institute would perhaps be better served, at least for the present, by the appointment of special advisory committees to confer on special problems and programs as the need arises. Therefore, THE BOARD VOTED not to approve of an Advisory Committee to the University of Connecticut Labor-Management Institute.
9. The President reported on a conference held on campus on January 22 and 23 attended by the Presidents of the New England Land-Grant Universities and Trustee representatives. Copies of the minutes of this conference were distributed at the Board meeting for the information of the Trustees.

10. The President reviewed with the Trustees the action of the Board on March 17, 1948 approving, in principle, "Regional Planning in Higher Education."

11. The President discussed with the Trustees a conference of the New England Land-Grant Presidents held at the Parker House in Boston on Thursday evening, January 28. This meeting preceded the meeting of the next day of the "Workshop on Regional Medical, Dental, and Veterinary Medicine School."

After some discussion, THE BOARD VOTED

In furtherance of the policy for regional cooperation among the Land-Grant Institutions of New England as approved by the Trustees of the University of Connecticut on March 17, 1948, it is voted to offer second priority (first priority to qualified Connecticut residents) for admission to the courses in Pharmacy - Social Work - Law - Physical Therapy - Insurance - to qualified residents of the New England area.

The foregoing action was taken with the understanding that (1) similar priorities are assured to Connecticut students who apply to the other New England State Universities in the special fields of study as indicated below:

University of Massachusetts: Food Technology
                         Landscape Architecture

University of New Hampshire: Hotel Management
                          Occupational Therapy

University of Maine: Pulp and Paper Chemistry

University of Rhode Island: Marine Biology and Oceanography
                         Textiles Chemistry

University of Vermont: Medicine

(2) Other areas will be identified for purposes of priority in admission after further study by the Presidents of the New England Land-Grant State Universities and upon approval by the Boards of Trustees of these institutions, and (3) this action does not imply that the areas identified above will not be established at other Land-Grant State Universities in New England as needs become clearly evident based on careful study by the Presidents of these institutions.
12. The President reported to the Trustees on a communication received from the Office of the Attorney General with reference to implementing the University of Connecticut Research Foundation and the establishment of (1) a Research Council and (2) an Advisory Committee. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the appointment of the following to the Research Council:

Charles E. Waring, Chairman
Laurence J. Ackerman
J. H. Arjona
Charles H. Coogan
Paul J. Jannke
Walter C. McKain
Lawrence R. Penner
A. A. Spielman
N. L. Whetten, ex officio

13. The President reviewed with the Trustees admissions for February, 1954, and applications and admissions as of February, 1954, for September of 1954. One important fact should be underscored. The number of applications as of February 19, 1954 for September of 1954 exceeds the number of applications on the same date one year ago by 500.

14. The President advised the Trustees of a cordial letter received from James W. Hook who resigned from the Board of Trustees on April 20, 1953 for reasons of health.

15. Mr. Shippee, Chairman of the Board, advised the Trustees that the following Trustees had agreed to serve on the special subcommittee of the Board of Trustees to work with a subcommittee of the State Board of Education in an effort to develop adequate post-secondary school programs to meet the needs of Connecticut youth and adults:

Mrs. Mahoney
Mr. Brock
Mr. Howe

Mr. Shippee presented to the Trustees a communication received from Mrs. Dorothy S. Hutton, Chairman of the State Board of Education. A copy of this letter is included in these minutes.

16. The President presented to the Trustees a communication from Comptroller L. C. Riccio advising that "The State Highway Department wishes to execute a legal agreement granting the State of Connecticut the right to discharge water from a state highway drainage system onto property of the University located on the east side of Route #195 in the town of Mansfield. The draining will discharge on property at Spring Hill below the Havens' residence. The State Highway Department has agreed to make any repairs necessary if damage is caused to the land through excessive drainage."

THE BOARD VOTED to approve such an agreement and instructed Comptroller L. C. Riccio to represent the University in the preparation of the necessary legal agreement.
17. The President discussed with the Trustees the possibility of the University of Connecticut being represented by its basketball team at the NCAA tournament providing the University defeats Holy Cross in its regularly scheduled game on February 27. If the University is defeated in this contest, the University may be asked to play in the National Invitation Tournament. The President reviewed the policy of the Board of Trustees with reference to post-season tournaments and indicated that the intent and spirit of the Trustees' policy would be carefully followed.

18. The President advised the Trustees that the car assigned to his use needs to be replaced since it was purchased in 1951. When the University purchase forms were received in the office of the Commissioner of Finance, the Deputy Commissioner indicated that a 1953 used car was available for transfer for the President's use. The President indicated that this plan was unacceptable.

19. The President reviewed briefly the present plan for the control of printing. Problems are arising in almost every school, college, and division of the University because of the delays growing out of the new plan, new costs which are not reflected in printing costs, as such, and general dissatisfaction with the plan.

20. The President called the following letter to the attention of the Trustees:

"THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

"January 27, 1954

"Mr. Glendon A. Scoboria, Director
Personnel Division
State Office Building
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Scoboria:

On November 1, 1953, Form 14, departmental communication number 3206, requesting the establishment of two positions of stenographer, grade II, were forwarded to the State Personnel Department.

These forms were forwarded and the justification contained in Special Act No. 459, passed by the 1953 session of the General Assembly, which is as follows:

'AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT TO EMPLOY A POULTRY AND TURKEY EXTENSION SPECIALIST AND A POULTRY PATHOLOGIST'
February 19, 1954

20. Continued.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

'The sum of twenty-one thousand dollars is appropriated annually to The University of Connecticut for the employment of personnel to perform extension work with the poultry and turkey industries of the state of Connecticut. All or any portion of said appropriation may be expended for the employment of a poultry and turkey specialist and a poultry pathologist and for travel, supplies, and secretarial service for the above two positions.'

The new building to house special research projects for the poultry and turkey industries is completed and the program should be gotten under way immediately. The poultry pathologist has been employed and we are now in the process of employing a poultry and turkey specialist. It will not be possible to carry on the work without the stenographic assistance indicated above.

At the annual meeting of the Connecticut Poultry Association, University representatives were asked if the two specialists had been employed and if the work was under way. Expecting that the work could be carried on, the replies were in the affirmative.

I am sure all will agree that it would be most unwise to terminate this work and to be forced to notify the poultry industry that the work cannot be carried on.

Sincerely yours,

- A. N. Jorgensen

A. N. Jorgensen
President

ANJ/mc

CC: Governor Lodge
Commissioner Lynch
Mr. Shippee, Chairman, Board of Trustees"

The President was instructed to bring this matter directly to the attention of the Commissioner of Finance, requesting that it receive early consideration.
21. Following the meeting, the Trustees made a brief inspection of the new Animal Industries and Dairy Manufacturing plant and the new addition to the Ratcliffe Hicks Building.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. Jorgensen

For J. Ray Ryan, Secretary