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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
held in Storrs, February 16, 1950

Present:  Mr. Brock  Mr. Jorgensen  Mr. Staples
          Mr. Christensen  Mrs. Poses  Mr. Watson
          Mr. Hook  Sister Rosa

1. The minutes of the meeting of November 16, 1949 and of the special
meeting of December 28, 1949, having been mailed out, were approved
without being read.

2. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following resignations:

   (1) Bernard Applebaum, Instructor in Civil Engineering, effective

   (2) J. Louis Cooper, Associate Professor of Education, effective
       January 1, 1950 instead of December 10, 1949. (Correction)

   (3) Charles P. Edwards, Instructor in History and Government,
       Hartford Branch, effective March 16, 1950. Ill health.

   (4) Opie C. Hester, Research Technician in Agricultural Economics,
       effective February 16, 1950.

   (5) Grace Holcombe, Home Demonstration Agent in New London County,
       effective March 1, 1950. Married and moving to Washington, D. C.

   (6) William S. Horton, Assistant Professor of Chemistry; effective
       March 16, 1950. Another position, location unknown.

   (7) Joyce Johnson, Associate Home Demonstration Agent in Tolland and
       Middlesex Counties, effective January 16, 1950. Graduate work
       at Cornell.

   (8) Elaine Raymond, Instructor in Nursing, effective February 1, 1950.
       Position with New York University.

   (9) Peter W. Rogan, Instructor in Mechanical Engineering, effective
       September 1, 1950. Another position, location unknown.

   (10) Marilyn Sousa, Assistant Instructor in Animal Diseases, effective
       May 1, 1950.
(11) Joseph A. Ward, Jr., County Club Agent in Hartford County, effective March 16, 1950. Position with State Department of Farms and Markets.

3. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following appointments:

   (1) Byron Lee Bondurant, BSAE, Instructor in Agricultural Engineering, annual salary $4080, February 1, 1950.

   (2) James Rodger Brandon, M. S., Instructor in Speech, annual salary $3120, February 1, 1950.

   (3) Frederick Andrew Buschner, B. S., Instructor in Animal Industries (Assistant Extension Dairyman), annual salary $3960, February 1, 1950.

   (4) Marie Caron, R. N., Infirmary Nurse, annual salary $2520, December 1, 1949.


   (7) Paul Doigan, Ph.D., Instructor in Chemistry, annual salary $3600, February 1, 1950.

   (8) Russell E. Hibbard, B. S., Assistant County Agent in New London County, annual salary $2360, January 1, 1950.

   (9) Alan Howland, B. A., Research Technician in Agricultural Economics, annual salary $2880, February 1, 1950.


   (12) Mamie Martin, R. N., B. S., Assistant Professor in Psychiatric Nursing, annual salary $4740, February 16, 1950.

   (13) Robert Carroll O'Knefski, B. S., Assistant Instructor in Floriculture, annual salary $3000, January 16, 1950.


   (15) Harold E. Smalley, MSIE, Assistant Professor of Management, annual salary $4920, March 16, 1950.

   (16) Hans A. Strasser, A. B., Associate University Physician, annual salary $6060, February 1, 1950.
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✓ (18) Arthur L. Valpey, Head Football Coach, annual salary $6,480, March 1, 1950. To confirm telephone approval of Trustees.

✓ (19) Cornelius J. York, B. S., Assistant Instructor (College of Agriculture Mailing Room Supervisor), annual salary $3,000, February 16, 1950.

4. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following changes in assignment:

(1) J. O. Christian, Director of Division of Intercollegiate Athletics for men, effective February 1, 1950. To confirm telephone approval of Trustees.

(2) E. George Van Bibber, Director of School of Physical Education, effective February 1, 1950. To confirm telephone approval of Trustees.

5. THE BOARD VOTED, in accordance with Board policy, to accept and place on file the following requests for leave of absence:

✓ (1) Martin C. Burton, Assistant Professor of Music, sabbatic leave with half pay, one year beginning September 16, 1950. Advanced study.

✓ (2) Olga deCillis, Assistant Professor of Psychology, sabbatic leave at half pay, academic year 1950-51. Further research.

✓ (3) Charles B. Lombardo, Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages, sabbatic leave at half pay, academic year 1950-51. Foreign study.

✓ (4) Richard A. Rhodes II, Instructor in Physics, leave without pay, academic year 1950-51. Graduate work.

✓ (5) E. George Van Bibber, Associate Professor of Physical Education, sabbatic leave with full pay, second semester 1950-51. Work for doctorate degree.

6. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following scholarships and gifts and instructed the President to write appropriate letters of acceptance and appreciation to the donors:

(1) Gift of $100 to the College of Pharmacy from Class of 1948.

(2) Gift of $2,000 to Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station from the Ralph E. Ogden Foundation, Inc, for the support of research work in the treatment of vibric in bovine cattle.
(3) Gift of test equipment from Radio Corporation of America to be used in training courses in Physics and Engineering.

(4) Gift of $150 to the College of Pharmacy from the Class of 1949.

(5) Gift of $35 from the Women's Auxiliary of the Bridgeport Druggists Association to the College of Pharmacy to be used to purchase a molecular weight apparatus.

(6) Gift of $50 to the College of Pharmacy from Phi Delta Chi.

(7) One scholarship of $250 for a senior student in the College of Agriculture and two scholarships of $100 each to upper class students in the Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture to be presented in September of 1950 by the Charles H. Hood Dairy Foundation.

(8) One scholarship annually of $100 to be known as the William R. Walker Scholarship to be established by the Connecticut Artificial Breeding Association, Inc. and awarded annually to the outstanding first year student majoring in dairy production in the Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture.

(9) Gift of $5000 to cover Frederick Gardner Cottrell grant to the University of Connecticut for support of Dr. S. S. Friedland's project entitled "Research in mass spectroscopy."


(1) THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following grant and instructed the President to write appropriate letter of acceptance and appreciation:

Eli Lilly Company, $2500 to the College of Pharmacy to finance research on "Culture of Ergot" by graduate students regularly enrolled in the Graduate School and under the supervision of members of the staff of the College of Pharmacy.

8. Gift of Farm.

The President reported on the desire of James L. Goodwin to provide in his will for the transfer of his farm "Pine Acres" to the University as a forestry project. It was the sense of the meeting that the President should continue discussions of the matter with Mr. Goodwin and to safeguard the University against restrictions and limitations which might prove difficult or embarrassing to the University at a later time.

9. Policy.

(1) THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation that the new swimming pool in the new men's gymnasium be named the "Brundage Pool" in memory of the Brundage brothers who lost their lives in World War II.
(2) The Real Assets Division has notified the University that $19,020.22 is needed to complete construction of the faculty apartments, exclusive of finished grading. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation that this amount be transferred to this allotment from unexpended contingencies for construction.

(3) THE BOARD VOTED to transfer $5000.00 from balance of Well Account to Sewage Treatment project.

(4) The President discussed with the Trustees the interest of a faculty member in running for the State Senate. The name of the faculty member was not presented in this connection. Discussion was therefore in terms of general policy. THE BOARD VOTED that it is the policy of the Board of Trustees that no employee of the University of Connecticut shall receive leave of absence with pay for service in any elective political office.


Printed copies of Bulletin, Volume 45, Number 3, were presented to the Trustees. The bulletin is a compilation of Federal laws, State statutes and Special Acts, the Laws and By-laws of the Board of Trustees and the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate. This bulletin has been in preparation for some time on instructions from the Board of Trustees. THE BOARD VOTED to accept and approve Volume 45, Number 3, as the official published Rules and Regulations of the Board of Trustees and of the University Senate.

11. The President discussed with the Board of Trustees the recommendations of the Commission appointed to study the organization of government and particularly those recommendations that may affect the University. The Commission will recommend that the Board of Trustees of the University be abolished and that the University be made a part of the State Department of Education.

The President reported that the Administrative Council of the University, made up of fourteen deans and six directors, met in the President's office on Monday, February 13, and discussed the matter at great length. The Administrative Council requested the President to urge the Trustees to take a positive position with reference to this recommendation at the appropriate time. The Administrative Council believes that reorganization of State government which will improve effectiveness in government and at a lower cost to the taxpayer should be carefully considered by all Connecticut citizens. However, it is the considered judgment of the Administrative Council that the recommendation to be made regarding the University would not be in the best interest of the State, would not improve the effectiveness of higher education in Connecticut, and would not result in financial savings.

The Board accepted this communication with appreciation. It was the sense of the meeting that no public stand or statement would be made
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until after the entire report had been thoroughly studied and only if it became necessary to do so to protect the interests of the State and the University.

12. The President presented to the Board of Trustees a schedule of student hourly rates to become effective February 1. The President advised the Board of Trustees that the University Comptroller would be instructed to put these new rates into effect. The new rates increase the minimum hourly rates for students 10¢ and increase the maximum of student hourly rates 10¢.

13. The President and Trustees discussed the question of the forty-hour week for all classified employees of the University. The administration and the Board of Trustees favor a forty-hour week. However, the determination of the forty-hour week in the judgment of most Trustees is a matter of State policy. The forty-hour week cannot be established for all classified employees of the University without additional funds which are not now available. The University Comptroller, on a purely mathematical and statistical approach, has indicated that it would require more than $300,000 in additional funds annually to establish a forty-hour week for all classified employees. Obviously, some savings can be made to reduce this statistical estimate, but a forty-hour week cannot be established at the University without considerable additional funds being made available.

The President advised the Board of Trustees that he has requested the University Comptroller to provide additional information for the State Personnel Office and for the Governor, and how much additional money would be required to establish a forty-hour week throughout all of the classified service, and by departments or classifications.

Respectfully submitted,

-s-  J. Ray Ryan
   Secretary