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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the
CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE
held in Storrs, October 21, 1936

Present: Mr. Fenton Mr. Buckley
Mr. Hollister Mr. King
Mrs. Dadourian Dr. Wood
Mr. Spencer Dr. Jorgensen

Mr. Spencer was appointed chairman of the meeting.

1. IT WAS VOTED to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 16, 1936.

2. IT WAS VOTED to approve the reappointment of Mr. Albert B. Plant as a trustee of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station for a term of three years beginning July 1, 1936.

3. IT WAS VOTED that the resignation of William S. Zeman as Graduate Assistant in Sociology be accepted, effective October 13, 1936.

4. IT WAS VOTED that the request of Mr. H. A. Rollins, Extension Fruit Specialist, for sabbatic leave of six months beginning May 1, 1937, be accepted and placed on file.

5. At the request of the Governor for suggestions of possible candidates to fill the vacancy which exists on the Board of Trustees, it was agreed that the president shall submit the following three names: Messrs. Charles J. Bennett, Allan D. Colvin, George E. Hulse.

6. The president reported on the following matters for the information of the Board.

(a) The present enrollment of the College is 820 full-time students, 20 graduate students and 20 unclassified students.

(b) Mr. Swartz, the State Comptroller, has stated that action on the matter of the state plan of insurance coverage will be deferred until a later date.

(c) There is no record of the commitment of the College to the retention of a college architect.

(d) A dial system has been installed at the College which provides improved telephone service with practically no increase in expenditure.
(e) There are several grading projects underway at the College at the present time. These are being carried on by college employees under the direction of Mr. Graf of the Farm Department and involve no extra expense to the College. Some drainage work will also be handled in the same manner.

(f) Estimates are being secured on the cost of building a college incinerator. Present facilities for the disposal of refuse are very inadequate and the construction of this incinerator will be undertaken as soon as funds can be made available in the college budget.

(g) An X-ray service is provided for the examination of all students for tuberculosis, as a result of which three students found to be suffering from the disease were sent home this fall. This service is beneficial not only to the students but to their parents as full reports are submitted to the latter.

(h) As a result of numerous complaints, a rule has been made that there shall be no soliciting by salesmen in the college dormitories at any time nor in other college buildings during office hours.

(i) Various results of tests administered to entering freshmen at the College each year were presented.

(j) An effort is being made to aid the students in their scholastic adjustment by organizing courses which are in line with student's preparation, by revising the freshman-sophomore advisory system under the chairmanship of Mr. Gentry, and by establishing new rules to govern the dormitories for men.

(k) To date 10,000 copies of the bulletin dealing with the needs of the College have been printed and 6,000 distributed. Many organizations have indicated interest in the plans and the president has addressed and will address a large number of groups. The publicity has in the main been favorable, with a few exceptions.

7. IT WAS VOTED that the following amendments to the By-laws be approved:

Article VI President of the College

6 a. To attain a maximum degree of integration in the agricultural work of the college the president shall call and preside over meetings of the professional staff in agriculture; these meetings to be attended by resident teachers of agriculture, extension specialists in agriculture, and research workers in agriculture of the experiment station; also such other persons as the president may choose.

Article LX Faculty

5 a. The president shall appoint each year a committee from a list of names submitted by the faculty to represent the faculty in acting in an advisory capacity to the president. This committee is to be known as the Faculty Advisory Committee.
8. IT WAS VOTED that the president be authorized to appoint a committee to investigate the matter of the location of another area for faculty housing and report recommendations to the Board.

9. The president reported that the office of the Attorney General is now working upon the matter of the Gilbert Trust Fund and Farm.

10. IT WAS VOTED that the president be authorized in connection with the appointment of the committee on grounds and plans to employ such expert assistance as may be deemed necessary to an amount not to exceed $500.00, it being understood that such expenditures shall be limited to the determination of sites for adequate parking, the location of the new area for faculty housing, and minor grading projects.

11. IT WAS VOTED that the president make further investigation of the proposed W.P.A. projects and report to the Executive Committee of the Board who shall have power to act in the matter.

12. The consensus of opinion of the Board is against acceptance of the proposal of the U. S. Forest Service in cooperation with the State Forestry Department to use one of the college boilers in a fuel test.

13. IT WAS VOTED that the nature of the content to be included in the biennial report shall be determined by the president.

14. The president inquired as to who was responsible for the drafting of bills for the legislature, this matter to be determined after a conference with the Attorney-General.

15. A short discussion was held concerning legislative bills to be drafted for the college, a possible request for a two-year course in agriculture at the college, and the report of the Reorganization Committee on education in Connecticut.

Ruth M. Dedourian  
Secretary