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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
of the  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
of the  
CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE  
held in Hartford, October 25, 1935

Present:                   Governor Cross                   Mrs. Dadourian  
                          Mr. Buckley                    Mr. Hollister  
                          Mr. Hook                       Mr. Spencer  
                          Mr. Greene                    Dr. Wood  
                          Mr. Fenton                    Mr. Alsop  
  Dr. Jorgensen

Discussion of the question under consideration - namely conditions arising out of the action of the Board on April 17th - was opened by the president with a statement of his own point of view, favoring ultimate rescinding of the resolution. In the ensuing discussion it was pointed out that while ultimate rescinding might be advisable, it was questionable whether immediate rescinding would be advantageous. A motion was presented recommending delay as follows:

The president is authorized to advise the faculty committee that the committee may feel free to report to the faculty such facts concerning the conference with the Board of Trustees on July 31, 1935 as said faculty committee may determine. The president also is authorized to advise said faculty committee that the subject matter discussed by the faculty committee at the conference with the Board of Trustees on July 31, 1935 is receiving the consideration of said Board in anticipation of subsequent action.

In opposition to this point of view the following motion was presented favoring immediate rescinding:

After a number of conferences with the president, representatives of the faculty and student body, the Board of Trustees have become convinced that the necessity for taking action on April 17th no longer exists and the Board is equally convinced that the president, faculty and student body are able to deal with activities against the name of the college, state or nation. The Board of Trustees, therefore, agree to rescind the action.

From this point the discussion centered on the question of immediate action as opposed to a delay. After an expression of opinion from all the members present and from the president, the motion recommending postponed action was withdrawn. A new motion was presented, seconded and passed as follows:

It appears to the Board that the conditions have been removed which seemed to make necessary its resolution of April 17, 1935 concerning subversive activities and military training at the college. The Board, therefore, withdraws said resolution having full confidence in the ability of the administration of the college to deal with such matters in the traditional way.

The president presented the report of Mr. Bennett and Mr. Starkel in connection with the inspection of college buildings and asked the Board for its recommendation in regard to future action.

IT WAS VOTED to instruct the president to request Commissioner Hall of the State Board of Finance and Control to make an inspection of all college buildings relative to their construction and safety as regards fire and to recommend to the Board of Trustees what additional changes should be made in the physical construction of the buildings or fire escapes or other elements of fire control, including the probable cost with respect to each building.

A. F. Greene  
Secretary