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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
held in Storrs, January 21, 1959

Present: Mr. Benton	Mr. Jorgensen
Mr. Bishop	Mr. Mansfield
Mr. Budds	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Donahue	Mr. Sanders
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Watson
Mr. Gill	

In the absence of Chairman Shippee, the President was requested to preside at the meeting.

The President extended a warm welcome to Mr. Mansfield, a new member to the Board, and expressed regrets that Mrs. Peterson, another new member, was unable to attend the January meeting.

1. The minutes of the meeting of November 19, 1958, having been mailed out, were accepted without being read.
2. Election of Officers.

THE BOARD VOTED to postpone the election of a Vice Chairman and Secretary until the return of Chairman Shippee.

3. Committees.

The President called for suggestions for filling of vacancies on the following committees:

Special Finance Committee
Special Liaison Committee
Special Livestock Committee
Special Scholarship and Loan Committee

The suggestions received will be forwarded to the Chairman.

4. The President indicated that it appeared imperative to appoint the members of the Special Liaison Committee and to call a meeting of this committee since the State Board of Education had requested a meeting of this group.
5. The President called the Trustees' attention to the request of Governor Ribicoff that the two items, namely, the President's salary and the raising of tuition, be discussed at a time when he would be able to attend the Trustees' meeting. The Governor indicated that he would attend the meeting scheduled for January 21, 1959. Subsequently, the Governor, in a conference with the President, indicated that he did not wish to attend this meeting and strongly expressed the hope that these matters would not be discussed at this meeting. He advised the President that he expected some reorganization of the present State government involving the consolidation of a number of agencies. He indicated that he expected several commissioners of enlarged integrated departments would be placed in a higher salary bracket sometime during the year. He indicated that the Board of Trustees could then take up the matter of the adjustment of the President's salary. The Trustees accepted the President's recommendation that the two special items originally scheduled for consideration at this meeting be postponed.
6. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following resignations:
 - (1) Emily C. Hoover, Assistant County Club Agent, Hartford County, effective March 5, 1959. ✓
 - (2) Nita Kosmas, Library Assistant, effective February 6, 1959. ✓
 - (3) Yildiz Marchant, Library Assistant, effective March 4, 1959. ✓
 - (4) Joseph H. Summers, Associate Professor of English, effective September 15, 1959.
 - (5) Igor Zelljadt, Instructor in Foreign Languages, effective September 15, 1959.
7. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following appointments:
 - (1) Florence Roman Ergin, M.A., Instructor in Nursing, \$4980, January 16, 1959. Replacing Mary-Fay Verville.
 - (2) Jean E. Markham, M.S., Instructor, School of Social Work, \$5940, February 1, 1959. Replacing Isabel Yudkin.
 - (3) Jonas F. Soltis, M.A., Assistant Registrar and College Instructor in History and Philosophy, Waterbury Branch, \$5460, September 1, 1958. Replacing Richard Dundas.

8. THE BOARD VOTED to receive and place on file the following requests for leave of absence:

- (1) Dorothy Andrews, Key Teacher, Edwin O. Smith School, sick leave December 8, 1958 through January 11, 1959.
- (2) James M. Bobbitt, Instructor in Chemistry, leave without pay 1959-60. To study at University of Zurich, Switzerland, under National Science Fellowship.
- (3) W. A. Bousfield, Head of Department of Psychology, sabbatic leave second semester 1959-60. Research.
- (4) Robert Burnight, Associate Professor of Rural Sociology, sabbatic leave July 1, 1959 through December 31, 1959. Study in Mexico.
- (5) Floyd Callward, Associate Professor of Forestry, sick leave for the week commencing November 30, 1958.
- (6) Bernard Fried, Graduate Assistant in Zoology, leave without pay January 6, 1959 through January 24, 1959.
- (7) Thea Field, Research Assistant III, Rural Sociology, leave without pay December 15, 1958 through January 4, 1959.
- (8) Richard E. Jacobs, Instructor in Animal Diseases, sabbatic leave 1959-60. Study for doctorate.
- (9) H. D. Kerrigan, Professor of Accounting, sabbatic leave first semester 1959-60. Research.
- (10) Chester Obuchowski, Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages, second semester 1959-60. Research and writing.
- (11) Paul Putnam, Professor of Farm Management, sick leave December 28, 1958 through January 11, 1959.
- (12) Margaret Ryan, Infirmary Nurse, sick leave with pay from December 1, 1958 through January 4, 1959.
- (13) Edwin C. Smith, Associate County Agricultural Agent, Litchfield County, sick leave with pay December 23, 1958 through January 21, 1959.
- (14) A. A. Spielman, Associate Director, Agricultural Experiment Station, sabbatic leave for six months beginning on or about September 1, 1959. Advanced study and research.

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- (15) L. N. Thut, Professor of Education, sabbatic leave first semester 1959-60. Research in Latin America.
- (16) C. A. Weber, Professor of Education, sabbatic leave first semester 1959-60. Study and writing.
- (17) Elliot S. Wolk, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, sabbatic leave second semester 1959-60. Research.
- (18) E. P. Wyman, Assistant Professor of Forestry, sabbatic leave for six months, February 1, 1960 through August 1, 1960. Advanced study at Yale University.

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

- (1) \$150 Curtis P. Gladding Memorial Scholarship for second semester 1958-59.
- (2) \$427.32 Contribution to Martin C. Burton Music Scholarship Fund by miscellaneous donors.
- (3) \$100 Alpha Phi Omega Scholarship for 1958-59.
- (4) \$150 Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants Scholarship for 1958-59.
- (5) \$1493 Miscellaneous donations to Edith Yeomans Scholarship Fund.
- (6) \$200 from Litchfield County University Club to provide financial aid to Janice Bushey.
- (7) \$200 from Radio Station WTOR, Torrington, to provide financial aid to Peter E. Havey.
- (8) \$100 from the Torrconn Woman's Club to provide financial aid to Rita C. Murphy.
- (9) \$200 from Torrington Education Association to provide financial aid to Donna Lee Wilcox.
- (10) \$250 from Electro Motive Manufacturing Company to provide financial aid to a worthy, needy student.

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- (11) \$200 from the Harriet M. Faunce Fund to provide financial aid to Gail E. Tyback.
- (12) \$200 from the 1958 Hamden High School Senior Class to provide financial aid to John Dello Stritto.
- (13) \$300 from the New York State Council, Knights of Columbus Foundation, to provide financial aid to James K. Grant.
- (14) \$200 from Norwich College Club to provide financial aid to Patricia E. Teper.
- (15) \$50 from the College Club of Springfield to provide financial aid to Alta J. Talbert.
- (16) \$250 from Hamden Associated Insurance Agents to provide financial aid to Carol Keeley.
- (17) \$200 from Wellesley Hills Woman's Club to provide financial aid to Nancy Bowen.
- (18) \$50 from Hartford Public High School to provide financial aid to Milda Jucenas.
- (19) \$167.50 from Ruth Barret Smith Scholarship Fund to provide financial aid to Florence Arabian.
- (20) \$200 from School District of Philadelphia, The Board of Public Education, to provide financial aid to Phyllis S. Satell.
- (21) \$40 from Hartford Principal's Club to provide financial aid to Donald F. Berman.
- (22) \$75 from Women's Auxiliary to the Connecticut Society of Professional Engineers to provide financial aid to Lois Judge.
- (23) \$80 from Mrs. Esther Peralta, Stamford, to provide financial aid to Joseph Magiera. (Donor wishes to remain anonymous).
- (24) \$75 from Wesleyan University to provide financial aid to Judith L. Angell.
- (25) \$25 from General Electric Educational and Charitable Fund to be used for scholarship purposes.
- (26) \$250 Gift from J. W. McRae, New York City, to Chemistry Department for use by that department.

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- (27) \$200 from the O'Meara Foundation to provide financial aid to George A. Schoen.
- (28) \$75 from the Trust Estate of Adolphe J. Palen-Klar and Countess Frances Thorley Palen-Klar Scholarship Fund to provide financial aid to Andrew J. Vrtiak.
- (29) \$75 from Wesleyan University to provide financial aid to David N. Daniels.
- (30) \$75 from Wesleyan University to provide financial aid to Herman Cooper.
- (31) \$245 from the Harry L. Etelman Foundation, Inc. to provide financial aid to Norman B. Garber.
- (32) \$170 from Springfield Jewish Community Center to School of Social Work to be used for scholarship purposes.
- (33) \$400 from The Greater Hartford Association for Mental Health, Inc. to School of Social Work to be used for scholarship purposes.
- (34) \$4100 from United Aircraft Corporation to cover graduate scholarships for first semester 1958-59.
- (35) \$250 from Ridgefield Parent Teachers' Association to provide financial aid to Charles J. Kaiser.
- (36) \$83.50 from East Windsor Lions Club to provide financial aid to Mary E. Clark.
- (37) \$125 from the O'Meara Foundation to provide financial aid to Ethel E. Bisbicos.
- (38) \$375 from The Helping Hand Fund of The Rotary Club of Wethersfield to provide financial aid to the following:
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| Robert L. Countryman | \$125 |
| George A. Schoen | 125 |
| Anthony A. Serkenas | 125 |
- (39) \$200 from Ridgefield Scholarship Fund of the Ridgefield Parent-Teachers Association to provide financial aid to Peter Greenwood.
- (40) \$200 from The Suisman Foundation, Inc. to cover the Suisman Foundation Scholarship for 1958-59.

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(41) \$1965 from The William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to the following:

Mark Bleiweiss	\$200
Joseph Gaffney	250
Charles Garrett	200
Ann Foley	240
Jane Sienen	150
Elizabeth Stuart	150
Raymond Bordner	300
Anthony Papalia	175
John Gross	200
Robert McKinney	200

(42) Gift of painting from Mr. William Benton, Trustee, titled "High Tension" by Jimmy Ernst.

(43) Gift of American flag by Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Rosenblatt, West Hartford, in memory of their son who was killed in action in 1944 and was a graduate of the University.

(44) Gift of purebred Guernsey cow to Department of Animal Industries by Mr. Samuel Berke, Lakeville, Connecticut.

(45) Gift of painting from Mr. Herick Brevier, Milano, Italy, titled "Landscape - South Tirol" by Joshua Felise Ziro Brevio.

10. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following research projects to be carried on by the University and financed by the agency indicated:

(1) \$18,200 from The National Science Foundation in support of research under the direction of Lewis Katz, Chemistry Department.

(2) \$3,200 from The National Science Foundation in support of research under the direction of Francis R. Trainor, Marine Research Laboratory.

(3) \$9,500 from The National Science Foundation in support of research under the direction of Roy J. Gritter, Chemistry Department.

(4) \$30,000 from The National Science Foundation in support of research under the direction of Walter Landauer, Animal Genetics Department.

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(5) \$20,200 from The National Science Foundation in support of research under the direction of Edgar Zwilling, Animal Genetics Department.

11. THE BOARD VOTED to accept 25 shares of \$6 Preference Stock of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc. from Mr. William Benton, to be credited to the Brien McMahon Lecture Series account.

12. THE BOARD VOTED to accept \$15,000 from G. M. Loeb of New York City, to be credited to the Loeb Award Fund.

13. The Trustees reviewed the objective of the Board in developing faculty residential areas in the Willowbrook and Ledgebrook developments. Since the plan adopted by the Board is intended to reserve these areas for staff residences, THE BOARD VOTED to control all residences constructed in these areas for faculty housing which is so essential to the University.

THE BOARD FURTHER VOTED to instruct the University Comptroller to purchase the property of Charles H. W. Sedgewick who has retired. The hope was expressed that the Sedgewick property and two others recently acquired in the Ledgebrook section could be sold as soon as possible to established members of the University faculty.

14. The President reported to the Trustees on the Chapin property abutting the present site of the Noank Marine Biology Laboratory. Before Mr. Riccio's present illness, he reported that Mr. George Conkling, State Commissioner of Finance, had indicated that he would not approve the purchase of this property which Director Rankin of the Laboratory felt was essential to house research workers operating at the Laboratory during the summer months.

It was agreed that this matter would not be pursued with the Governor, at least not before presentation of his budget recommendations to the General Assembly.

15. The President reported briefly on the purchase of the Casey property at Spring Hill under the terms of the George Dudley Seymour Foundation. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the President's recommendation that this matter be tabled for consideration later in the year.

16. The President recommended that a review of salary schedules of personnel in Agriculture and other departments of the

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University employed for more than nine months of service per year be deferred, at least until after the Governor's budget presentation to the General Assembly.

17. The President called the Trustees' attention to the report which was recently mailed to them having to do with teacher-student ratios at the University.
18. The President reported to the Trustees that the central fiscal authorities of the State are insistent that all federal funds coming to the University be deposited in and co-mingled with other funds in the State General Fund. It is the judgment of the Director of Agricultural Research and the Director of Agricultural Extension at the University that this proposal cannot be accomplished because of restrictions imposed by federal agencies on the use and administration of these funds. The President reported that a communication from Commissioner Conkling had been forwarded to the Agricultural Extension Service and the Agricultural Research Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture for advice. These communications have been referred to the U. S. Comptroller General. If the replies are in the negative, the President was requested to send copies of Commissioner Conkling's letter and the replies of the U. S. Comptroller General to the Trustees and to the Governor, as well as to the Commissioner of Finance.
19. The President presented to the Board of Trustees a communication from University Comptroller L. C. Riccio regarding an order from the Governor to reduce third quarter State allotments by five per cent. This letter is made a matter of record in these minutes. The problems arising from the five per cent order were discussed at great length.

THE BOARD VOTED to instruct the President to address a communication to the Governor pointing out the basic problems of the increased enrollment during each year of the current biennium, the contractual status of professional personnel, as well as the contractual status of students who have been admitted to the University and who are still enrolled in the University. The Trustees and the administration of the University are anxious and willing to cooperate with the Governor but the reductions that have been made in University allotments will inevitably result in either an operating deficit calling for a deficiency appropriation, or for the elimination or, at least, a curtailment of existing services.

20. Mr. Ryan and Mr. Watson, as Trustees, reported to the Board on a recent meeting with the student leaders. They expressed pleasure at the mature attitude of the students and were

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impressed with the sincere expressions of the students indicating a desire to work for the best interests of the University.

Mr. Watson indicated that he had received several copies of a proposed new constitution for review and study. THE BOARD VOTED that copies of the proposed constitution be referred to Provost Waugh and Director Northby of Student Personnel for study and review; Mr. Watson indicated that comments and suggestions were desired from Mr. Waugh and Mr. Northby before the students prepared the final draft for presentation to the student body for referendum.

21. The President reported to the Trustees that all bills relevant to previous decisions made by the Board regarding capital construction and operating budget requests have been introduced into the General Assembly. The President will send to each Trustee copies of these bills as soon as they have been officially received by the General Assembly and the bill and file numbers have been determined. It was the concensus of the Board that the President should proceed as in the past in presenting the needs of the University as approved by the Board.
22. The President reviewed with the Board the purchase of two properties east of Route 195 directly in front of the University. All properties have been acquired in this area with the exception of the Copeland property and the Fitts property. The Copeland property is directly in the center of the area on which a girls' dormitory is expected to be located. Architects have been working for several months on the design of the girls' dormitory for this location. The Copeland property has been appraised by three independent appraisers - one presented a value of \$20,300; the second a value of \$15,000; and the third a value of \$13,000.

Mr. Copeland has agreed to accept a price of \$17,500. This matter was presented to Commissioner Conkling just before Mr. Riccio's present illness. He stated flatly that he would not approve of this purchase at the price of \$17,500. This purchase is absolutely essential.

THE BOARD VOTED to instruct the President to present the matter to the Governor and, if necessary, to the General Assembly for early action in order not to delay the construction of the girls' dormitory.

23. The President reviewed with the Trustees the problem of a site for the new Law School building in Hartford. The matter

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was discussed with the Governor and he seemed to favor locating the new Law School building at the Hartford Branch providing (a) an option could be secured on the Allen property even though it might involve giving to Mrs. Allen the life use of her home, and (b) the acquisition of the Goodwin property known as the polo field could be secured. It was agreed that the President should proceed in determining the possibility of securing an option on the Allen property as well as the purchase of the Goodwin property.

24. The following items of information were distributed to the Board:

- (1) Educational Opportunities, University Extension.
- (2) Administrative Reference Service, prepared by
Institute of Public Service
- (3) Connecticut Government, January, 1959, prepared
by Institute of Public Service
- (4) State Aid to Local Government in Connecticut,
prepared by Institute of Public Service
- (5) Aging in Connecticut, prepared by Institute of
Public Service

25. The President distributed copies of his address at the annual meeting of the American Association of Land-Grant Colleges and State Universities entitled "Education and The World Community."

26. The President reported on the development of the Stamford Branch campus. He advised the Trustees that the City of Stamford has transferred title to 46 acres of land valued at \$250,000. He also reported that a local fund-raising committee has been organized to raise \$450,000 to cover the cost of constructing a classroom building to match a \$420,000 science building to be constructed out of State funds.

27. The President advised the Trustees that applications for entrance in September of 1959 are presently running 700 applications ahead of the number one year ago.

28. The President reported on the successes of all athletic teams, both fall and winter sports teams. He also indicated that gate receipts are at the highest in the history of the University and considerably eases the financial problem of amortizing the cost of physical facilities for athletics as auxiliary facilities.

29. The President reported on the amazing success of the auditorium management in bringing to the students the world's finest music.

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The major concert series of five numbers has again been completely sold out for the season on a season ticket basis. Last year more than eighty events were scheduled, each and every one an educational and cultural contribution for the benefit of students and faculty.

30. The President reported on the serious heart attack which struck Mr. Riccio on January 8. Since this is the third attack and the most serious one, it is doubtful whether Mr. Riccio can ever return to his office. The Board approved of the President proceeding with a search for a competent successor to Mr. Riccio if that becomes necessary as indicated by a report from Mr. Riccio's physician at the appropriate time. He was also instructed to proceed in securing a replacement for the University's Librarian and for a Director of University Extension.

31. The President presented copies of correspondence regarding the insistence of the Public Works Department that stairways be extended to all the roofs of our new dormitories and that, in addition, skylights be installed over each of these stairwells.

The Commissioner insists that this is necessary because of a requirement in the Department's building code.

The University has requested an amendment or, at least, an exception to this requirement in the case of these dormitories that are completely fireproof. The inclusion of these stairwells to the roof and these skylights will result in use of the roofs by students as sun-decks, etc. It could well cause roof failure in addition to the danger of students falling off the roof.

THE BOARD VOTED to instruct the President to proceed in his efforts to procure an exception to this requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

-s- J. Ray Ryan

J. Ray Ryan,
Acting Secretary