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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
held in Storrs, March 15, 1961

Present: Mrs. Bailey
Mr. Budds
Mr. Fuller
Mr. Holt
Mr. Jorgensen
Mrs. Peterson
Mr. Ryan
Mr. Sanders

All actions taken at this meeting were voted unanimously by the Board of Trustees.

1. The minutes of the meeting of February 15, 1961 were approved by the Board with the following correction:

Item 9 (pp. 2861).

The President presented to the Board of Trustees a recommendation from the Office of the University Comptroller recommending "an increase in the college fee from $150 per year to $200 per year." An analysis by the University Comptroller indicated a need for increasing the fee to meet "a steady increase in operating costs and the added charges to the Auxiliary Services Fund of transfers of some $200,000 per year in expenses from the State General Fund as a result of actions taken by the fiscal authorities of the State."

The Office of the Comptroller also recommended an increase in the dormitory rental fees from $94 per semester to $100 per semester to take care of the increased costs of operation and the built-in salary increases for classified workers as well as the probability of an
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across-the-board increase for lower bracket State employees as recommended in the Governor's budget proposals.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the increase in dormitory rental fees from $94 per semester to $100 per semester, effective as of September, 1961.

THE BOARD ALSO VOTED to approve an increase in the college fee from $150 per year to $200 per year, effective with the college year beginning September, 1961, providing that (a) an increase in trustee scholarships accompany the increase, and (b) the matter be discussed with Governor Dempsey at a meeting to be attended by the President and Chairman Budds the day following the Trustees' meeting.

Mr. Bishop wished to be recorded as voting "No" on increasing the general University fee.

Mr. Budds and President Jorgensen were graciously received on February 16, 1961 by Governor Dempsey and a very helpful discussion of University programs, services and problems took place.

Governor Dempsey strongly urged the Board of Trustees not to increase the general fee at this time. The strong position taken by Governor Ribicoff a year ago and the opposition to increasing fees as indicated in the platform of the Democratic party, as well as the present unemployment situation, underscored Governor Dempsey's expressed hope that no increase in the University general fee would be made at this time.

It was agreed that the University would present the analyses of operating costs and bond obligations as related to the 6.4 Account and to college fees submitted to the Board of Trustees. It was further agreed that alternative proposals should be formulated by the State Budget Department to provide funds that would otherwise be provided from an increase in student fees. The State Budget Department will make a study of the entire matter. A meeting will be held later to review the alternative proposals before a final decision is made regarding the matter of increasing the general University fee.

The President advised the Trustees of an interest on the part of a number of students to adopt a "sliding activity fee." It was decided that the matter of the "activity fee" should be postponed until after the "general fee" question has been resolved and after the "Campus" study has been completed.

2. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following resignations:

(1) Richard E. Beranek, Departmental Assistant Senior Grade, Agricultural Editorial Office, effective March 31, 1961.
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(2) Raymond O. P. Farrish, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics, effective April 15, 1961.

(3) James F. Guyot, Instructor in Political Science, effective September 15, 1961.

(4) Lillian E. McAuliffe, Resident Educational Counselor, effective January 31, 1961.

(5) Edward Mysak, Assistant Professor of Speech and Drama, effective September 15, 1961.


(7) Helen Quinn, Resident Educational Counselor, effective January 31, 1961.


3. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following appointments:


(8) Thomas Richard Owens, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, $8420, July 1, 1961. Replacing Frank L. Overley.
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(9) Craig Shea, LL.B., Associate Professor of Law, $8700, September 16, 1961. Replacing Joseph A. LaPlante.


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

(1) L. R. Glazier, Assistant Professor of Dairy Manufacturing, sabbatic leave for six months with pay, January 1, 1962 through June 30, 1962, or February 1, 1962 through July 31, 1962. To take courses at Michigan State University.

(2) Harold Kidder, Assistant Professor of Music, sabbatic leave second semester of 1961-62. Study for doctorate.

(3) Frank A. Ryan, Associate Professor of Poultry Science, sick leave with pay for the month of February, 1961.


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

(1) $600 Connecticut Union of Telephone Workers Scholarship for 1961-62.

(2) $300 Waterbury Women’s Club to provide two $150 scholarships to Waterbury Branch.

(3) $6 Ralph Bernstein, Mahopac, New York, to Alumni Fund under matching grant program of the I. B. M. Corp.


(5) $696.16 Military Ball Committee, representing net proceeds of 1960 Military Ball, to be used for scholarship and financial aid purposes.

(6) $400 Greater Hartford Association for Mental Health, Inc. to School of Social Work for scholarship purposes.
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(7) $100 George I. Hayes, Hartford, to be awarded a needy, worthy, baseball player.

(8) $500 Joseph Flanzer, to be used for financial aid to a student athlete.

(9) $500 Hartford Jewish Community Center to School of Social Work for scholarship purposes.

(10) $3000 Institute of Life Insurance to cover our program in Family Finance Education for 1961.

(11) $500 Waterbury Jewish Community Center to School of Social Work for scholarship purposes.

(12) $950 Sinclair Refining Company to provide financial aid to John Randak.

(13) $225 Rotary School and Service Fund to provide financial aid to James R. Galluzzi.

(14) $213 L'Union St. Jean Baptists L'Amerique to provide financial aid to Paul A. Marchesseault.

(15) $174 Pickett and Hatcher Educational Fund to provide financial aid to Richard K. Crooke.

(16) $300 MacCurdy-Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc. to provide financial aid to Mark Lander.

(17) Gift of fourteen books to Hartford Branch Library from miscellaneous donors.

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

(1) $23,261 American Cancer Society grant in support of research on "The Metabolism of Nucleic Acids and Proteins in Rapidly Proliferating Tissues" under the direction of Dr. Roth, Department of Zoology.

(2) $3750 U. S. Department of Agriculture, for research in animal diseases.

(3) $20,000 Public Health Service grant to research on "Vascular Aspects of Aleutian Mink Disease" under the direction of Animal Diseases Department.
7. The President presented to the Trustees a report from a University Study Committee which recommended "the establishment of an Institute of Food Science and Nutrition within the organizational framework of the University of Connecticut." This recommendation is the result of a thorough study of the need, objectives, resources and probable contribution that such an Institute could make to the educational and research programs of the University.

The Study Committee confidently expects that the Institute can obtain funds from various governmental agencies and from industry to implement a more expeditious research program in those areas in which interdisciplinary research is a necessity for adequate solution to the problems in this area.

THE BOARD VOTED to accept the report and to approve the establishment of an Institute of Food Science and Nutrition in accordance with the report of the Committee.

8. Mr. Budds reported on the situation with respect to the location of the new Law School building. After a discussion of the time factor as related to retaining the accreditation of the Law School and clearly indicated delays in acquiring and developing the Buckingham location, THE BOARD VOTED to make an offer to the Phoenix Mutual for property in West Hartford, the offer not to exceed $10,000 per acre subject to (a) securing appraisals required under State procedures, and (b) the approval of the State authorities. The amount of land is approximately 55 acres.

The Board of Trustees requested the President to address a communication to Commissioner Conkling with a copy to Commissioner Murphy conveying the action of the Board.

9. The Board discussed at considerable length the Trustees' legislative program and other legislation introduced by others which affects the University. The Trustees were urged to do everything possible to secure favorable consideration of the University's legislative program. Particular attention was called to Bill No. 4071 - Amending Sec. 10-122 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, and Bill No. 4073 - Amending Sec. 5-3 of the General Statutes. The amending of these two Acts will resolve a major part of the problems the University has faced during the last few years.

10. The President and Mr. Evans discussed a number of matters related to the relationships of the University and the fiscal authorities in the State House. The Trustees were advised that Mr. Evans and his staff are preparing an analysis of the budget document recommendations for the University in preparation for the hearings before the Appropriation Committee on March 21, 1961. Copies of this analysis will be forwarded to the Trustees.

Mr. Evans also reviewed his conferences with the State Commissioner of Finance regarding alternatives to the increase in fees in order to provide sufficient funds to meet current operating costs of auxiliary services and
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particularly the annual revenue bond amortization and interest requirements. Information on this subject will be brought to the attention of the Board as soon as the statements have been prepared.

11. The President presented to the Board of Trustees recommendations for promotion in rank, tenure, and terminating appointments, in accordance with the Laws and By-Laws of the Board.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendations which are made a matter of record in the files of the Board of Trustees.

12. THE BOARD VOTED to approve appointments and salary increases as contained in the list presented for the signature of J. Ray Ryan, Secretary of the Board. This is in accordance with the request of the State Auditors.

13. Mr. Budds presented to the Trustees a communication prepared by Provost Waugh and Deputy Commissioner of Education Flaharty at the request of the Liaison Committee of the two Boards. The communication was addressed to President Nils G. Sahlin of Quinnipiac College, representing the five private community colleges who met with the Liaison Committee on March 2, 1961.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve of the communication which will be signed by Mr. Budds, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Mr. William Horowitz, as Chairman of the State Board of Education.

A copy of this communication is made a matter of record in the files of the Board of Trustees.

14. The President advised the Board that the Committee on Finance of the General Assembly voted a favorable report on House Bill No. 3984 - An Act concerning the Completion of the University of Connecticut Stamford Branch.

15. The President informed the Board that Senator Marjorie D. Farmer sustained injuries in an accident which occurred on March 10, 1961 at the University of Connecticut while she was a member of the Appropriations Committee meeting at the University. Mrs. Farmer slipped and fell in the corridor of the Union Building. The University provided every assistance possible and is pleased to report that Mrs. Farmer is progressing satisfactorily. The President has addressed a communication to Mrs. Farmer expressing regrets and wishing her a rapid recovery.

16. The President presented a communication from the Faculty Senate concerning the ad hoc Committee. The President expressed concern over the language of the communication and expressed the hope that he could have the language changed without altering the concern of the ad hoc Committee regarding difficulties in scheduling meetings of the Committee.
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The President, the Provost, and the Fiscal Vice President have scheduled a meeting with the Faculty Senate representatives for Monday, March 20.

It has become apparent that it is impossible to schedule meetings of this Committee on the meeting dates of the Board. It is, therefore, agreed that other dates would have to be selected for these meetings.

17. While the Trustees' meeting was in session, Mr. Waugh forwarded a letter from Matthew Schechter, President of the Associated Student Government, dated March 13, 1961 indicating the willingness of Mr. Schechter to meet with "any members of the Board of Trustees to discuss the proposed new constitution of the Associated Student Government" which has been approved by the Student Senate and which will be submitted to a referendum of the student body on March 22.

Mr. Waugh addressed a communication to Mr. Nicholas Theimann, Secretary of the Student Senate, on March 6, 1961 in which he stated, "I should perhaps remind the Senate that the University's Board of Trustees appointed a special committee to assist and advise in drawing up the new constitution, and this special committee did meet with a committee from the Student Senate a year ago for preliminary discussions. No copy of the proposed new constitution has, however, been submitted to this committee and their advice has not been sought in connection with it. I respectfully call the Senate's attention to the fact that the committee set up by the Board of Trustees stands ready to assist in any way possible, and I would suggest that it might be wise to secure their help at a stage when suggestions could still be incorporated in the document."

THE BOARD VOTED to address a communication to Mr. Schechter, President of the Associated Student Government, requesting him to meet with the Trustees' special committee and to secure counsel and suggestions. The Trustees' special committee will be expected to report to the Board of Trustees regarding the proposed new constitution document.

18. The following items of information were distributed to the Trustees:


Respectfully submitted,

J. Ray Ryan
Secretary