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Hartford, Conn.,
August 12, 1919.

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut Agricultural College was called to order by Vice-President Manchester at 11 o'clock.

Those also present were Messrs. Alsop, Scoville, Mr. Beach and King, with Messrs. Wadhams and Magee of the Board of Finance, for the consideration of a Women's Building at the College.

"CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE - WOMEN'S BUILDING

Hearing before State Board of Finance held
August 12, 1919.

MR. ALSOP: After we were here last week we had a meeting and this statement was drawn up to present to you.

(Reads statement hereto attached)

MR. GILPATRIC: Are the Gilbert and Dunham farm funds wholly within control of the College?

MR. ALSOP: They are. Of course the Trustees would also expect, if this building is built, the amount which it would be necessary to meet by deficiency appropriations would be subtracted from any appropriation which might be recommended by the Board of Finance at the next legislature for new buildings - two years from now.

MR. WADHAMS: Does this difference of $37,966.00 take in the $10,000.00 transfer? You would actually need $37,000.00?

MR. ALSOP: $37,966.00; we added $10,000.00 already from the chemical laboratory fund. This Dunham money and other money we want to use on the buildings would be the amount we would need to finish them. We don't take the $10,000.00 back at all.

MR. WADHAMS: Suppose you were able to carry out your plans as formulated here, would you be ready with the building next school year?

MR. ALSOP: Yes.

MR. WADHAMS: If you should wait until the General Assembly came in you would be two years later?

MR. ALSOP: Yes. We would lose two years. It would take a
year to build the building. Two years from now before we could start the building.

MR. WADHAMS: The legislature would grant you money that would be available before your income would be available.

MR. SCOVILLE: We could finance that last $50,000.00 without trouble. We have made arrangements to build those buildings without any deficiency appropriation by putting in those funds we have control of.

MR. MAGEE: It wouldn't be material whether the deficiency was to reimburse maintenance or clear off that $50,000. It would be the same thing.

MR. ALSON: The only thing now is to show we have money enough available to do the work. The only thing I can see now is if it is possible to grant us that deficiency appropriation on the present building. Of course when that is drawn the Board of Control knows there will be a further deficiency on running expenses but that hasn't been contracted for yet so we can't ask for it, but we know it is going to be contracted. Wouldn't that be your idea, Mr. Magee?

MR. MAGEE: Oh, yes! You cannot ask for a deficiency until it appears in Maintenance. Of course it would be understood by the Board of Control it was coming.

MR. GILPATRIC: The whole amount is $300,000.00?

MR. ALSON: This is simply a way of getting that building two years sooner than would otherwise be possible. That is all.

MR. GILPATRIC: The Board of Control's limit for the two years is $300,000.00. If we take $70,000.00 right out it would make quite a hole.

MR. ALSON: I think the feeling of the Trustees is unanimous. We have thought this over as carefully as we could and exhausted every device we can think of to meet the situation, and our idea is if we cannot build this building we just better shut up shop and say we won't take girls.

MR. WADHAMS: You can take girls enough to take advantage of the fund.

MR. ALSON: Through this year we could. We do not know whether the faculty would be willing to go on another year.
MR. SCOVILLE: This is a four years' course and if you do not allow it to accumulate it is better to stop it here and send them where they can go through.

MR. WADHAMS: What function will come to this Board?

MR. ALSOP: Simply the deficiency appropriation on dining room and infirmary.

MR. WADHAMS: That is not a transfer, is it?

MR. ALSOP: Yes, you have got to have your deficiency.

MR. SCOVILLE: Deficiency appropriation for dining room?

MR. ALSOP: It is money to supplement the appropriation.

MR. WADHAMS: That is the function of the Board of Control absolutely. It is an addition to the appropriation.

MR. BEACH: I understood it had to have your approval before going to them.

MR. WADHAMS: I thought the other day you wanted to authorize the retransfer of the $10,000.00 that has been transferred to the dining room fund. Do you want that retransferred?

MR. ALSOP: No, we might as well leave it there. There isn't any use in retransferring it.

MR. WADHAMS: Then I don't believe this Board has anything to do with it. The Board of Control can supplement appropriations. We would pass upon a transfer from one fund to another.

MR. WEBSTER: If this plan was carried out what would you do temporarily this year?

MR. ALSOP: We arranged with members of the faculty this year to board the girls in their various homes. We would not put up any temporary buildings. The faculty are willing to do that this one time.

MR. WADHAMS: Your idea is this year you have only one class?

MR. BEACH: Yes. Next year we will have another. We expect seventy-five next year and in two years 135 to 150. 135 anyway.
MR. WEBSTER: Do you think your expectations are justified?

MR. BEACH: I do.

MR. WEBSTER: Why?

MR. BEACH: From present indications.

MR. WEBSTER: I think the same statement was made two years ago.

MR. ALSOP: It is a very different proposition than two years ago."

The Board also presented the above matter to the Board of Control, the same day at 12 o'clock.

Attest: O. F. King,

Secretary.