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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the
CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE
held at the Hartford Club, May 1, 1933

Present:

Mr. Manchester, Chairman	Mr. Hollister
Mr. Buckingham	Mr. Greene
Mr. Fenton	Mrs. Dadourian
Dr. Wood	Dr. McCracken
Mr. Longley	

The meeting was called to discuss the bill raised in the Committee on Education entitled, "An act establishing the State Board of Regents and defining its powers and duties."

IT WAS VOTED to disapprove the proposed bill to create a State Board of Regents for the following reasons:

1. The proposed bill does not deal directly with specific problems in the educational system of Connecticut, but rather sets up a super-administrative organization with powers that may be nominal or dictatorial.
2. Instead of economy, it provides for costly new overhead staff that would mean decidedly increased expenditures of money that is so sorely needed in the public schools system and in the State College.
3. The bill would appear to give the State Board of Regents control of private as well as public schools and colleges.
4. Too highly centralized organization and remote control would tend to stifle specific phases of educational endeavor: e.g. agriculture in its practical and theoretical aspects as represented in instruction, extension and agricultural experiment station; elementary education with its many and diverse methods and objectives; trade education as found in trade high schools and engineering in college; and many other phases of elementary, secondary and college education.
5. With so inclusive an organization, the demands for money to maintain the elementary and secondary schools where attendance is compulsory would tend to deprive normal schools and the State College of sufficient support to guarantee institutions of reputation worthy of the name of the State of Connecticut.

The Board was in favor in principle of the suggested bill creating a department of higher education as presented by Dr. McCracken.

Mr. Longley reported that Mr. Hall had sent Mr. Bennett to look over the two houses, the Hardy and Farm houses, that the Board voted to demolish and that the vote of the Board was approved.

A letter was read from Mr. Ellis concerning the people who had been reduced in salary by Federal action.

A.F.Greene, Secretary