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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

University of Connecticut at Storrs
Student Union Ballroom
Storrs, Connecticut

September 15, 1998

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by Chairman Roger A. Gelfenbien. Trustees present were: Louise Bailey, Alyssa Benedict, Louise Berry, Brian Collins, Michael Cicchetti, John Downey, Lenworth Jacobs, Claire Leonardi, Frank Napolitano, and Irving Saslow.

Trustees Berkley, Ferris, Heist, Sergi, and Smith were absent from the meeting. Trustees Abromaitis, Ellef, and Treibick joined later, as indicated below.

University Staff present were: President Austin, Chancellor and Provost for University Affairs Emmert, Chancellor and Provost for Health Affairs Cutler, Vice Presidents Allenby and Jones, Vice Chancellor for Business and Administration Dreyfuss, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Triponey, Assistant Attorney General Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General McCarthy, and Dr. Schurin.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Chairman Gelfenbien, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, **THE BOARD VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 10:45 a.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: Bailey, Benedict, Berry, Collins, Cicchetti, Downey, Jacobs, Leonardi, Napolitano, and Saslow.

1. 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, Chancellor and Provost for University Affairs Emmert, Chancellor and Provost for Health Affairs Cutler, Vice Presidents Allenby and Jones, Vice Chancellor for Business and Administration Dreyfuss, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Triponey, Assistant Attorney General Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General McCarthy, and Dr. Schurin were present for this discussion.

Executive Session ended at 11:30 a.m. The Board recessed for a Trustee-Administration-Faculty-Student Meeting and lunch, and returned to Open Session at 1:05 p.m. Trustees Abromaitis and Ellef joined the meeting at this time, and Trustee Treibick participated by telephone.

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

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

1. On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Treibeck, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve minutes of the meeting of July 20, 1998.

2. Chairman Gelfenbien called upon Chairwoman Berry to introduce Chancellor Emmert and Vice Provost Steele who presented reports on **Enrollment** and **The First Year Experience**. A copy of the **Handouts** are attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

   Chairman Gelfenbien thanked Chancellor Emmert, Vice Chancellor Triponey, Vice Provost Steele, and Associate Vice Provost Evanovich for their hard work and dedication put forth to make the First Year Experience program a success, and for the impressive enrollment increases this year.

3. Chairman Gelfenbien **REMOVED** the following item from the Consent Agenda:

   (c) 1999-00 and 2000-01 Rental Rates for Residential Properties (Attachment 4)
   (Background information is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.)

4. On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the following items listed on the Consent Agenda as follows:

   (a) On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the the Contracts and Agreements for Storrs and the Health Center. (Attachment 2)

   (b) On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to authorize the Release of Conditions 1 and 2 from a Deed Dated and Recorded on October 3, 1952, for Property of Meryl Kogan – 7 Eastwood Road, Mansfield, Connecticut. (Attachment 3)

   (d) On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the 1997-98 report on the English Chair in Writing. The report, if approved, will be submitted to the Board of Governors, Department of Higher Education, as required by Connecticut General Statute (C.G.S.) 10a-2a(f). (Attachment 5)

   (e) On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the amendment to Article XI – The Schools and Colleges, B (Functions), 5, of the University of Connecticut Laws and By-Laws, Twelfth Edition Revised, 1995, as amended March 15, 1996. (Attachment 6)

   (f) On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the notification to amend Article XV – The University Staff, J. Policies and Procedures Relating to Rank, Salary, and Advancement, 5, of the University of Connecticut Law and By-Laws, Twelfth Edition Revised, 1995. (Attachment 7)

(g) On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree in the School of Engineering. (Attachment 8)

(h) On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the notification to amend Article IV – Officers of the Board of Trustees, University of Connecticut Laws and By-Laws, Twelfth Edition Revised, 1995. (Attachment 9)

(i) On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to authorize naming the large auditorium, Room A-1.1 at the new Stamford Campus, the General Re Auditorium. (Attachment 10)

(j) On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the Reports for the following Endowed Chairs: 1) Infectious Diseases/AIDS Research, 2) Transfusion Medicine, and 3) Human Genetics. These reports, if approved, will be submitted to the Board of Governors, Department of Higher Education, as required by Connecticut General Statute (C.G.S.) 10a-2a(f). (Attachment 11)

Trustee Abromaitis congratulated the University for pursuing a Bachelor in Computer Science degree in the School of Engineering noted under item (f) of the Consent Agenda. Trustee Abromaitis raised concerns about the modest enrollment expectations of the School, which he anticipates will be greater. Trustee Abromaitis also made a special reference to Scott Brohinsky, Director of Communications and Tom Callahan, Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement for their efforts in effectively publicizing this new degree program. Chairman Gelfenbien concurred and noted that there are several programs in engineering and business that are being designed to address increasing demands for new computer, engineering, and business curricula.

(k) On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the Medical Staff Appointments for July and August, 1998 (previously approved by the Health Affairs Committee). (Attachment 12)

5. Chairman Gelfenbien noted that the final **1998-1999 Board Meeting Schedule** was revised. Specifically, the dates of the Budget Workshop have been changed from May 5 and May 6, 1999 to June 13 and June 14, 1999 to reflect the June adjournment of the General Assembly. On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Treibick, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the 1998-1999 Board Meeting Schedule. Background information listed as agenda **Attachment 13** is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

6. Chairman Gelfenbien noted that the final **Board Committee Assignment List** was amended to remove Trustee Ferris and Trustee Saslow from the Financial Affairs and Institutional Advancement Committees, respectively. On a motion by Mr. Treibick, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the Board Committee Assignment List. Background information listed as **Attachment 14** is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

7. Chairman Gelfenbien noted that a **Trustee-Administration-Faculty-Student (TAFS) Meeting** was held earlier today. He further noted that the TAFS Committee will remain flexible in considering a week of Metanoia sometime during the 1999 Spring semester. Chairman Gelfenbien stated that there has been no decision to cancel University Weekend.

8. On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Mrs. Berry, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the formal lists of the **awards of tenure and sabbatic leaves**. Background information listed as **Attachment 15** is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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

1. President Austin congratulated Chancellor Emmert, Vice Provost Susan Steele and many others for the successful events marking the opening of the new academic year.

2. President Austin noted that the **School of Social Work** will celebrate its **50th anniversary** on **September 25, 1998** at the Hartford Campus. Former Congressman from California Ronald V. Dellums, will be the featured speaker. Mr. Dellums is currently the President of Health Care International Management Company. President Austin encouraged all Board members to attend this event as well as other events noted below.

3. The University of Connecticut Health Center will celebrate the opening of a new research building with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in late October.

4. The Homer Babbidge Library will hold its Rededication Celebration on October 18, 1998. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin will be the keynote speaker.

5. Former Senator George Mitchell will deliver the third Raymond and Beverly Sackler distinguished lecture on October 21, 1998 on the Storrs Campus.

6. South Campus is expected to hold formal opening ceremonies on December 5, 1998.

7. President Austin discussed the importance of service by the University to the community. Specifically, the President emphasized the University's commitment to the rejuvenation of the State's capital city, which has experienced many challenges in recent years. He noted that the University has contributed the expertise of our faculty and the enthusiasm of our students in areas ranging from literacy programs to health and childcare programs. Ms. Lorraine Aronson, newly appointed Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement, at the request of Governor Rowland, has been serving on the State-appointed Hartford School Board for the past year.

   President Austin further noted that the University is in the process of producing a series of public-relations documents that illustrate our continued commitment to the State. Most recently, President Austin served as the Chair of the Hartford Heart Walk. This year's event served to increase the awareness of heart disease, particularly among women, and to raise funds for continued research. President Austin personally thanked Chancellor Cutler, his staff, and students for participating in the Walk as well as Vice Chancellor Vicky Triponey, who provided student and staff volunteers to assist with food service to all the participants. Numerous other Storrs faculty, staff, and students attended in support of this important event as well.

8. President Austin reported that the University has three commitments for major grants. One of the grants is generously underwritten by UConn alumni Philip and Christine Lodewick for a new visitors center. The two other commitments are currently under negotiations and will be announced after the final proposals are completed. The President also noted that he and Vice President Allenby have been active in attracting corporate sponsorships, which will be targeted for strengthening many of the University's research programs.

9. President Austin noted the death of Richard Crain, Professor of Biochemistry and one of the leading researchers in plant physiology. His passing leaves a significant void in the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology.

10. President Austin also noted the death of Larry Panciera, who served as the head baseball coach for 18 years, and contributed vitally to the University's inter-collegiate athletic program. Trustee Napolitano fondly recounted Mr. Panciera's career and lifetime achievements during his tenure at UConn.

C. Chairwoman Leonardi's **Report for the Financial Affairs Committee** included the following items:

1. Chairwoman Leonardi noted that the Financial Affairs Committee voted to remove the 1999-00 and 2000-01 Rental Rates for Residential Properties from the Consent Agenda.

2. Chairwoman Leonardi noted that the **UCONN 2000 Phase I Review** was distributed to the Trustees at their places. On a motion by Mr. Downey, seconded by Ms. Benedict, **THE BOARD VOTED** to add the UCONN 2000 Phase I Review to the agenda. Ms. Leonardi noted that this recommendation is comprised of a two-part review consisting of a standard construction audit, which will be conducted on an annual basis, and a request to hire an outside consultant of national reputation to assess the accomplishments of the UCONN 2000 construction projects and the construction management operations. Ms. Leonardi stated that a one-time, independent program review will supplement the University's overall report on Phase I, which will be submitted to the Legislature in January 1999. Ms. Leonardi asked that the Board only consider the request to contract for an outside consultant to conduct an independent evaluation. Mr. Downey stated that his understanding of the issue was that there would be an overall review as well as annual reviews to ensure that the University has complied with the UCONN 2000 objectives. Trustee Leonardi assured the Board that annual audits would be conducted to monitor compliance. Chairman Gelfenbien suggested that the Board remain flexible and consider both issues [annual construction audits and an independent construction management review] under this recommendation and finalize the proposal at a later date. On a motion by Mr. Downey, seconded by Mr. Treibick **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the UCONN 2000 Phase I Review. A copy of the **Handout** is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

D. Trustee Jacobs presented Chairwoman Smith's **Report for the Health Affairs Committee** which included the following items:

1. The Committee met on September 14, 1998. Dr. Jacobs reported that the students in the School of Dental Medicine placed second in the first part of the national board exam. In addition, he noted that the dental students have an added requirement to take courses outlined in the newly implemented medical school curriculum.

2. Dr. Jacobs directed Trustee attention to a handout provided by Chancellor Cutler - the September 1998 issue of **Vista**, the Newsletter for the Employees of the Health Center, and noted the following achievements by Health Center faculty:

   (a) Dr. Jacobs highlighted the work of Linda Otis, D.D.S., Department of Oral Diagnosis, who is part of a team whose invention made an international top 100 listing.

   (b) The Medical School's Smoking Cessation curriculum ranked first among the nation's medical schools.

   (c) Sandra Weller, Ph.D., Microbiology, and Peter Setlow, Ph.D., Biochemistry, were awarded prestigious MERIT grants from the National Institutes of Health.

   (d) Joseph Sheehan, Ph.D., Division of Biostatistics, Department of Community Medicine, won the Arthritis Foundation's Clifford M. Clark Science Award for his study on risk factors for arthritis -related disability.

   (e) Bruce Koeppen, M.D., Ph.D., professor of medicine and physiology, and dean for academic affairs and education, has received the 1998 Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award for his outstanding record as an educator and for his work in coordinating an overhaul of the medical school's curriculum.

A copy of the **Handout** is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

3. Dr. Jacobs noted that Chancellor Cutler presented to the Committee a brief report on the progress of the strategic plan. Chancellor Cutler stressed that the complete strategic plan would be presented to the Health Affairs Committee on November 6, 1998 and to the full Board on November 10, 1998.

4. Mr. Wilder reviewed the financial statements for the John Dempsey Hospital through the end of July and noted that they were on target for a break-even budget ending September 30, 1998.

5. Dr. Jacobs celebrated the Medical School's outstanding recruitment efforts, which attracted an unprecedented number of underrepresented students for the Class of 2002. He attributed this success to term innovative program implementation.

6. Dr. Jacobs directed Trustee attention to a newspaper article in today's edition of the The Hartford Courant. The article focuses on the commitment of UConn medical students in providing community service in the classroom. Dr. Jacobs stated that a group of 57 medical students will visit next week the first- and second-grade classrooms at the O'Connell Elementary School in Bristol where they will teach the children about health and safety, and how visits to the doctor can be fun. A copy of the **Handout** is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

E. Chairwoman Bailey's **Report for the Student Life Committee** included the following items:

1. The Committee met on September 9, 1998. Chairwoman Bailey reported that the Committee discussed a Metanoia proposal presented by Student Trustee Alyssa Benedict. In addition, Vice Chancellor Triponey updated the Committee on a variety of subjects, which included the South Campus Opening, the Greek Housing Project, the Center for Undergraduate Education, the upcoming release of the Student Discipline Summary from University Weekend, and a formal meeting schedule for the upcoming academic year.

2. Chairwoman Bailey reported that the Chancellor's Special Task Force on Community and Civility has been meeting regularly and the Task Force expects to have preliminary recommendations by the Committee's December meeting.

F. Trustee Cicchetti presented Chairman Treibick's **Report for the Institutional Advancement Committee** which included the following items:

1. The Committee met via teleconference on September 14, 1998. The Committee discussed the naming of the large auditorium for General Re at the Stamford Campus.

2. The Committee heard a campaign update from Vice President Allenby, who indicated that the campaign committee is in the process of finalizing the campaign goals, which are estimated at $200 million.

3. Trustee Cicchetti reported that the Committee discussed the search process for the Executive Director of the Alumni Association. C. William Colburn will be retiring effective September 30, 1998 and will be succeeded by Dr. Peter McFadden during the interim. Trustee Cicchetti further noted that the Committee has contracted with the search firm of Isaacson Miller. David Marks, a member of the Foundation board, is serving as the Search Committee Chair. The Committee expects closure by mid to late November.

4. The Committee discussed the progress of the new foundation building. The Foundation has contracted with SLAM, the design firm used for the South Campus, and BB & E . Construction is scheduled to begin this October and end in November 1999. The building will be 31,500 square feet, three stories high, with a brick façade at a cost of approximately $5.8 million. Bonds will be issued through CHEFA to finance the construction.

5. The Committee discussed the new Visitor's Center, which has been made possible by a generous donation from Philip and Christine Lodewick. The new Center will be approximately 5,000 square feet located on a small parcel of land on North Eagleville Road directly across from the garage, near the Alumni Association and Admissions building. The anticipated opening is Fall, 1999.

Trustee Saslow thanked the administration for providing the Trustees with a weekly calendar of University events.

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Trustee Collins praised the success of this year's Convocation and commended those responsible for coordinating the student events and activities that followed.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 10, 1998 at 1:00 p.m. at the University of Connecticut at Waterbury, Waterbury, Connecticut**.

No further business appearing, the Board meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Bailey
Secretary