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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Held at the University of Connecticut at Storrs
Bishop Center, Room 7 Storrs, Connecticut
March 20, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by Chairman Andrew J. Canzonetti. Trustees present were: Mrs. Carrozzella, Ms. Nadolny, Messrs. Altschuler, George Brown, Otha Brown, Haskew, Lawrence, Rich, Rome, and Stroh.

Trustees absent were: Messrs. Carter, Dowling, Kleban, Leone, Saslow, Commissioner Blum, and Acting Commissioner Campbell.

University staff present were: President Hartley, Vice President and Provost Tighe, Interim Vice President for Health Affairs and Provost Cutler, Vice Presidents Wiggins and Jones, Attorney Shapiro and Mr. McFadden. Mr. Herndon represented the Governor.

All actions taken were by unanimous vote of the Trustees present, except as otherwise noted.

The following persons addressed the Board:

Baltazar Gonzales - Waste Management

Richard Picone, Students for Peace - ROTC policy

I.A. On a motion by Mr. Rome, seconded by Mr. Stroh, THE BOARD VOTED to go into executive session at 10:45 a.m. for the purpose of discussing matters of personnel, litigation, and collective bargaining. The Chairman noted that based on the advice of counsel, only the staff members whose presence was necessary to provide their opinion would be permitted to attend executive session. All members of the Board noted were present.

Items discussed during Executive Session were as follows:

1. Pending litigation was reviewed. President Hartley, Attorney Shapiro and Mr. McFadden were present during this discussion. Vice President and Provost Tighe and Interim Vice President for Health Affairs and Provost Cutler were also present for this discussion.
2. Personnel matters were discussed. President Hartley, Vice President and Provost Tighe and Interim Vice President for Health Affairs and Provost Cutler, Attorney Shapiro and Mr. McFadden were present during this discussion.

Executive Session ended at 11:00 a.m., and the meeting was reconvened in Open Session at 11:05 a.m.

II. A. The Report of the Chairman included the following items:

1. On a motion by Mr. Otha Brown, seconded by Mr. Rome, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the minutes of the meetings of January 10, 1992 and February 14, 1992.
2. On a motion by Mr. Rome, seconded by Ms. Nadolny, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the following items listed on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the lists of University contracts and agreements and authorization for the President, Vice-Presidents, Vice President and Provosts, Associate Vice-Presidents, Associate Provosts, Assistant Vice Presidents and Assistant Provosts, Controller and Associate Controller to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the University.

A copy of the approved lists of contracts and agreements is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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- b. Acceptance and approval of the lists of awards and donations. A copy of the lists is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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- c. Gifts and Donations from the University of Connecticut Foundation, Inc., and the University of Connecticut Law School Foundation. A copy of the background information is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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3. Dr. Canzonetti noted that Dr. Cutler's appointment listed under appointments on the blue section of the personnel list should also list his title of Associate Vice President and Provost for Health Affairs.

On a motion by Mr. Rome, seconded by Ms. Nadolny, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve a formal list of the promotions, sabbatic leaves, changes in salary, and moving expenses as recommended by the President and as listed on the personnel list as amended. A copy of the approved list is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7744 D

4. Dr. Canzonetti reminded the Board that there had been discussion a few months ago regarding a Board retreat. He informed the Board that he had appointed a committee to be chaired by Dr. Lawrence to plan a Board retreat with fundraising and financial planning as its central theme. Others appointed to serve are Trustees Rich, George Brown, and Rome. Board members will be polled to determine the most convenient day and time for such a retreat.
5. Dr. Canzonetti noted that appreciation is not often enough expressed for the excellent work and dedication of the Provost and his staff; and on behalf of the Board, Chairman Canzonetti thanked the Provost for his leadership and commitment to providing quality education.

B. The report of the President included the following items. President Hartley directed trustee attention to agenda Attachment (F). 7744-E

1. President Hartley expressed his pleasure with the opera, "The Magic Flute", a production of the Music Department presented at the Jorgensen Auditorium, and commended the music department for their excellent work.
2. The President reported the women's basketball team won the game against St. Peter's, and that UConn had finished ninth in the country in attendance this year, clearly the leader within the Big East, and one of the reasons that the NCAA chose Storrs as the site for the NCAA playoffs. Board members noted their pleasure that four of the five starting players were listed on the dean's list, and that Wendy Davis was named the Outstanding Student Athlete in the entire Big East. The Board requested that congratulations be extended on its behalf to the UConn players.

The men's basketball team was victorious against Nebraska on Thursday evening and will play against Ohio State on Saturday in Cincinnati.

2. The President reported that another successful community breakfast had been held recently in Waterbury as part of the UConn education effort across the state. Seven state legislators and one congressman attended the breakfast as well as other community leaders.
3. President Hartley reported that he had met with six members of the congressional delegation in Washington, and had attended the Georgetown game. The President noted while there he had attended an alumni reception, and that there were 2400 alumni located in the Washington area making it the largest out of state alumni chapter.
4. The President reported that he had presented testimony to the Committee to Affect Reorganization in State Government, and the essence of his testimony was to retain UConn's five regional campuses and to oppose the proposed merger of them under Connecticut State University. In general, legislative support has been strong for UConn's position.

President Hartley noted that the new Commissioner of Higher Education reaffirmed the position paper drafted by the Presidents and Chairpersons of the other governing Boards outlining how they would work together to improve articulation, transfer, etc. He noted that the statement was very positive, and included some aspects of the reorganization proposal of Hull Harper such as the resurrection of the coordinating council.

5. President Hartley reported that he had attended a banquet to benefit AIDS victims held recently at the AquaTurf in Southington to show UConn's support for AIDS prevention.
6. On February 21, the President had a very positive meeting with the Governor focusing on the research mission of the University and the way in which UConn could aid in the economic recovery of the state.

He noted appreciation for the Governor's support and for John Herndon's role in leading the effort to generate a proposal that will secure substantial research funding for marine science at our Avery Point campus. With the assistance of the Governor and such funding, UConn will be able to build on our programs.

7. President Hartley directed trustee attention to the document before them which outlined the University of Connecticut's potential role in the economic recovery and development of the State. The report describes the University's existing capabilities, the specific programs and centers of the University that have special relevance to economic recovery, and potential future efforts by the University in this area. The report will be sent to Senators Harper and Larson, and will be distributed to a wide constituency. 7744 m

The President reiterated his commitment to working with the State and industry to identify critical problems, to assist in solving those problems, and to build the links needed to address them coherently.

8. President Hartley reported that he had met with UCPEA and AAUP recently and continues to stay in close contact with employee organizations.
9. The President reported that he continues to visit the regional campuses regularly and to spend time with faculty, staff and students in an effort to keep them informed of issues which affect everyone.
10. On February 27, the President met with all the area legislators in Storrs and would be meeting with Senators Larson and Harper after this meeting to keep them informed of developments here in Storrs as they relate to budgetary matters.
11. The Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of Fleet Bank, Robert Higgins, visited with President Hartley recently to discuss ways that UConn and Fleet Bank can work together for mutual benefit. Fleet Bank is currently a strong supporter of UConn athletics and has also enjoyed strong involvement with our School of Business.
12. Provost Tighe and President Hartley met recently with Deans and Department Heads to hear their concerns regarding the budget and to convey to them the magnitude of the cuts as well as our intent and commitment to work together during this extreme financial crisis.

13. President Hartley noted that he attended the Council of Presidents' meeting and the Yankee Conference Presidents' meeting. This forum provides an opportunity to exchange ideas and to hear testimony from other universities about their financial health and plans for economic revival.
 14. At President Hartley's invitation, Deputy Commissioner of Labor, Lewis Fox met with the cabinet on March 18. The meeting provided an opportunity to focus on the delivery of services during an especially difficult financial period. Commissioner Fox discussed strategies for reorganization, downsizing, and the adding of services.
 15. Early retirements saw the loss of over 100 employees at the Health Center with 15 of those being faculty. At the Storrs and the regional campuses, 258 employees were lost to retirement; with 106 of those being faculty. A more comprehensive report will be given at a future Board meeting when the final figures are complete. The target for savings through staff early retirement is approximately \$10 million dollars. The programmatic cost is that we cannot fill many of the resulting vacancies.
 16. President Hartley reminded trustees of the Admissions Open Houses scheduled for April 4 and April 11. The purpose of the open houses is to insure that students who have been accepted for enrollment will come to UConn. The intent is to welcome new students and their families, make them feel at home, and acquaint them with all that UConn has to offer. Seven thousand guests are expected to attend.
 17. An awards banquet, sponsored by the 100 Years of Women at UConn Committee, to honor women from all walks of life for their contributions, has been very well received, and reservations are approaching 800. The banquet is scheduled for March 26 at the AquaTurf in Southington.
- C. Chairman Otha Brown deferred to Co-Chair Stephen Altschuler to present the report for the Institutional Policy Committee which included the following:
1. Co-Chair Altschuler reported that the committee heard testimony on several future Board agenda items. Items discussed included the revision of

the program description for the Bachelor of Fine Arts in General Drama with a change in title to Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Studies, the elimination of the Business Education Degree Program within the School of Education, the addition of an area of concentration in Operations and Information management within the existing Ph.D. Program in Business Administration, and the proposed Center for Actuarial Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Altschuler also reported that there had been much discussion regarding the alleged discrimination by ROTC regarding the prohibition of commissioning awards to homosexuals. The committee is preparing a consensus statement for affirmation by the Board which will be presented at the May meeting.

- D. There was no report from the External Affairs Committee.
- E. Dr. Lawrence announced that there would be no report from the Student Life Committee since their scheduled meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.
- F. Mr. Rich's report for the Budget & Finance Committee included the following items:
1. On a motion by Mr. Rich and seconded by Mr. Haskew, THE BOARD VOTED to modify the authorization granted at its March 6, 1991 meeting, for a loan from the local fund to finance the new building of The Daily Campus Background information listed as Attachment G is attached to the file copy of the Board agenda. 7744-F
 2. On a motion by Mr. Rich and seconded by Mr. George Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the donation of a twenty-two foot Aquasport boat, together with two seventy horsepower outboard motors attached thereto, to Clean Sound, Inc., 20 Ojibwa Road, Shelton, CT; the equipment to be donated "as is, where is." Background information listed as agenda Attachment H is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7744-G
 3. On a motion by Mr. Rich and seconded by Mr. Haskew, THE BOARD VOTED to accept the donation of the Hart property to the University. The property is located adjacent to the Waterbury Campus. The University's acceptance of this 7744-H

property will be predicated upon title to all real and personal property being free from all encumbrances, liens or charges. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (I) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

F. Dr. Dowling's report for the Health Affairs Committee was presented by Mr. George Brown and included the following items:

1. Mr. Brown reported that the committee reviews the quality of care at the John Dempsey Hospital each month, and that quality remains high.
2. Mr. Brown also reported on the meeting of the Joint Conference Committee of the John Dempsey Hospital, and the Health Affairs Committee of the Board.
3. On a motion by Mr. George Brown and seconded by Mr. Rome, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the John Dempsey Hospital revised Quality Assessment and Improvement Plan which is consistent with JCAHO standards. The purpose of the John Dempsey Hospital plan is to optimize safety, effectiveness and efficiency in all phases of patient care and management activities. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (J) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7744-I
4. On a motion by Mr. George Brown and seconded by Mr. Rome, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the John Dempsey Hospital revised Utilization Management Plan which is consistent with JCAHO standards to address the John Dempsey Hospital goals of efficient and appropriate uses of its resources. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (K) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7744-J

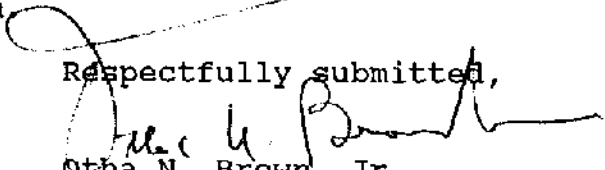
Chairman Canzonetti noted that the following items are presented to the Board to keep them informed about transactions between the John Dempsey Hospital and the John Dempsey Hospital Finance Corporation.

5. On a motion by Mr. George Brown and seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the John Dempsey Hospital to renew the contract with the John Dempsey Hospital Finance Corporation for the purchase of pharmaceuticals, on behalf of the Hospital, from Whitmire and authorize the transfer of up to \$3,200,000 on an 7744-K

as-needed basis to reimburse the Finance Corporation for such purpose. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (L) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

6. On a motion by Mr. George Brown and seconded by Mr. Stroh, THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the John Dempsey Hospital to renew the contract with the John Dempsey Hospital Finance Corporation for the purchase of pharmaceuticals, on behalf of the Hospital, from the McKesson Drug Company, and authorize the transfer of up to \$800,000 on an as-needed basis to reimburse the Finance Corporation for such purpose. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (M) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7744-L
- G. Dr. Canzonetti noted that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Friday, April 10, 1992, at 2 p.m. at the Student Union, United Nations Room #306, Storrs, immediately after lunch. Lunch will be served at 12 noon at the Hillside Place (the former Faculty Alumni Center). The late start is to accommodate the Faculty-Trustee Dinner scheduled for 6 p.m. that evening.
- H. No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Otha N. Brown, Jr.
Secretary