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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the
CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE
held in Hartford, December 20, 1933

Present: Mr. Manchester, Chairman
Dr. Butterfield
Mr. Hollister
Mr. King
Mr. Spencer
Dr. McCracken
Dr. Wood
Mrs. Dadourian
Mr. Fenton
Mr. Greene
Mr. Hough

1. IT WAS VOTED that the minutes of the meeting of November 22nd be approved as submitted.

2. IT WAS VOTED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of November 28th be approved as submitted.

3. The Executive Committee offered the following recommendations:

"Recommend that the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State College request the State Board of Finance and Control to purchase at once property (lots and store) now belonging to Mrs. Fannie M. Beebe of Storrs and lying between the state highway and Mirror Lake on the campus of the college. The total cost to the state would be $10,000, one fourth of which would have to be paid on closing of the contract for purchase. It is essential for the protection of the college that this purchase be considered an emergency in accordance with the provisions of Section 166 of the General Code."

IT WAS VOTED that the above recommendation of the Executive Committee be approved and adopted.

4. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee immediately secure the approval of the State Board of Finance to purchase the Fannie M. Beebe property (lots and store) and that the necessary funds be taken from the contingent fund, if not possible to obtain them from the State Board of Finance.

5. IT WAS VOTED to accept the resignation of Miss Myrtle E. Files, County Club Agent in Home Economics, New Haven County, effective Dec. 31, 1933.

6. IT WAS VOTED on recommendation of the President to approve the appointment of Dr. L. C. Dunn, Consulting Geneticist, Experiment Station staff, without salary. Dr. Dunn has been carried on the Station staff since 1929 as consulting geneticist but without official action.
7. IT WAS VOTED upon recommendation of the President to approve the appointment of Dr. Max Sulzbacher under the following conditions:

"Dr. Max Sulzbacher is one of the German scholars exiled from Germany. He is an outstanding bio-chemist and has had close and constant contact with German agriculture. His compensation would be paid out of contributions by members of the college staff and by the Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced German scholars. The money collected from these two sources would be paid to the Comptroller and issued by him to Dr. Sulzbacher in monthly installments. He would use our equipment and we would allow him necessary supplies in return for the results of his investigations."

8. IT WAS VOTED to approve the recommendation of the President, under Titles and Tenures that paragraph #2 in the report considered July 23, 1930 and omitted in the report as approved May 20, 1931 be approved to read as follows: "There shall be corresponding ranks in the Divisions of Extension Service and Experiment Station."

9. IT WAS VOTED to approve the recommendation that the President be authorized to designate the appropriate titles for the members of the Extension Service and Experiment Station and that these be recommended to the State Board of Finance and Control to replace the present classification titles with no change in salary.

10. IT WAS VOTED to approve that Professor I. C. Davis, Head of the Dept. of Economics, be granted sick leave with pay from Dec. 15th to Jan. 15th.

11. IT WAS VOTED to place on file the request for sabbatic leave for Professor Andre Schenker second semester, 1934-1935.

12. The President informed the Board that a satisfactory settlement of the bill to the Eta Lambda Sigma Alumni, Inc. for water and sewer connections had been made whereby a special service charge of $12 per month was to be paid until the bill had been cancelled.

13. The President submitted to the Board an outline of a proposed joint experiment with Yale University as follows:

I Aim

a. Develop rural resourcefulness and satisfaction.

II Resources for Experiment

a. Gilbert Farm,
b. C. W. A. funds,
c. Private funds for experimental work (Yale),
d. Other state and federal funds for relief work.

III Control

a. General control by Connecticut State College.
b. Experimentation

1. Yale responsible for educational budget.
2. Details arranged through contract between State College and Yale University.

IV Students

a. Post graduate high school students
   1. Now unemployed.
   2. From Connecticut.
   3. Willingness to work in rural area.

V Expenses

a. No tuition.
b. Free board.
c. Dormitories comparable to those in C.C.C. camps.
d. Difference between income from Farm and actual cost of board and dormitory facilities to be paid out of Federal money.

VI Ultimate Support and Control

a. Ultimate support from the state.
b. Ultimate administration by Connecticut State College.

VII Individuals Favoring This Program

1. Dr. R. G. Tugwell, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture
2. Dr. George Zook, U.S. Commissioner of Education
3. Jerome Frank, Attorney
4. Dr. Mordecai Ezekiel, Economic Adviser in Dept. of Agriculture
5. Dr. M. L. Wilson, Head, Division of Subsistence Homesteads in Dept. of Interior
6. Dr. Louise Stanley, Chief, Bureau of Home Economics, Dept. of Agriculture

IT WAS VOTED that it is the sense of this Board that a joint educational experiment with Yale University is worthy of further investigation and that Dr. McCracken be asked to investigate such a project in detail and report to the Board its feasibility and practicability.

A. F. Greene, Secretary