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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

1. President Austin officially called the regular meeting of the University Senate of September 9, 2002 to order at 4:06 p.m. in Room 7, Bishop Center.

2. Election of Moderator – Ms. Reis nominated Susan Spiggle as Moderator of the University Senate. Mr. Zirakzadeh seconded the nomination. The Senate approved Ms. Spiggle without dissent.

3. Election of Secretaries – Mr. Bansal nominated Kim Chambers and David Jordan as secretaries of the University Senate. Ms. Brown seconded. Mr. Chambers and Mr. Jordan were approved without dissent.

4. Introduction of Members – Ms. Spiggle asked the Senators to introduce themselves, including their departmental affiliation. Later Mr. Halvorson introduced Ms. Arlene Michaud and the members of the administration at the head table.

5. Approval of Minutes
   Ms. Spiggle presented the Minutes of the regular meeting of May 13, 2002 for review.

   The minutes were approved without modification.

6. Report of the President.

   President Austin touched briefly on the following items:

   a. He updated the senate as to both positive and budgetary considerations facing the university

   b. He announced legislative approval of the 2001st Century UConn initiative. The expenditure of $1.3 billion on capital improvements on all campuses will strategically position the University for the next 15 years allowing us to make decisions based on academic priorities.

   c. He also announced the matching grant was bonded.

   d. He commented that operating budget outcomes were not as positive. The State is facing shortfalls. The University will have to share in covering these deficits. Some rescission has occurred already and more will likely follow.

e. He reported modest increases in new student enrollment the magnitude of which was influenced by the shortage of student housing.

f. We've added 60 new valedictorians and salutatorians to this year's UConn student body for a total of over 370 of these outstanding students.

g. Private fundraising is ahead of plan.

h. He informed the Senate of brief Health Center updates.

7. Report of the Senate Executive Committee

Mr. Halvorson presented the written Report of the Senate Executive Committee. (See Attachment #1)

This report calls for a special Senate meeting on September 30, 2002 for continued consideration of the calendar proposal debated in last year's Senate.

Mr. Mannheim asked about amendments proposed to last year's calendar proposal. Mr. Halvorson suggested that amendments submitted at last year's Senate meeting be presented at future Senate meetings when the calendar is discussed.

8. Mr. Palmer presented the Report of the Nominating Committee. (See Attachment #2)

He moved the following deletions from the named Standing Committees:

Steven Dauer from the Growth and Development Committee
Joel Kupperman from the Faculty Standards Committee

The motion carried.

9. He moved the following faculty and staff additions to the named Standing Committees:

Steven Dauer to the Student Welfare Committee
Lynne Goodstein to the Scholastic Standards Committee as an ex-officio, non-voting member
Donald Baxter to the Faculty Standards Committee
Laurie Best to the Growth & Development Committee as the representative of the Curricula and Courses Committee

The motion carried.

10. He moved the following undergraduate student additions to the named Standing Committees:

Curricula and Courses: Ryan Kehoe and Adam Finkelstein
Faculty Standards: George Householder
Growth and Development: George Householder
Scholastic Standards: Ryan Kehoe and Jason Purzycki
Student Welfare: Michael Nichols and Izabella Stanczykiewicz
University Budget: John Ireland and Tuuli Hakala

The motion carried.

For the information of the Senate, the Graduate Student Senate has named Karen Cajka to membership on the Senate for a one-year term.

For the information of the Senate, the Undergraduate Student Government has named the following students to membership on the Senate for a one-year term:

Adam Finkelstein
George Householder
Ryan Kehoe
Michael Nichols
Jason Purzycki

Mr. Palmer presented a progress report on the nominating Committee's work on the General Education Oversight Committee. (GEOC) - see PowerPoint presentation attached. The nominating committee will forward names for the creation of the GEOC to the Senate at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting.

Mr. Palmer responded to questions. These included a clarification of last year's Senate vote that the GEOC be composed exclusively of faculty. Staff, students and other UConn community members could serve on GEOC sub-committees.

Mr. Halvorson proposed that once the Nominating Committee decides on the proposed GEOC committee, this proposed committee begin meeting prior to their approval by the Senate at the October Senate meeting. There was no objection.

11. Unfinished Business - None

12. New Business – Mr. Halvorson reminded the Senate of the special September 30th meeting.

He also reminded the Senate of upcoming September 11th community events.

Mr. Vinsonhaler **moved** to adjourn.

The motion to adjourn was approved by a standing vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Chambers, Co-Secretary

The following members and alternates were absent from the September 9, 2002 meeting:

Alissi, Albert	DeWolf, John	Muirhead, Deborah
Aronson, Lorraine	Dreyfuss, Dale	Ouimette, David
Beliveau, Barbara	Faghri, Pouran	Paul, Jeremy
Bowman, Larry	Freake, Hedley	Phillips, Jerry
Bramble, Pamela	Greger, Janet	Ratcliff, Kathryn
Bravo-Ureta, Boris	Hightower, Larry	Schaefer, Carl
Breen, Margaret	Holsinger, Kent	Triponey, Vicky
Brown, Scott	Hussein, Mohamed	von Munkwitz-Smith, Jeffrey
Bushmich, Sandra	Luh, Peter	Woods, David

REPORT

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
September 9, 2002

First, the Executive Committee welcomes all members to the resumption of University Senate deliberations. Last year was marked by hard work, thoughtful discussion and significant progress on several matters of significance, most notably curriculum reform. It is the sincere wish of the Executive Committee that these same characteristics will mark this year when, among other issues, we will continue the process of curriculum reform and also discuss revision of the academic calendar.

The Executive Committee has met several times in the past few weeks. We met individually with the President and the Chancellor as well as with others in the central administration to discuss matters of concern that had developed over the summer or around the opening of the academic year. We also met with the Chairs of the Standing Committees to discuss both the Agenda for this meeting and the longer-term schedule of business that might be coming to the Senate for consideration.

Last year's action on General Education charged the Senate Nominating Committee with the responsibility of assembling the membership of the General Education Oversight Committee (GEOC). The Nominating Committee will report on its progress in this matter later in this meeting.

Last April, the Scholastic Standards Committee brought forward a proposal for revision of the academic calendar. The Executive Committee suggested a delay in consideration until this fall. In order to provide for time to both fully understand the proposed changes and to discuss the matter fully here, the Executive Committee has scheduled a special meeting for September 30 at which the proposed revision will be reintroduced. The Report of the Scholastic Standards Committee can be found on-line at the University Senate site (http://senate.uconn.edu). Additional information, including supporting materials, requested from the Chancellor will be distributed in the next week. Senators are requested to consult with their constituencies in order that this matter can be brought to a timely conclusion.

Finally, after the conclusion of the last Academic Year, Bruce Stave retired, leaving a vacancy on the Executive Committee. A special election was held and John DeWolf was elected to complete that term.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory J. Anderson
Rajeev Bansal
Irene Q. Brown
John T. DeWolf
L. Cameron Faustman
Scott E. Kennedy
Sally Reis
C. Ernesto Zirakzadeh
Peter L. Halvorson, Chair

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6. Progress report on nominating the General Education Oversight Committee (GEOC).

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Anderson
Scott Brown
Harry Frank
Anne Hiskes
Suman Singha
David D. Palmer, Chair