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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

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

May 8, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chairman Roger Gelfenbien. Trustees present were: Alyssa Benedict, James Donich, John Downey, Linda Gatling, Lenworth Jacobs, Michael Martinez, Frank Napolitano, and James Bentivegna, who represents the Governor's Office.

Trustees James Abromaitis, William Berkley, Shirley Ferris, Claire Leonardi, Irving Saslow, and Richard Treibick participated by telephone.

Trustees Louise Bailey, Louise Berry, Michael Cicchetti, and Theodore Sergi were absent from the meeting.

University Staff present were: President Austin, Interim Chancellor and Provost for University Affairs Maryanski, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Allenby, Vice President for Financial Planning and Management Aronson, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Administration Archambault, Vice Chancellor for Business and Administration Dreyfuss, Vice Chancellor for Information Services and University Librarian Kobulnicky, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Triponey, Assistant Vice Chancellor Miller, Assistant Attorney General Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General Paul McCarthy, Dr. Schurin, and Ms. Locke were present for this discussion.

All actions taken were by unanimous vote of the Trustees present, except as otherwise noted.

A. **The Report of the Chairman** included the following items:

Chairman Gelfenbien congratulated the women's basketball team for their outstanding achievement as the 2000 winners of the NCAA National Basketball Championship. Trustee Napolitano read the following resolution in honor of the women's basketball team.

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE
UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM**

WHEREAS, The University of Connecticut women's basketball team has displayed great character and perseverance and has demonstrated the merits of performing to the limits of one's ability by winning the 2000 NCAA National Championship; and

WHEREAS, The University of Connecticut Division of Athletics and the women's basketball coaching staff have reflected the University's commitment to excellence in academics and athletics and have worked unstintingly to bolster our sense of pride in the University; and

WHEREAS, The University of Connecticut women's basketball team continues to bring great credit and recognition to the University and to the State once again this past season;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees hereby recognizes these outstanding achievements and expresses its gratitude for these positive and outstanding contributions to the University and the State of Connecticut; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board, with a copy sent to the women's basketball team.

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On a motion by Mr. Napolitano, seconded by Mr. Martinez, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the resolution.

Trustees Ferris and Jacobs congratulated the women's basketball team for their victory.

Chairman Gelfenbien expressed his appreciation to the student-athletes for their athletic achievements and for serving as role models. Chairman Gelfenbien acknowledged the leadership abilities of Head Coach Geno Auriemma, Associate Head Coach Chris Dailey, Assistant Coach Tonya Cardoza, Assistant Coach Jamelle Elliott, and Team Managers Kathryn Fiesler and Tom Tedesco.

Trustee Abromaitis participated by telephone at this time.

Chairman Gelfenbien presented Head Coach Geno Auriemma with a framed resolution and a recognition plaque and presented student-athletes Swin Cash, Marci Czel, Asijha Jones, Christine Rigby, and Tamika Williams with a University pen. Team Managers Kathryn Fieseler and Tom Tedesco, Associate Head Coach Chris Dailey, Assistant Coach Tonya Cordorza, and Assistant Coach Jamelle Elliott also received University pens.

Head Coach Geno Auriemma warmly thanked the Board members for their support and good will. He acknowledged the hard work and commitment of all the student-athletes at the University.

Chairman Gelfenbien called upon Ms. Benedict to recognize Ms. Elizabeth Conklin and Mr. Martin Sybblis as this year's recipients of the Donald L. McCullough Award for Student Leadership. Which is the most prestigious student leadership award that can be bestowed upon a University student. Ms. Benedict noted that Ms. Conklin and Mr. Sybblis have contributed greatly to enhancing the quality of life on campus and in the community. Ms. Benedict offered the following resolutions for Ms. Conklin and Mr. Sybblis:

ELIZABETH CONKLIN

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Conklin has been named a 2000 Donald L McCullough Memorial Award Recipient; and

WHEREAS, This award is given to outstanding leaders within the student body who have demonstrated a clear and unsullied commitment to the University Community; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth has been integral in the success of various events sponsored by UCONN PIRG (Public Interest Research Group), including The Hunger and Homelessness Campaign, in which she served as the Coordinator, The Filthy Five Campaign, which was formed to clean Connecticut's air by regulating various power plants in the state to meet modern clean air standards, and the "Save the Arctic Campaign," which involved students not only at the University of Connecticut, but mobilized students statewide to participate in building a grassroots structure and raise media attention in the work to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, In her involvement as the co-founder, president, and Business Director of the Chordials, the very first all female a cappella group to set its foundation here at the University of Connecticut, Elizabeth has effectively engaged all parts of the community to appreciate this new and classic venue of college entertainment for many years to come;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut congratulates her on this prestigious McCullough Award, and commends her for her commitments and achievements in enriching the environments of living and learning for all of our students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy be given to Ms. Elizabeth Conklin.

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MARTIN SYBBLIS

WHEREAS, Martin Sybblis has been named a 2000 Donald L. McCullough Memorial Award Recipient; and

WHEREAS, This award is given to outstanding leaders within the student body who have demonstrated a clear and unsullied commitment to the University Community; and

WHEREAS, Martin's special interests are rooted in his commitment to academic excellence, whereupon he has successfully maintained a 3.7 cumulative G.P.A. within the Honors program at the University; and

WHEREAS, He has served as the chairperson of the Honors Council revitalization committee, and has also mentored fellow students in the UCONN Connects program, designed to lend a helping hand to 'connect' students to the many means of academic assistance that are offered at the University; and

WHEREAS, Martin has demonstrated an obvious commitment to develop the awareness of a diverse campus community through his service as president of the West Indian Club;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut congratulates him on this prestigious McCullough Award, and commends him for his commitments and achievements in enriching the environments of living and learning for all of our students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy be given to Mr. Martin Sybblis.

On a motion by Ms. Benedict, seconded by Mr. Donich, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the resolutions honoring the 2000 Donald L. McCullough Award recipients. Ms. Benedict presented Ms. Conklin and Mr. Sybblis each with a framed resolution.

Mr. Donich commented that he was honored to serve as a panel member on the selection committee and applauded the number of outstanding candidates nominated for the McCullough award. He noted that this year's recipients were particularly noteworthy and unanimously chosen by the Committee.

1. On a motion by Mr. Downey, seconded by Mr. Berkley, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 2, 2000.

Trustee Saslow left the meeting at this time.

2. Chairman Gelfenbien congratulated Mr. Lew Perkins, Director of Athletics and Senior Associate Director Jeffrey Hathaway and their staff for their outstanding accomplishments over the past five years in receiving three national basketball championships. Chairman Gelfenbien called upon Mr. Perkins, who gave a presentation on the University of Connecticut's Title IX Compliance Plan – Progress Report – The Third Year 1998-99. A copy of the handout is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

Trustee Downey commended President Austin and the athletic leadership for their commitment to achieving greater gender equity in the athletic programs.

3. On a motion by Mrs. Gatling, seconded by Mr. Martinez, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the following items listed on the Consent Agenda as follows:

- (a) On a motion by Mrs. Gatling, seconded by Mr. Martinez, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve a change in Article XII.B.6, of the University of Connecticut Laws and By-Laws to remove that section's reference to the "Division of Extended and Continuing Education" and to rename that former Division, the "College of Continuing Studies."

(Attachment 1)

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- (b) On a motion by Mrs. Gatling, seconded by Mr. Martinez, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve an award of tenure and corrected lists of awards of promotion, tenure, and reappointment approved on April 11, 2000. (Attachment 2)
3. On a motion by Mr. Donich, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the construction of a South Campus Parking Garage. (Attachment 3)

Trustee Berkley asked if the University charged for the use of the parking garage. Vice Chancellor Dreyfuss responded that the University charges .75 per hour for temporary parking and charges a pre-paid fee for event parking, which will be adjusted when the second parking garage is built. The University also sells a specific number of semester parking permits to faculty and staff. Vice Chancellor Dreyfuss noted that when the new garage is built, the parking fee will become comparable to the Hartford Civic Center.

4. On a motion by Mrs. Gatling, second by Dr. Jacobs, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve a project budget of \$24,000,000 for the construction of the South Parking Garage. (Attachment 4)

Trustee Leonardi asked why the second parking garage was expected to cost twice as much as the first garage, which cost approximately \$10,000,000. Vice Chancellor Dreyfuss responded that the first garage was built with a little over 1,000 spaces. The second garage will have in excess of 1,500 spaces and will have retail space for relocating the UConn Co-op, which will be budgeted between \$8-9 million. This new site for the Co-op will provide customers with ample parking and greater access to other retail opportunities once the Student Union is renovated.

Trustee Leonardi asked about the status of the current Co-op building. Vice Chancellor Dreyfuss responded that the structure will be torn down. Vice President Aronson commented that this site is designated as primary core space.

5. On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Donich, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve a project budget of \$21,000,000 for the New Hilltop Dormitory. (Attachment 5)
6. On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Downey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve a project budget of \$42,000,000 for the Hilltop Student Rental Apartments. (Attachment 6)

Trustee Leonardi raised concerns about the status of the administration's previous plan to propose additional dormitory space in two phases of 500 beds each in Fall 2000 and 2001. Vice Chancellor Triponey responded that the administration proposed a plan for alternative housing for this fall when it was determined that the financial difficulties in early spring compromised the construction schedule. The final project (1000 beds) is expected to be complete by Fall 2001.

7. On a motion by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the Sixth Supplemental Indenture authorizing University of Connecticut General Obligation Bonds, 2000 Series B. It provides for the sixth bond issuance under the Master Indenture and authorizes issuance in an amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 plus cost of issuance. (Attachment 7)

Vice President Aronson informed the Board that the Capital Budget projections through 2005 were not part of the Indenture, but were included as supplemental information.

Chairman Gelfenbien asked if the administration had been contacted by rating agencies. Vice President Aronson responded that the administration has met with three agencies over the last

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two weeks but has not received any information regarding the final rating. She noted that the State Treasurer must make a determination about the State's capital reserve fund before issues involving the insurance of the bonds can be resolved.

Chairman Gelfenbien asked Vice Chancellor Dreyfuss to discuss the handouts that were distributed at the meeting. Vice Chancellor Dreyfuss noted that the Board received two - UCONN 2000 Cash Flow Projections for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001 and Student Fee Revenue Bonds Projected Coverage Levels for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30. Copies of the handouts are attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

Vice Chancellor Dreyfuss directed trustees to the UCONN 2000 Cash Flow Projections, which contrasted the capital expenditures with the capital budget. He noted that the capital budget for the upcoming year is estimated to be \$100 million in UCONN 2000 State Debt Service Bonds. The capital expenditures incorporated upcoming projects along with on-going projects that began prior to the start of this fiscal year. The administration estimated that \$138 million will be spent on projects in Fiscal Year 2001, excluding revenue bond projects, which are estimated at \$73 million.

Chairman Gelfenbien expressed his appreciation to Vice President Aronson and the leadership at the Health Center for their hard work over the past several months. He also commended Associate Vice President Callahan and Scott Brohinsky for their dedication and commitment during the legislative session.

B. The Report of the President included the following items:

1. President Austin commended Vice Chancellor Triponey, Police Chief Hudd, and student leaders for their dedication and commitment to ensuring student safety during Spring Weekend.
2. President Austin provided a brief report on the sweatshop labor issue. He reiterated the University's commitment to fair labor practices in the licensing, purchasing, and sale of sports apparel and other goods that carry the University's logo. Last September, President Austin formed a special Task Force on College Licensing Issues. He noted that many comparable institutions have joined the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC) and have either retained or dropped their participation in the Fair Labor Association (FLA). Based on the Task Force's recommendation, President Austin agreed to join the Worker Rights Consortium and to give a donation to the Fair Labor Association as a symbolic gesture of support.
3. President Austin provided the Board with an update on the legislative session and joined Chairman Gelfenbien in congratulating Associate Vice President Thomas Callahan. President Austin stated that the status of the Health Center remained his top priority. The one-time appropriation of \$20 million will provide \$16.9 million for the elimination of this year's operating deficit and approximately \$3.1 million for investment in strategic research initiatives, which are critical to the Health Center's mission as a teaching and research institution. Current fiscal projections indicate that the budget will be balanced by next fiscal year.

President Austin reported that the Legislature carefully considered and approved many of the provisions identified in the University's oversight proposal. He noted that general oversight will be provided through the General Assembly rather than through the Office of Health Care Access or the Office of Policy Management and the Board of Trustees will retain its statutory governing authority. More importantly, funds will be channeled directly to the University. The University will also have the authority to utilize its preexisting plans for conducting

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performance audits and not be required to hire outside consultants. President Austin noted that during the next 18 months, the newly created oversight board, which will be comprised of 12 leading legislators, co-chairs of and ranking minority members of the Public Health and Appropriations and Education Committees, will be charged with conducting a comprehensive review of the Medical and Dental Medical Schools, the John Dempsey Hospital, and other hospitals throughout the State.

4. President Austin reported that the General Assembly made minor adjustments to the University's operating budget. An additional \$1 million has been added to expand programs at the Avery Point, Stamford, and Waterbury campuses. The Health Center has received an additional \$250 million to create pilot programs that will improve access to pediatric dental care in several regions of the State. The Bond Act stipulated \$20 million for the construction of a new downtown Waterbury Campus. The University will have the authority to manage the project consistent with UCONN 2000 guidelines. There were no changes to the UCONN 2000 bond authorization.
5. In partnership with Governor Rowland and his project team, the University heavily promoted the economic, civic and entertainment benefits of the Adriacn's Landing Project.
6. President Austin commented briefly on the final approval of the football stadium. The \$90 million facility will be owned by OPM and managed by Madison Square Garden. He congratulated Mr. Lew Perkins and Mr. Jeffrey Hathaway for their exhaustive efforts.
7. President Austin reported that the University averted efforts to eliminate its ability to retain indirect costs for administering federal grants, which would have been counterproductive to the University's research mission. He added that there are new policy initiatives for workforce development, teacher training, e-commerce, biomedical research, and engineering scholarships that will provide the University with many more opportunities to compete for funding in areas where it has the strongest record of support.
8. President Austin updated the Board on the University's environmental review proposal. The University proposed legislation that would expedite environmental impact studies on new projects. This proposal was withdrawn after concerns were raised about the "The Filthy Five" or the five plants accused of polluting the environment. The University will propose another plan to the Legislature next year.
9. President Austin commended the many groups of concerned alumni and friends of the University for their grass roots campaign in support of the Health Center and the football stadium. President Austin planned to remobilize this network next year when the University seeks continued support for the Health Center and for the Storrs-based programs.

Several trustees expressed their appreciation to President Austin and the administration for effectively managing and bringing to closure many difficult issues over the past year.

Chairman Gelfenbien asked Vice President Allenby to introduce a brief video that was featured on CNN. Vice President Allenby reported that in February the Board of Directors of the UConn Foundation, Inc. allocated for investment purposes \$1 million to students in the School of Business Administration. The funds were split evenly between a group of undergraduate students and a group of graduate students in the MBA Program. Students received valuable hands-on investment experience by working with a committee of alumni investment professionals and School of Business faculty. Vice President Allenby commented that Mr. David Marks, President of the UConn Foundation, Inc. introduced these students to many of the donors at the Founders Day celebration on April 12. Vice President Allenby

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thanked Mr. David Bauman, Publicity Marketing Director in University Communications, for assisting with national coverage of this event.

Chairman Gelfenbien noted that the next Budget Workshop/Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Thursday, June 29. He also noted that the Health Affairs budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6 and encouraged all Board members to attend. Vice-Chair Leonardi strongly urged members to attend the strategic planning meeting on Wednesday, May 31 to review the Health Center's long- and short-term clinical, research and education proposals.

Trustee Ferris left the meeting at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

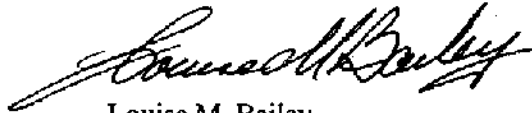
On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, **THE BOARD VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 2:05 p.m. to discuss matters that would result in the disclosure of public records described in Section 1-19 (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Chairman noted that on the advice of counsel only staff members whose presence was necessary to provide their opinion would be permitted to attend Executive Session.

Trustees present were: Abromaitis, Benedict, Berkley, Donich, Downey, Gatling, Gelfenbien, Leonardi, Martinez, Napolitano, Treibick, and James Bentivegna, who represents the Governor's Office.

Matters that would result in the disclosure of public records described in Section 1-19 (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes were discussed. President Austin was present for this discussion.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Louise M. Bailey
Secretary