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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
held in Storrs, February 19, 1958

Present: Mr. Benton
         Mr. Bishop
         Mr. Brock
         Mr. Budds
         Mr. Donahue
         Mr. Gill
         Mr. Jorgensen
         Mrs. Mackie
         Mrs. Mahoney
         Mr. Schneller
         Mr. Shippee
         Mr. Watson

1. The minutes of the meeting of January 15, 1958, having been mailed out, were approved with the following corrections:

ITEM 9, Paragraph 4, is changed to read:

"THE BOARD VOTED, because of the present economic conditions including the employment situation, not to increase the basic tuition fee to in-State undergraduate students at the present time, final action on this fee to be postponed for a year. IT WAS FURTHER VOTED that when a meeting is scheduled for a discussion of tuition fees, it should be so indicated in the call for that meeting."

ITEM 11 is changed to read:

"The President reported to the Board of Trustees that Professor H. F. Kuschner of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Science will be invited to carry out tests as a result of assertions of some Russian scientists that they can modify the genetic constitution of organisms by the experimental manipulation of metabolic factors. This invitation will be extended with the understanding that the project will be carried on without cost to the University and, furthermore, that Professor Kuschner will receive clearances by the appropriate Federal agencies for admission to the United States and for carrying on scientific investigations in the United States."
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ITEM 15 is changed to read as follows:

"THE BOARD VOTED to accept the report of the Special Senate Election Committee and approved the following changes which will require changes in Section X F 1 of the Laws, By-Laws and Rules of the Board of Trustees as follows:

(1) That the University Senate shall consist of the President, the members of the Provost's Council, and a number of elected members chosen in a general election from the faculties of the several schools and colleges.

(2) That the number of such elected members shall be four times the number of members of the Provost's Council with a maximum of sixty elected members, except that if the number of members of the Provost's Council is twenty or more, the number of elected members shall be three times the number of members of the Provost's Council."

ITEM 23 is changed to read as follows:

"A proposed recommendation concerning an increase of the President's salary maximum was fully discussed. Recognizing the Board has full jurisdiction in such salary matters, it was the unanimous opinion the maximum be increased. No definite amount was decided upon at this time. The timing of such an event poses a problem and after some discussion, and due to the lateness of the meeting, it was suggested we pursue this subject at our November meeting. If there is to be a discussion of this matter before the November meeting, it should be so indicated in the call of that meeting.""

2. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following resignations:


(2) Warren J. Bilkey, Assistant Professor of Economics, effective September 15, 1958.

(3) James A. Truc, Assistant Professor and Acting Director of the Institute of Public Service, effective March 9, 1958.

(4) Walter J. Verrill, Instructor in Engineering, Hartford Branch, effective September 15, 1958.
3, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following appointments:


(5) Grace A. Crawford, Ph.D., University Secondary School Key Teacher in Languages, $7140, September 1, 1958.


(9) Lovina Foote Goodale, A.B., University Secondary School Teacher II (Librarian), $4500, September 1, 1958.

(10) Jesse G. Harris, Jr., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology, $6180, September 16, 1958. Replacing Margaret M. Riggs.


(13) Edward A. Jordan, M.A., Assistant Professor of Finance, $6180, February 1, 1958.


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4. THE BOARD VOTED to receive and place on file the following requests for leave of absence:

(1) Laurence J. Ackerman, Dean of School of Business Administration, sabbatic leave for second semester academic year 1958-59. Study and research.

(2) Berthe Bell, Resident Educational Counselor, sick leave February 8, 1958 through April 19, 1958.

(3) David J. Blick, Associate Professor of Science Education, retroactive sick leave for the period January 14, 1957 through April 8, 1957.


(6) Charles E. Lee, Assistant Professor of Marketing, sabbatic leave first semester academic year 1958-59. Research.

(7) John B. Lucke, Professor of Geology and Head of Department, sick leave January 22, 1957 through February 17, 1958,
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(9) Edmund Moore, Professor of History and Head of the Department, sick leave January 27, 1958 through February 12, 1958.

(10) Dr. Harry Orr, Associate University Physician, sick leave January 16, 1958 through March 9, 1958.

(11) E. G. VanBibber, Director, School of Physical Education, sabbatic leave for second semester of academic year 1958-59. Research,


5. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following scholarships, financial aids and gifts and instructed the President to write appropriate letters of appreciation:

(1) $15 from Miss Elma Griswold, Philadelphia, to be added to Scholarship Fund,

(2) $100 from Killingly-Brooklyn Scholarship Fund to provide financial aid to Marsha Downs,

(3) $75 from The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to provide financial aid to Madeleine G. Caron,

(4) $75 from The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to provide financial aid to Catherine E. Perry,

(5) $50 from Junior League of Waterbury, Inc. to School of Social Work for scholarship purposes.

(6) $75 from Trust Estate of Adolphe J. Palen-Klar, Countess Frances Thorley Palen-Klar Scholarship Fund to provide financial aid to Andrew J. Vrtiak.

(7) $150 from Women's Auxiliary of the Waterbury Druggists Association to establish a scholarship for a Pharmacy student from the Waterbury area.
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(8) $75 from National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to provide financial aid to Carylou Briscoe.

(9) $500 from Bristol-Myers Fund as a contribution to the Pharmacy Research Institute.

(10) $1000 from Mead Johnson and Company, Evansville, Indiana, as a contribution toward the purchase of equipment for Pharmacy Research Institute.

(11) $308 from The Budd Company, Philadelphia, for scholarship purposes.

(12) $225 from the Palen-Klar Scholarship Fund to provide financial aid to the following:

- Judith Andersen $75
- Judith Haas 75
- Joan C. Ziac 75

(13) $425 from The Helping Hand Fund of the Rotary Club of Wethersfield, Inc. to provide financial aid as follows:

- Robert Countryman $125
- George Schoen 100
- Anthony Sarkenas 75
- Earl Thompson 125

(14) $200 from Staples P. T. A. Scholarship Committee to provide financial aid to Edward J. McElwee.

(15) $100 from Staples P. T. A. Scholarship Committee to provide financial aid to John Henre Gombas.

(16) $150 from Staples P. T. A. Scholarship Committee to provide financial aid to Catherine Filipchuk.

(17) $150 from Staples P. T. A. Scholarship Committee to provide financial aid to George R. Morgan.

(18) $75 from Wesleyan University to provide financial aid to Herman Cooper.

(19) $250 from Elizabeth Pike Trust to provide financial aid to Joseph E. Sakal.

(20) $43 from Edward Wagner & George Hosser Scholarship Trust to provide financial aid to Herbert Oberlander.
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(21) $200 from Wellesley Hills Woman’s Club to provide financial aid to Nancy Bowen.

(22) $125 from Brockton Italian Scholarship Club to provide financial aid to Janet Carriuolo.

(23) $200 from Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation, Inc. to provide financial aid to Elizabeth A. Marshall.

(24) $125 from Association Canado-Americaine Scholarship Fund to provide financial aid to Martial Veillette.

(25) $150 from Alice Mason Wing Endowment Fund to provide financial aid to Coralie Anne Ahrens.

(26) $100 from Teachers Club of Springfield to provide financial aid to Coralie Anne Ahrens.

(27) $150 from North Haven High School to provide financial aid to Ken Kaiser.

(28) $125 from Killingly-Brooklyn Teachers Association to provide financial aid to Beverly E. Codding.

(29) $300 from George Davis Bivin Foundation, Inc. to School of Social Work to provide financial aid to Harold Free.

(30) $100 from O’Mears Foundation to provide financial aid to Marion F. Bassell.

(31) $150 from New Haven Pharmaceutical Association to cover Hugh P. Barne Memorial Scholarship for 1957-58.

(32) $100 from Dr. Imogene H. Manning, Norwich, to provide financial aid to Charles A. Manning. (Donor wishes to remain anonymous.)

(33) $150 from Royal Typewriter Company to cover scholarship award for spring semester of 1957-58 to Julie Vilinskas.

(34) $50 from College Club of Springfield to provide financial aid to Alta J. Talbert.

(35) $75 from National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to provide financial aid to Barbara L. Baier.

(36) $200 from National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to provide financial aid to Margaret A. Manion.
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(37) $150 from The Allison Fund, Inc. to provide financial aid to Joan C. Sevick.

(38) $375 from The Frank Gannett Newspaperboy Scholarships, Inc. to provide financial aid to Richard H. Rice.

(39) $1675 from The William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid as follows:

William Byars $100
Ann Holway 100
Selma Najim 175
Elizabeth Stuart 150
John Sylvester 75
William Tagliamonti 175
Rosalyn Wein 150
Paul White 100
Lawrence Racie 350
Patricia Zito 300

(40) $37,50 from Polish Women's Alliance of America to provide financial aid to Frances A. Kaczmarek.

(41) $250 from Hoffmann-LaRoche, Inc. to School of Pharmacy for use in purchasing equipment for Pharmacy Research Institute.

(42) $500 from Burroughs Wellcome & Company, Inc. to School of Pharmacy for use in purchasing equipment for Pharmacy Research Institute.

(43) $150 from National Council of Jewish Women, Hartford Section, to cover Mrs. Annie Zeman Scholarship to School of Social Work.

(44) $150 from Connecticut Chapter of National Association of Social Workers to School of Social Work for scholarship purposes.

(45) $73,60 from Careers, Inc., New York, for scholarship contribution.

(46) $150 from Tatham-Laird Inc. to cover the Donald L. Kanter Fellowship.

(47) $200 from Pennsylvania Industrial Chemical Corporation to provide financial aid to Thyra C. Corbitt.
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(48) $125 from Mr. Thomas B. Davidson, York, Maine, to provide financial aid to Judith A. Smith.

(49) $45.60 representing income from the Radcliffe Hicks School Trust "A" Fund Account for scholarship purposes.

(50) Gift of Argus School Camera Kit from Educational Services Division of Argus Camera Company.

(51) Gift of sound picture entitled "Where There's A Will" from John L. Schwab Associates to School of Home Economics.

(52) Gift of 350 lbs. of reprints and out of print scientific publications from American Museum of Natural History to Geology Department.

(53) Gift of 490 1/2 lbs. Ground Withania Somnifera Root to School of Pharmacy from S. B. Penick & Co., New York.

(54) Gift of long playing record entitled "The Big News of '57" from The Connecticut Broadcasting Company.

6. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following research projects to be carried on by the University and financed by the agency indicated:

(1) $2250 from American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education to cover fellowships in the School of Pharmacy.

(2) $1425 from IBM Corporation to cover research appointments for second semester of 1957-58.

(3) $5000 from Atomic Energy Commission to cover research project under the direction of Dr. Spielman entitled "Ion Interactions in Plant Tissues."

(4) $1250 from Tennessee Valley Authority in support of research on the value of potassium fertilizers for forage production under the direction of Dr. Spielman.

(5) $1250 from Unity Feeds, Inc. in support of research on the relative energy value of poultry feed ingredients under the direction of Dr. Spielman.

(6) $6000 from Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives to continue research under the direction of Dr. Louis L. Gerson entitled "The Impact of Ethnic Groups on American Foreign Policy."
7. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation of the University Senate that the number of University scholars be increased from ten to thirty, effective September, 1958. The President noted that the student fee is waived.

8. THE BOARD VOTED to instruct the Secretary of the Board of Trustees to sign Standard Security Resolution forms in order to comply with the requirements of Paragraph 16, Industrial Security Manual for Safeguarding Classified Information, U. S. Department of Defense.

9. The President discussed the possibility of a Public Works program, State and Federal, to contribute to the relief of the unemployment situation. The President reported that he had been asked to submit to the State Budget Director and the State Building Commission, construction projects that might be considered. The projects submitted by the President were those contained in the long-range building program schedule approved by the Board of Trustees for presentation to the 1957 session of the General Assembly. The projects approved by the 1957 session were deleted from this list.

10. The Board of Trustees discussed at considerable length the accreditation status of the University School of Law and the generally unfavorable report made by Mr. John G. Hervey representing "the Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar of the American Bar Association,"

THE BOARD VOTED to authorize salary adjustments for Law faculty members as follows:

- Bert E. Hopkins, Dean  
  To $12,060
- William F. Starr  
  11,940
- Thomas Archibald  
  10,140
- Edward Stephenson  
  10,140
- Nathan Levy, Jr.  
  9,060
- Robert Affeldt  
  6,600
- Joseph A. LaPlante  
  6,600
- Lester B. Snyder  
  6,600
- Shirley Raissi  
  6,540

THE BOARD VOTED to instruct the Chairman of the Board to address a letter to the Accrediting Committee of the American Bar Association which is scheduling its meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, on February 23 and 24, indicating the Board's concern with improving the situation as soon as possible in order to provide not only a minimum law program but one that will be a real contribution to the Bar and the legal profession of this area.
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The President was instructed to contact Governor Ribicoff to request that he address a communication to the same agency indicating the constructive steps already taken and to be taken to improve upon the Law School situation.

11. The President reported that an agreement has been made with the Commission on Services for Elderly Persons to provide cooperative efforts in the interests of our elder citizens.

12. Mr. Brock, Chairman of the Special Finance Committee, reported on several items. His report was based on a careful review of several financial matters with Comptroller L. C. Riccio on Tuesday, February 18.

Mr. Brock reported that Mr. Riccio, as instructed, is continuing his review of the University's operating budget with a view of complying as far as practical with the Governor's reduction directive. Mr. Riccio indicated that in one or two areas where construction is involved, particularly in the matter of the sewage treatment plant, quoins on the Administration Building, and one or two other projects, decisions would, because of survey being made or because of Budget Department regulations, need to be deferred. Mr. Brock expressed the hope that several unexpended balances in these construction projects could be remitted to the State later in the year. Mr. Riccio is to keep in touch with Mr. Brock with respect to this matter.

The Board's attention was called by Chairman Shippee to adverse news releases and editorials in New Haven and Hartford papers on expenditures for the Junior-Senior High School by the University. Mr. Brock stated he had immediately contacted Mr. Riccio for information and explanation on the charges of over-expenditure and failure to include requests for funds for equipment through legislative channels. He reminded the Board of two bond authorizations by the legislature for this project:

One for $1,600,000 for an 800 pupil capacity school; the second for $400,000 labeled in the special act for "additions" in construction of auxiliary services.

Four separate requests of $200,000 each had been submitted for the following to increase the pupil capacity to 1000 and to provide for a balanced and complete secondary school teacher training program:

1. 10 added classrooms
2. provision for industrial arts
Incidentally, after the legislative action items 2 and 4 were agreed upon, the others rejected.

It was, and is, assumed and expected that the project would be built within the $2,000,000 allocated.

Mr. Brock reported on the "purchase of movable equipment for the University high school." He indicated that the Board, on September 18, 1957, voted to authorize the advance of funds from the 6,4 account for the purchase of movable equipment. This was necessary in order to have such equipment available for the opening of the University high school in September of 1958. The Board's vote authorized the advance of $150,000. The amount now necessary and which the University requests advance is $80,000. The $80,000 or any part of it if used is to be paid back to the 6,4 account from unexpended building contingencies established by the Public Works Department and if the funds are inadequate, any balance or deficiency will be paid from "tuition charges" paid by the Town of Mansfield in accordance with year to year agreements negotiated between the town and the university.

Sixteen building projects are currently under way by the University and are within funds available and with usual agreements and understandings. Recently, however, several changes in public works procedures and State financial controls which were not in effect at the time funds were made available to the University for construction have been put into effect. These changes have added to the complexities of planning and building the high school. Mr. Brock made clear that all permanent and fixed equipment in the high school, as well as in all other buildings, have been provided for in the basic construction contracts. It has been past accepted practice and procedure with the Public Works and Budget Departments of the State to finance and pay for movable equipment in auxiliary service facilities from account 6,4. This is the first case of inclusion of such equipment in the long-term bond issue, a questionable if not unsound financial practice and one disallowed on projects in which the Federal government enters financing.

Mr. Brock also reported on the staffing of the University high school and referred to Special Act No. 669 of the 1955 session which provides as follows:

"Section 3. The University of Connecticut may
provide for said university secondary school such administrative and supervisory services as may be needed in connection with the secondary school teacher training program of the university."

"Section 4. The University may provide utility and maintenance services to this facility as part of the university educational plant for the training of teachers."

All expense of operating the University high school for purposes of (a) teacher training, and (b) staff morale will be financed from tuition charges with the exception of salaries of key teachers (supervisors of University practice teachers) and maintenance and operation charges such as heat and electricity. The matter of key teachers was included in the University's budget requests and appear on Page 79 of the University of Connecticut budget requests for the 1957-59 biennium which was presented to the Appropriations Committee. It was also covered in II (a) on Page 3 of the University of Connecticut's "Comments on the budget proposals for 1957-59" presented to the Appropriations Committee at the public hearing on the University budget. The legislature appropriated increased funds for Personal Services to be spent on discretion by the Board of Trustees for salary increases, the filling of vacancies, and for new staff, as covered by the Trustees' authority in Section 3274 of the General Statutes.

Mr. Brock reviewed with the Trustees the changing situation with respect to the cost of operating and maintaining faculty housing. Mr. Brock presented information indicating the need for increased rentals to cover increased costs. THE BOARD VOTED to increase faculty rentals by 8%, excluding seven rentals of farm employee quarters described in Mr. Riccio's letter to Mr. Brock dated February 3, 1958, the new schedule of rents to be effective September 1, 1958.

13. The President reported on the increase in student withdrawals for reasons of finances. It was the sense of the meeting that the Trustee Committee on Scholarships should be requested to make a report on the matter of University scholarship funds, University loan funds, and University student employment, this report to be presented to the Trustees for discussion at a later meeting.

14. Mr. Watson reported to the Trustees as Chairman of the ad hoc Committee on Student Relations. Mr. Watson's report indicated
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in general that the students should face up to their own problems and approach the solution of these problems in a positive and in a constructive manner.

Mr. Watson reminded the Trustees that the Board had made a decision with respect to the student activity fee for the coming year and its allocation.

15. The President advised the Trustees that he will be leaving on a college visitation tour beginning about March 15. The purposes of the visitations were reviewed with the Trustees. The President agreed to reserve Wednesday, March 12, tentatively for the March meeting of the Board of Trustees. Unless there are matters of real import to be taken up on the 12th, the meeting will not be held on that date. The President will advise the Trustees sufficiently in advance of the March 12 date.

16. The President distributed to the Trustees the following items for the information of the Board:

(1) Report on Social Security,

(2) Report of the Senate Salary Committee,

(3) University Newsletter, January, 1958.


(5) Educational Opportunities, Spring Semester, by Division of University Extension.


(7) Looking for Answers? By Conference Planning Service, Division of University Extension.

(8) Victor Borge Scholarship Foundation.

(9) Brien McMahon - First lectures.

(10) Proposals for National Action to Help Solve the Crises in Higher Education -- American Association of Land-Grant Colleges and State Universities.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. JORGENSEN

For

J. RAY RYAN, Secretary