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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
held in Hartford, February 19, 1947

Present: Dr. Barker
Governor McConaughy (for part of the meeting)
Mr. McDonough
Mr. Peet
Mr. Shippee
Mr. Spencer
Mr. Suisman
Mr. Warncke
Mr. Jorgensen

1. The minutes of the meeting of January 15, having been mailed out, were approved without being read.

ROUTINE

2. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following resignations:

- ✓ (1) Ruth Allen, Assistant Professor of Clothing and Art, September 15, 1947.
- ✓ (2) Karl P. Hanson, Professor and Head of Mechanical Engineering, September 15, 1947.
- ✓ (3) Loy L. Sammet, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Engineering, January 14, 1947.

3. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following appointments:

- (1) Elizabeth H. Meyer, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent (Hartford County), annual salary \$2400, effective January 16, 1947. New position.
- (2) John J. Cronin, Dean School of Social work, annual salary \$6240, effective July 1, 1947. Replacing John Reimers.

4. THE BOARD VOTED to accept and place on file the following requests for leaves of absence:

- (1) Harriet Kupferer, Assistant Instructor in Physical Education, leave without pay, for further study, effective September 16, 1947 - September 15, 1948.
- (2) James A. S. McPeck, Associate Professor of English, second semester, 1947 - 1948.
- (3) Winthrop Tilley, Associate Professor of English, second semester 1947 - 1948.
- (4) Robert E. Will, Assistant Professor of English, school year 1947 - 1948.
- (5) Russell M. DeCoursey, Professor of Zoology, second semester, 1947 - 1948.

- (6) Report of progress on gifts which may become available from a donor who at present must remain anonymous:
- a. Gift of \$100,000
 - b. Twenty-four \$300 scholarships per year
 - c. \$1500 per year to endow not less than two nor more than four lectures on "Democracy"

9. THE BOARD VOTED to award the LL. B. degree to the following and the President was authorized to write the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hartford County in order that those receiving degrees would qualify for admission to the bar:

Charles Edson Curtiss 3rd, February 19, 1947

James Joseph Donahue, February 1, 1947

Irwin Mittelman, February 14, 1947

Leonard Vladimir, February 13, 1947

James Falvey Delaney, February 7, 1947

INFORMATION AND POLICY

10. The President reported receiving a letter from Mrs. Arthur Tilton, realtor in Hartford, who had several properties in the vicinity of the Law School Building on Woodland Street available for purchase.
11. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the gift of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the Connecticut State Grange in accordance with an agreement dated January 10, 1944 covering the acceptance and use of Grange contributions for the purpose of building a Grange Cooperative House.
12. The President discussed Yale's invitation to play football in 1948 and 1949. The offer indicated the University would receive twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per game or forty per cent of the gate receipts, whichever amount is the larger. It was the sense of the meeting that the invitation should be accepted by the Division of Physical Education. The President expressed some concern regarding possible "public relations" difficulties that might arise from football contests with Yale. It was reported that beginning in 1948 Yale and Connecticut will play home and home games in basketball and baseball and will compete in soccer, tennis, golf and track.
- THE BOARD VOTED to approve an exception to the established policy prohibiting post-season athletic contests in order that the University might accept an invitation to play in the NCAA tournament.
13. The President reported that a Dining Hall Survey had been completed by the American Hotels Corporation and the report presented to the University. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the report and place it on file. The administration of the University will do everything possible to carry out such specific recommendations as were made and which can be financed within the funds available to the University.
14. The President reported that the Faculty Senate voted two to one against mandatory salary increases for members of the professional staff. A complete report of the Special Committee of the Faculty Senate on Salaries will be mailed to the trustees before the next meeting of the Board. The report was not ready for this meeting.

5. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following transfer :

- ✓ (1) Douglas Fay, Instructor in Engineering, from Fort Trumbull to campus, effective February 1, 1947.

6. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following changes in rank or title:

- ✓ (1) Samuel C. McMillan, ^{Assistant} Assistant Professor of Marketing to Assistant Dean of the School of Business Administration and Assistant Professor of Marketing, effective February 1, 1947.
- ✓ (2) Warren A. Schmidt, from Assistant Professor of Rural Sociology to Assistant State Club Leader, Older Youth, effective March 1, 1947.

7. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following increases in salary:

- ✓ (1) Samuel C. McMillan, Assistant Dean of the School of Business Administration and Assistant Professor of Marketing, from \$3780 to \$4440, effective February 1, 1947.
- ✓ (2) George Crowther, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Engineering, from \$3660 to \$4020, effective February 1, 1947.
- ✓ (3) ~~Norma~~ Terrell, Assistant Instructor in Animal Diseases, from \$2100 to \$2400, effective February 1, 1947.
- ✓ (4) Douglas Fay, Instructor in Engineering, from \$2640 for nine months of service to \$2760 for ten months of service, effective February 1, 1947.
- ✓ (4) Raymond A. Ross, Assistant Professor of Accounting, from \$3540 to \$4200, effective ~~March 1, 1947.~~

8. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following scholarships and gifts and instructed the President to write appropriate letters of appreciation to the donors:

- (1) The Roger and Pierce Brundage Memorial Scholarship - \$125 to be awarded annually from a fund established by Connecticut 4-H Club poultry members to a junior or senior majoring in poultry husbandry. Recipient to be selected on the basis of character, leadership, scholarship and need. Preference may be given to a student who has been a 4-H Club member.
- (2) The Bessie L. Berkman Memorial Scholarship - \$1000 presented by the Berkman Grain and Coal Company of North Franklin to be used in providing a \$200 scholarship annually for the next five years; effective September 1947, for a student majoring in poultry production, preference to be given to students from Windham and NewLondon Counties. Award to be made on basis of need and scholastic standing.
- (3) The Hood Scholarships - Two scholarships of \$100 each, available to students in the Ratcliffe Hicks School who are entering second year of livestock production.
- (4) Emily C. Coates, Librarian, Travelers Insurance Company - Gift of twenty-five volumes of New York Insurance Reports to College of Insurance.
- (5) Mrs. Gerald H. Loomis - Insurance Books and Materials to College of Insurance.

15. The President discussed the distribution of Flannagan-Hope Funds (federal) for the further endowment of Experiment Stations. Because of a communication filed with the Director of the United States Office of Experiment Stations, Federal funds for Experiment Station work in Connecticut are divided on a 50-50 basis. Associate Director Slate advised Dean and Director Young that this arbitrary method should not be applied particularly in the distribution of Flannagan-Hope Funds since 75% of the work to be expended under Flannagan-Hope Funds is located at Storrs. THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the President to communicate with Director Trillinger of the United States Office of Experiment Stations to ask that funds be divided hereafter between the two stations on the basis of the activities located at the two stations.
16. The President discussed his analysis of the recommended budget for the University for the biennium 1947-1949. THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the President to present revised budget requests as submitted. The revised requests call for an increase of \$54,000 per year in the annual recurring expenditures budget; \$40,000 for personal services, \$6000 for contractual service and \$8000 for supplies and materials. The revised request calls for an annual increase of \$26,000 per year for libraries, \$90,000 per year for laboratory equipment, \$5000 a year for office equipment and \$5000 a year for motor vehicles and equipment.

The entire legislative program was reviewed and it was agreed that every effort should be made to secure the passage of:

- a. H. B. 353 - Authorizing the issuance of \$4½ million of self-liquidating bonds for permanent student housing, faculty housing and for a gymnasium addition to the field house.
- b. H. B. 326 - An appropriation of \$250,000 for a University infirmary
- c. H. B. 245 - An appropriation of \$25,000 for sidewalks and curbing

The following were also discussed as representing minimum needs:

- a. An appropriation of \$25,000 for central stores and supplies building
 - b. \$25,000 to remodel the old heating plant into a central garage and fire control station
 - c. \$25,000 to close areaways between laboratory wings of the Engineering Building to provide needed mechanical engineering laboratories
 - d. \$75,000 each to remodel Storrs and Koons Halls (dormitories) to provide permanent inexpensive class rooms and offices. Each building could be remodelled to provide twenty-six class rooms and twenty-four offices.
 - e. \$75,000 to preplace corrugated metal roof and corrugated metal side walls for the ROTC drill shed.
17. The President discussed difficulties in connection with the printing of University catalogs, Experiment Station and Extension bulletins. The President advised the Board that he had written to Comptroller Zeller asking for a reconsideration of the present plan of printing.
18. The President advised the Board that he may be required to pay income taxes from 1942 for use of the President's residence. All Resident Counsellors in all dormitories and House Mothers in University owned fraternity and sorority houses may also be required to pay income taxes for the same period. All Resident Counsellors, House Mothers and the

President are required to reside on the campus and are on call twenty-four hours each day. An attempt is being made by several state officials to straighten out this matter with the Internal Revenue officials. If the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, it will be presented to the Board of Trustees at a later meeting.

19. THE BOARD VOTED to appoint the following committee to serve as a Special Committee of the Board in discussing the relationships of the two Experiment Stations:

Mr. Hook, ~~Chairman~~
Mr. Shippee
Dr. Barker
Mr. Spencer, ex officio

20. The Trustees discussed the advisability of printing a letter to be addressed to the parents of students and friends of the University outlining the program of the institution and the problems which concern it. THE BOARD VOTED to instruct the President to revise the letter which was presented and to have the trustees sign the letter. A copy of the letter is made a part of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. Jorgensen
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For the Secretary