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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the
CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE
held at the Hartford Club, May 15, 1933

Present:
Mr. Manchester, Chairman         Mr. Buckingham
Mr. Fenton                       Dr. Wood
Mr. Hollister                    Mrs. Dadourian
Mr. Greene                       Dr. McCracken
Mr. Alsop                        Mr. Longley

1. IT WAS VOTED to accept the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 1933.

2. IT WAS VOTED to accept the minutes of the meeting of May 1, 1933.

3. IT WAS VOTED that, subject to the satisfactory completion of the various courses, the students as recommended by the faculty for graduation, be granted the degrees indicated.

4. Report by Dr. McCracken that he had interviewed the Attorney-General’s office and that they had advised him to obtain the selectmen’s signatures, formally accepting for the town of Mansfield the road, constructed by the college, from the traffic light to Atwater Laboratory.

5. IT WAS VOTED that dining facilities at Alpha Phi fraternity be granted at the expense of the fraternity.

6. IT WAS VOTED to authorize suitable water drainage lines from Storrs Hall to the pond at an expense of $450 to $500 so as to eliminate surface and roof water from the sewage system.

7. IT WAS VOTED to ask the Board of Finance for permission to install toilets in Koons Hall as are now installed in Storrs Hall.

8. Report of a fire that occurred in the President’s home, the damage thereto being covered by insurance.

9. IT WAS VOTED that, subject to the approval of the Board of Finance, a woman be placed as matron at Storrs Hall at a salary not to exceed $550 plus capital outlay to provide living quarters with separate bath and kitchen.

10. IT WAS VOTED that the Board did not see its way clear to accept the offer of Mr. Savage of the use of his farm at the present time.

11. IT WAS VOTED that Miss Rogers be appointed for the term of one year.

12. Information by Dr. McCracken that Mr. Wilkinson had been granted leave of absence with pay for three months and that he had now been placed on half-pay
13. IT WAS VOTED that it is the sense of the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State College that if the so-called Ball bill becomes a law, it will be detrimental to the interest of agriculture of the state and the college.

VOTED to rescind the previous vote.

IT WAS VOTED that the Board of Trustees reaffirm its disapproval of the Ball bill for the creation of the State Council of Education notwithstanding the changes that may have been made in the bill.

1. The proposed bill does not deal directly with specific problems in the educational system of Connecticut, but rather sets up a super-administrative organization with powers that may be nominal or dictatorial.

2. Instead of economy, it provides for costly new overhead staff that would mean decidedly increased expenditures of money that is so sorely needed in the public school system and in the State College.

3. Too highly centralized organization and remote control would tend to stifle specific phases of educational endeavor: e.g. agriculture in its practical and theoretical aspects as represented in instruction, extension and agricultural experiment station; elementary education with its many and diverse methods and objectives; trade education as found in trade high schools and engineering in college; and many other phases of elementary secondary and college education.

4. With so inclusive an organization, the demands for money to maintain the elementary and secondary schools where attendance is compulsory would tend to deprive normal schools and the State College of sufficient support to guarantee institutions of reputation worthy of the name of the State of Connecticut.

5. The board of overseers provided for the college has no powers and its establishment would lead to endless confusion and friction because of undefined functions.

6. The passage of the bill at this time would not allow sufficient consideration of its far reaching and sweeping provisions, which would so vitally affect the educational system of the state.

14. IT WAS VOTED to authorize the following drainage jobs:

1. Area back of Koons Hall estimated expense $350
2. Area west of church " 350
3. Area south and west of Mr. Gentry's house 300

15. IT WAS VOTED to authorize the transfer of $1000 from the Contingent Fund to the Grounds Department.

A. F. Greene, Secretary