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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

1. After presentations about the role of the Senate, based on the University's Laws and By-Laws of 1995, by Senate Executive Committee Chair, Mr. G. Anderson, and the rules of order governing Senate meetings by Mr. Palmer, the regular meeting of the University Senate of September 11, 2000 was called to order at 4:29 p.m. in Room 7, Bishop Center by President Austin.
2. Mr. Anderson nominated David Palmer as Moderator of the Senate. There were no other nominations. Mr. Palmer was elected.
3. Mr. Palmer assumed the chair as Moderator.
4. Ms. Bridges nominated David Jordan and Uwe Koehn as Secretaries of the Senate. There were no other nominations. Mr. Jordan and Mr. Koehn were elected.
5. Ms. Brown read a Resolution in honor of Alexandra (Sandy) Schulte. The Senate observed a moment of silence in memory of Ms. Schulte. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

(See Attachment #1)

6. As is traditional at the Senate's first meeting of the academic year, all members present introduced themselves.
7. The minutes of the Senate meeting of May 8, 2000 were accepted as presented.
8. President Austin made his report to the Senate, touching on the following:

He reported that the SAT scores of the entering freshman class have increased and that the entering class contains more than 30 valedictorians, more than ever before. He also noted the progress in the construction of the student apartments on Alumni Drive. On September 12, the Board of Trustees will take action to change the title of the position of Chancellor and Provost for Health Affairs to Vice President for Health Affairs. Also, the proposed closing of the Dempsey Hospital has been overturned. The main item on the University's legislative agenda will be the Storrs operating budget.

9. Mr. G. Anderson presented the report of the Senate Executive Committee.  
(See Attachment #2)

Mr. Mannheim requested standardized communication of the reports to the Senate in advance of meetings if possible. Mr. Anderson responded that most reports would be available on the Senate's web site at (WWW.SENATE.UCONN.EDU).

10. Mr. Zirakzadeh reported for the Nominating Committee. He moved the following nominations:

- a. As Co-chairs of the Curricula and Courses Committee

Gary English  
Jane Goldman

The motion carried.

- b. To membership on the Curricula and Courses Committee

Katharina von Hammerstein

The motion carried.

- c. To membership on the Growth and Development Committee

Richard French

The motion carried.

- d. The appointment as ex-officio members to the following committees

Lorraine Aronson - University Budget Committee  
Nevin Kessler - Growth and Development Committee

The motion carried.

11. Mr. Gianutsos, Chair of the Scholastic Standards Committee, informed the Senate that it will delay its report on institutional merit-based scholarships until the November meeting of the Senate.

12. Ms. Kelly reminded the Senate that the Faculty Standards Committee report on promotion, tenure, and reappointment would be discussed at the Senate's October meeting. The report is available on the Senate's web site at WWW.SENATE.UCONN.EDU.

13. Mr. Maryanski delivered the Chancellor's Report on the Regional Campuses.  
(See Attachment #3)

14. Associate Vice Chancellor Karla Fox was given the privilege of the floor to present the Report of the University's Parking Advisory Committee.  
(See Attachment #4)

15. Old Business.

None

16. New Business.

None

17. It was moved to adjourn.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Uwe Koehn, Secretary

The following members and alternates were absent from the September 11, 2000 meeting:

Acosta, Edgar	Faghri, Poursan	Rola, Angela
Allenby, Edward	Faustman, L. Cameron	Schaeffer, Carl
Aronson, Lorraine	Frank, Harry	Schwab, Richard
Bee, Robert	Herzberger, David	Silander, John
Bennett, John	Krzesny, Nicole	Strausbaugh, Linda
Benson, Susan Porter	Muirhead, Deborah	Vinsonhaler, Charles
Bravo-Ureta, Boris	Petersen, John	Wang, Tixiang
Clausen, John	Purzycki, Jason	Wisensale, Steven

## ATTACHMENT #1

## RESOLUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

September 11, 2000

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, the University in general and the University Senate in particular lost one of our most energetic and respected colleagues with the sudden passing of Sandy Schulte.

For more than two decades, Sandy was a widely recognized member of the campus community. Her position in the Research Foundation brought her into contact with both faculty and staff all across campus who came to value her no-nonsense professional approach to business. She also moved into a position of leadership in the University of Connecticut Professional Employees Association, of which she was a founding member, during the early years of unionization here on campus. In both these capacities, Sandy quickly emerged as one of the rare people on our often insular campus who was known and greatly respected by just about everyone.

That respect brought Sandy the usual reward of a seemingly unending lists of "requests" to serve on and chair committees and task forces. Sandy brought her keen mind and let's-get-down-to-work attitude to issues ranging from animal care (a long-time crusade of Sandy's) to University budget crises. Over the years, Sandy contributed to the welfare and improvement of the University in a wide variety of areas and developed a breadth of knowledge of the people and workings of this place rivaled by very few.

Given her experience, it was natural that Sandy should be elected to the University Senate and, given her readiness to work hard, that she should move into positions of increasing responsibility. First elected in 1982, she first served on the Growth and Development Committee, which she chaired for three years. Subsequently, she moved to the Budget Committee, which she chaired two times. Additionally, she was twice elected to the Nominating Committee where again she served as Chair during the past three years.

As might be expected, based on her heavy involvement in the business of the Senate, Sandy was elected to the Executive Committee twice on which she served a total of four years. There she earned the deep respect of her fellow members for her keen insights and unflinching commitment to state the truth or ask the hard question. As a result, the Executive Committee nominated Sandy to serve on the Program Review Committee in the early '90's and, most recently, as one of the faculty-staff representatives to the Board of Trustees. Clearly, the Executive Committee knew it could rely on Sandy to represent us all effectively.

Like most such "good citizens," Sandy's service extended beyond the University to the community. However, her foremost commitment was to this University and its people. Her energy, her honesty and her keen sense of humor made Sandy both a highly valued member of our community and a delight to work with. She has made a difference in this place and in our lives. She will be sorely missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Bridges  
Irene Q. Brown  
Scott W. Brown  
Janine N. Caira

L. Cameron Faustman  
Scott E. Kennedy  
David D. Palmer  
C. Ernesto Zirakzadeh  
Gregory J. Anderson, Chair

## ATTACHMENT #2

## REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September 11, 2000

It has been busy since the last Senate meeting of the spring. The SEC has met four times.

On 22 June the newly elected members of the SEC met together with those completing terms. Items discussed were the budget, By-Laws and parking. Derek Allinson's resignation as Chair of the Curricula and Courses Committee was discussed; subsequently Gary English and Jane Goldman agreed to co-chair the Committee. Appointments to the Board of Trustees' Committees were announced: Michael Kurland on Student Life, Kent Holsinger and Maureen Croteau on Financial Affairs, and David Palmer on Academic Affairs. Continuing members are Bruce Stave on Academic Affairs and Jack Clausen on Institutional Advancement. A response to a memo from Dolan Evanovich was prepared indicating that given the lack of time to prepare different standards, the existing GPA standards for renewal of Nutmeg Scholarships, namely 3.0 for the second year and 3.2 for all subsequent years will apply for academic year 2000-01. Vice Provost Susan Steele will be invited to meet with the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs on a regular basis.

The 28 June meeting included new and retiring members of the SEC and Committee Chairs meeting with new Chancellor John Petersen. Potential issues and areas of Senate interest were discussed.

The 25 August meeting with Committee Chairs established the Agenda for the 11 September Senate meeting. Lynn Bloom was appointed to replace Jean Givens, who is on sabbatical leave, on the Honorary Degree Committee for the fall semester. A reply from Mr. Evanovich indicating agreement with the earlier proposal regarding Nutmeg Scholarship standards for 2000-01 was discussed. Several items, including student satisfaction surveys, course availability, placement testing and General Education Requirement Task Force issues were discussed with Vice Provost Steele.

We met on 8 September with President Austin and other senior administrators. The President talked briefly about upcoming issues. Vice President Lori Aronson presented materials regarding the budget. Ms. Aronson explained that the allocations to strategic initiatives are no longer treated as a separate line item. Vice Chancellor Maryanski and Vice Chancellor Triponey talked about the successful opening of classes and housing of students. Subsequently, the Executive Committee met with Director of Admissions, Wayne Locust, regarding Nutmeg and Day of Pride scholarship standards. An outcome of the latter was a Memorandum of Understanding to Mr. Locust indicating that for the academic year 2000-2001, the same academic standards (see above paragraph) will be applied to both of these, our top scholarships.

Scott Kennedy was elected to complete the term of Sandy Schulte on the Executive Committee and Hedley Freake on the Nominating Committee.

Betty Hanson has agreed to serve as a Teller for the academic year and needs to be joined by three volunteers from among in their first or second year on the Senate (i.e., not those in their third year and eligible for reelection).

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory J. Anderson, Chair

Judith Bridges

Irene Q. Brown

Scott W. Brown

Janine N. Caira

John T. DeWolf (some meetings)

L. Cameron Faustman (some meetings)

Peter L. Halvorson (some meetings, Chair)

David D. Palmer

Sandy Schulte (some meetings)

C. Ernesto Zirakzadeh

ATTACHMENT #3

**REGIONAL CAMPUS REPORT**

**PREPARED BY  
Fred Maryanski  
Vice Chancellor  
July 7, 2000**

**OVERVIEW**

During the 1999-2000 academic year, Interim Vice Chancellors Robert Baldwin and Francis Archambault had responsibility for the regional campuses. These gentlemen pursued the implementation of four-year and graduate programs at the campuses and the realignment of the governance structure with the goal of providing greater focus and structure at the campuses. The campuses have all made progress toward those goals, but substantial work remains before the new roles of the University's regional campuses become firmly established in their communities and in the state's higher educational structure. This year's efforts will continue to concentrate toward that end.

Highlights at each campus appear in bulleted form below. Complete reports are available from the Office of Institutional Research.

## **AVERY POINT**

- Joseph Comprone appointed Associate Vice Chancellor and Campus Director, effective July 1, 1999.
- Coastal Studies degree program accepted first official first year class of 16 (as of July 2000).
- Marine Science Coordinating Council established with AVC Comprone as chair to improve cooperation among the marine science entities on campus. First charge is the recommendation of a reporting structure for marine science programs.
- Lease to RPI will end at the conclusion of the Fall semester
- Construction proceeding on Marine Science Research and Project O buildings. "Final" repairs to Branford House under contract.
- Maritime Studies degree program in draft form.
- W. Matthew McLoughlin assumed responsibility for continuing studies and corporate education programs.
- Advisory Center and Freshman Transition programs established.
- Campus Council established to develop operational policies and promote communication.
- Community Advisor Board created.
- Campus Facilities Planning Committee established.



## STAMFORD

- Jacquelyn Joseph-Silverstein appointed Associate Vice Chancellor and Campus Director, effective July 15, 1999.
- BS in Business and MS in Accounting to commence in Fall 00.
- EMBA.com replacing traditional Executive MBA.
- Sociology major moratorium put in place.
- Educational Technology certificate program initiated.
- CLAS planning master's program in survey research.
- Multi-Media Development Center established to promote teaching with technology (WebCT and other vehicles).
- Career Center established.
- Pilot program in English as a Second Language offered.
- Seven exhibits presented at the Art Gallery.
- CITI strengthened ties with business community.
- Planning for the build out of the remaining shell space in the building underway.
- Marketing effort in preparation.

**TRI-CAMPUS - HARTFORD**

- Glen Richardson appointed Interim Campus Director, effective January 1, 2000.
- MS in Accounting, MBA/MS in Accounting approved by DHE.
- First Urban Studies graduates in December 1999.
- Cross registration process with Greater Hartford Consortium for Higher Education developed.
- Campus hosted 14 high school fairs
- 3 major concerts and 4 art exhibitions hosted on campus.

**TRI-CAMPUS – TORRINGTON**

- Construction underway on Cooperative Extension Building
- New oversight board for the Litchfield County Community Writers Project in place
- Four new scholarships established.
- 2 theatrical productions presented.

**TRI-CAMPUS – WATERBURY**

- BS in Business, MS in Accounting, MBA/MS in Accounting approved by DHE.
- Smith House opened as primary administration building; faculty offices moved to White House.
- Additional renovations and restorations completed on the Benedict-Miller House.
- High technology classroom installed in the Science Building.
- Campus network enhanced.
- Funding approved for relocation of campus to a downtown site. Space planning is underway.

ATTACHMENT #4

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ACADEMIC YEAR, 1999-2000

September 11, 2000

During academic year, 1999-2000, the Parking Advisory Committee (PAC) met on a monthly basis. There were two primary foci of business during this time: monitoring of the implementation of the new parking plan which was adopted in April of 1999; and continued fine-tuning of the augmented shuttle bus system.

In April of 1999, the University adopted a new parking plan, which divided the campus into three Areas (1, 2, and 3). There is paid employee parking (for a one year permit) in Areas 1 (core) and 2 (peripheral), and the parking garages. Employee Area 3 parking in outlying lots with shuttle bus service is free. AY 1999-2000 PAC business consisted of monitoring the implementation of this new plan, with special attention to various policy issues generated by its implementation. An issue that arose at the beginning of the fall, 1999, semester, was the routes and frequency of stops of shuttle buses. With the assistance of Janet Freniere, Manager of Transportation Services, identified issues regarding shuttle bus routes were dealt with in a manner satisfactory to affected constituencies.

Other issues dealt with in AY 1999-2000 included graduate assistant parking, a simplification of the fee structure for commuter students, and a further refinement of shuttle routes for Academic Year 2000-01. Of particular interest was the planning and policies for parking in the new garage, slated to open in the spring semester of 2001. The PAC was informed by Ann Denny, the Manager of Parking Services, of plans undertaken to deal with temporary parking dislocations caused by construction of the second garage. Ms. Denny also informed the PAC of the collaborative work with the Division of Athletics to minimize evening parking dislocations caused by athletic events during the garage construction phase.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla H. Fox,  
Chair, Parking Advisory Committee