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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TELEPHONE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

University of Connecticut
Rome Commons Ballroom
South Campus Complex
Storrs, Connecticut

February 14, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Roger Gelfenbien. Trustees who participated by telephone were: Louise Bailey, Philip Barry, Michael Cicchetti, Linda Gatling, Claire Leonardi, Michael Martinez, Frank Napolitano, David O'Leary, and Richard Treibick.

Trustee present: Christopher Hattayer

Trustees absent were: James Abromaitis, Christopher Albanese, William Berkley, Shirley Ferris, Lenworth Jacobs, Denis Nayden, Theodore Sergi, and Anne George, who represents the Governor's Office.

University Staff present were: Chancellor and Provost for Academic Affairs Petersen, Vice Chancellor for Information Services Kobulnicky, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Triponey, Dr. Schurin, and Ms. Locke.

University Staff who participated by telephone were: President Austin and Executive Vice President Deckers.

All actions taken were by unanimous vote of the Trustees present.

1. Public Participation

There were no members of the public who wished to address the Board.

2. Chairman's Report

(a) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

(1) Promotion, Tenure, and Reappointment item

Chancellor Petersen recommended the appointment of Dr. Janet L. Greger as Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School and full professor in the Department of Nutritional Sciences, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. He noted that the recommendation before the Board was to approve the award of tenure at the rank of full professor in the Department of Nutritional Sciences.

Chancellor Petersen noted that Dr. Greger is currently a faculty member in nutritional sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has extensive experience in research administration at both the medical school and on the main campus in Madison. She also has been very productive as an educator and a researcher in human nutrition, and has been very visible nationally with federal agencies and with the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC), which is the accreditation agency with which the University has been working very closely.

Chairman Gelfenbien asked President Austin to comment on her credentials.

President Austin responded that Dr. Greger was a very accomplished researcher and administrator. He noted that she possesses strong leadership skills, which will enable her to undertake the challenges in research administration. President Austin was hopeful that new research procedures would be put in place along with the emergence of new laboratory space.

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Trustee Bailey asked if Dr. Greger would be visiting the campus before her appointment date of June 1.

Chancellor Petersen responded that she will be visiting the campus on several occasions before her effective date. Currently, she is teaching two nutrition courses at the University of Wisconsin. He noted that a few weeks ago she was working with the administrative staff on about the transitional aspects of her position.

Trustee Napolitano asked if there was anything different in the scope of her responsibilities in comparison to her predecessor. He also asked if the issues and challenges the President alluded to earlier could be listed and reviewed by the Board. Specifically, he asked for more detail about what areas needed more attention.

Chancellor Petersen responded that he would provide the Board with that information. He noted that Dr. Greger's background involves expertise in all aspects of the position. One of the issues paramount to the University's research activities is that there has not been consistency in how various research units have been managed. During Interim Vice Provost Hart's appointment, several task forces were implemented. Chancellor Petersen indicated that these areas must become more strategic in investing funds and gaining leverage that generates additional research funding. Over the last two years, the administration has seen a 10% growth in research funding, but during the five years preceding it was flat. Many of the efforts they have undertaken are similar to what Vice President Deckers and others at the Health Center accomplished a few years ago, which has led to the 15 to 20% in federal funding at the Health Center. Chancellor Petersen was confident that Dr. Greger's leadership over these types of administrative changes will have a tremendous impact on changing the embedded culture.

On a motion by Mr. Treibick, seconded by Mr. Martinez, **THE BOARD VOTED** to award tenure at the rank of full professor to Dr. Janet L. Greger in the Department of Nutritional Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, effective June 1, 2002.

Dr. Schurin noted that Board members received by fax the material related to the Finding of No Significant Impact for the Student Union Addition. He noted that Vice Chancellor Dreyfuss and Mr. Schilling were available to respond to questions.

(2) Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Student Union addition

On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Martinez, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Student Union Addition.

Mr. Napolitano asked if there was anything noteworthy in the report.

Vice Chancellor Dreyfuss responded that there was nothing unusual in the report. He noted that the site is in the center of campus, which was developed over 40 years ago.

Mr. Napolitano raised concerns about other issues related to parking that went beyond the environment. He asked Vice Chancellor Dreyfuss if there were any unusual findings.

Vice Chancellor Dreyfuss responded that there is adequate parking within the vicinity of the Student Union now that the new South Garage is in full operation.

Chairman Gelfenbien asked that the following changes be made to the Finding of No Significant Impact. He asked that the statement noted in the first and second paragraphs beginning with "These impacts will be insignificant..." be changed to "These impacts will not be significant..."

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He also asked what acronym "PURAC" referred to, which is noted in paragraph three on page three. He asked that it be spelled out in the document.

Mr. Schilling responded that the acronym refers to the Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center (PRLACC), which was misspelled.

Chairman Gelfenbien also asked that the phrase in the last paragraph of page three be changed from "...will be insignificant" to "...will not be significant."

Trustee O'Leary joined the meeting at this time.

Chairman Gelfenbien asked for more details about the statement regarding the removal of trees noted on page four. He asked that a Trustee work alongside the staff surveying the property.

Vice Chancellor Dreyfuss responded that the site is near the entrance of the current African-American Cultural Center building where there are several large trees that need to be cut down.

Trustee Bailey asked if they could be moved.

Vice Chancellor Dreyfuss responded that they were too large to move.

THE BOARD APPROVED the motion.

3. **President's Report**

President Austin discussed the Governor's proposal for "21st Century UConn." He noted that he has met with many members of the legislative leadership and all have been uniformly supportive. President Austin conveyed his deep gratitude to the Governor for his vote of confidence and commended him on the press conference he gave at the Lodewick Visitors Center the day after his State of the State address. President Austin has had several meetings with members of the Finance and Appropriations Committees and expects to meet with other members of the Legislature during the session.

Chairman Gelfenbien expressed his congratulations to President Austin, Lori Aronson, and Scott Brohinsky.

President Austin also expressed his gratitude to many key administrators. In particular, he expressed his deep appreciation to Vice President Aronson for her expertise in facilitating the process. He noted that she has worked at OPM and is familiar with the protocol of this type of commitment. She stands among many who have put in a lot of time and energy for this effort. He also noted that the Governor's staff, including Marc Ryan, Anne George, Brendan Crisco, have also been very cooperative. In addition, Chancellor Petersen and Executive Vice President Deckers were instrumental in prioritizing the remaining projects by incorporating the recommendations from the Buildings and Grounds Committee, which includes many members of the administration.

Ms. Bailey expressed her gratitude and complimented Trustee Christopher Hattayer on his remarks at the press conference. She also asked if he could write a thank you note to the Governor. Mr. Hattayer agreed to send a note.

Chairman Gelfenbien expressed his gratitude to all those involved.

Ms. Leonardi asked if there were any additional dollars dedicated for matching or for contributions in the next ten-year program.

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President Austin responded that it was a separate program extended separately from UCONN 2000. He noted that after the first \$20 million was depleted, the administration went back for an extension and the Legislature authorized a separate grant.

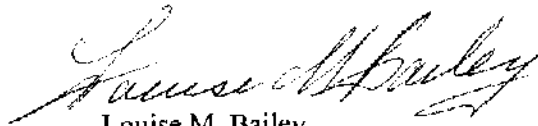
Ms. Leonardi indicated that she was aware of that, but she did not know if it was a consideration for the full program. She also noted that the Master Plan Committee identified some significant external improvements, such as walkways over roads and lighting. She asked if those modifications would be included in some of the lump sum areas. Vice Chancellor Dreyfuss responded that they would be included in the lump sum.

4. Adjournment

Chairman Gelfenbien announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2002 at the School of Social Work.

There being no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Louise M. Bailey".

Louise M. Bailey
Secretary