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# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Held at the University of Connecticut at Storrs September 8, 1995
Bishop Center, Room 7, Storrs, Connecticut

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by Chairman Lewis B. Rome. Trustees present were: Mmes. Berry, Carrozzella, Ferris, and Leonardi; Messrs. Abromaitis, Cicchetti, Downey, Heist, Horton, Jacobs, Napolitano, Saslow, and Stewart. Trustees Berkley, Smith and Treibick participated by telephone.

Trustee Sergi was absent from the meeting.

University staff present were: President Hartley, Vice Presidents Wiggins and Jones, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Mark Emmert, and Provost and Vice President for Health Affairs Leslie Cutler, Attorneys Shapiro and Scarpellino, and Mr. McFadden.

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

Chairman Rome welcomed new Trustees Frank Napolitano, Michael Cicchetti, John Downey and Kingsley Stewart to the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees.

No members of the public addressed the Board.

On a motion by Mrs. Carrozzella, seconded by Mr. Saslow, **THE BOARD VOTED** To go into Executive Session at 2:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters of personnel. The Chairman noted that on the advice of counsel only the staff members whose presence was necessary to provide their opinion would be permitted to attend Executive Session.

All members of the Board noted above were present at this time.

1. Personnel matters were discussed. President Hartley was present for a portion of this discussion.

There being no further business proper to Executive Session, the Board reconvened in Open Session at 2:52 p.m.

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

1. There were two corrections to the minutes. The July 14, 1995 minutes, page 7996, paragraph one, should be corrected to read that "Mr. Brendon Fox represented the Governor." Mr. Saslow also requested a correction to the minutes of July 14, 1995, page 8004, item H.2., line 5 should read "Trustee Saslow was not in attendance and did not vote."

On a motion by Mrs. Carrozzella, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the minutes as corrected of the meetings of April 21 and July 14, 1995.

2. On a motion by Mr. Heist, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the following items **(Attachments B through E)** listed on the Consent Agenda **(Attachment A)** as follows:

   Attachment **B** - Contracts and Agreements
   Attachment **C** - Awards and Donations
   Attachment **D** - Gifts & Donations from the University of Connecticut Foundation, Inc. and the University of Connecticut Law School Foundation, Inc.
   Attachment **E** - Annual Report of the Endowed Chair Program Entitled "English Chair in Writing"

Background information on these agenda items is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

3. On a motion by Mr. Heist, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the formal lists of the awards of tenure, promotions, sabbatic leaves, changes in salary and moving expenses as recommended by the President and as listed on the personnel list. Background information listed as agenda **Attachment F** is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

4. Chairman Rome reminded Trustees that the dedication ceremonies for the Castleman Building by the School of Engineering would be held on Friday, September 15, 1995. Luncheon is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. and the ceremony for 2:30 p.m.

5. Chairman Rome noted that at the last Trustee-Administration-Faculty Staff Meeting in April, the subject of **Metanoia** had been discussed. At that time it was the consensus of opinion that a Metanoia should be observed in conjunction with the dedication of the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center dedication. The approval of a proposal for Metanoia was assigned to Dr. Peter Halvorson. The Dodd Steering Committee proposed that Metanoia be held on October 16, 17, and 18. During that time, faculty would be invited to discuss historical and contemporary issues of human rights within their classes and, where academically appropriate, to assign class attendance at Dodd lectures and panels. Classes would not be canceled.

   Professor Halvorson has evaluated the proposal for Metanoia, and all is in order. Effective September 7, he authorized the observance of Metanoia as proposed.

Chairman Rome announced that therefore, although the Laws and By-Laws indicate that a TAFS Committee meeting is customarily held in October, in view of the Dodd events, Professor Halvorson has recommended that the TAFS meeting be postponed to November when the Board will be meeting on the Storrs campus. The board meeting scheduled for October 13 will be a telephone meeting.

Chairman Rome noted that each Trustee had received a copy of the Revised ***Laws and By-Laws, 12th Edition Revised***.

6. The Board was reminded that the **Conflict of Interest Forms** must be returned to the Board of Trustee Office each year. Mr. McFadden reported no conflicts of interests among Board members.

7. Chairman Rome noted that a name change was in order for the building commonly referred to as the Senator Thomas J. Dodd Archives and Research Center in order to bring all records into agreement on the name of the proposed research center.

Therefore, on a motion by Mr. Saslow, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the **Building Name Change** of the Senator Thomas J. Dodd Archives and Research Center to the **Thomas J. Dodd Research Center.** Background information listed as agenda **Attachment H** is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

B. The **Report of the President (Attachment G)** included the following items:

1. President Hartley spoke briefly about several items listed on the President's Report. Among them were activities associated with the opening of the academic year. Provost Mark Emmert, and Women's Basketball Coach Geno Auriemma were the featured speakers for Convocation. Husky Welcome Week included a mile-long sub which fed a few thousand people. He also mentioned Cornucopia, an event being held by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the Student Leaders Dinner. All activities help us to kick off the new academic year for the UConn community.

2. The President noted that the Freshman Class enrollment was encouraging. Paid deposits have been received from a total of 2,771 freshmen. Also encouraging was the Mean SAT score of 1028 which is in the 76th percentile. Overall nearly 80% of these students are from Connecticut. These figures are important because it means that UConn continues to attract the brightest and best students. We are pleased also that the overall minority enrollment is 18.3%. UConn also has 1200 international students from 94 nations, an

indication that we have become a very cosmopolitan university. The Division of Continuing & Extended Education conducted 160 programs which served over 4,000 registrants, including the 18th Confratute for 685 participants from 44 states and 11 countries.

3. President Hartley noted new appointments to both the academic and administrative departments of the University. He noted that a new faculty orientation program had been conducted on August 31 for the 56 faculty hired recently.

4. South Campus demolition was begun on August 21, and the completion date is expected to be October 2. The area contained seven buildings with 22 residence halls. The area will be hydroseeded , with new construction expected to begin in June 1996.

5. Our present undergraduate residence hall capacity is 6,770. There are now 679 single undergrad rooms. Our original design capacity was 8,633, and that figure will increase as the South Campus dorms are rebuilt.

6. The Fourth Annual Police Canine Olympics was held on August 27. Twenty-four teams competed, and the Olympics were won by the Connecticut State Police.

7. At 7 p.m. on September 9, UConn will kick off the football season under the lights when they meet the University of New Hampshire in the first game of the season.

8. President Hartley reviewed his comprehensive five-year report to the Board which had been distributed to Trustees. The report includes the President's reflections about the past five years, the institutional accomplishments over that period, and plans for the next decade. He noted that Part II which focuses on the institutional accomplishments is the most important part of the report, and that it represents the accomplishments of a team effort. This is the first report since President Jorgensen's era which includes a five-year summary.

   President Hartley noted that through the support and cooperation of the Trustees in particular but also of many others, an incredible amount has been accomplished in spite of personnel and budget cuts. The President concluded by thanking the Trustees for their continued support and encouragement over the last five years.

C. Mr. Berkley's report for the **Strategic Planning Committee** included the following:

1. Trustee Berkley reported that the committee had met and laid out three goals for the year; two of which are expected to take six months, and one which will take a full year with a secondary issue that will be added in the second half of the

year. The regional campuses will take the whole year. In addition, during that time the athletic program and how it will relate to the university overall, including IA football as well as gender equity and all the other issues surrounding athletics will also be considered.. The final issue is facilities. We have retained consultant, Dr. Harvey Kaiser, who formerly headed facilities at Syracuse, who will provide us with a broad overview of the facilities we should keep, those we cannot keep, and those within the gray area which will help us to develop a vision of what we want the campus to be. Hopefully by January 1996 we will be able to proceed with broad based vision of the campus and will know how the UConn 2000 plan and the strategic plan will fit together. Once the Strategic Planning Committee gives its approval, the plan will proceed to the Capital Budget and Facilities Committee, and a detailed plan will be defined. The Strategic Planning Committee will include three administrators, three faculty, and student representation. Each of those subgroups will solicit broader based groups to work on these projects.

Chairman Rome requested that Trustee Berkley coordinate with the Athletic Policy Committee regarding 1A football. Mr. Berkley noted that his committee would be trying to define where the athletic program relates and fits in with the University. Some of the athletic issues to be considered are financial and relate to our ability to be competitive. Trustee Berkley noted that if specific recommendations were in order on 1A football, those recommendations would be discussed with all the various people involved.

Trustee Saslow noted that the Athletic Policy Committee would be meeting during the next month, and invited Trustee Berkley to attend. Chairman Rome then introduced Dr. Harvey Kaiser.

D. Mrs. Carrozzella noted that there was no report from the **Student Life Committee** since it had not met over the summer.

Trustee Jacobs referred to the article in the Daily Campus about a student football player and the criminal activity the player was alleged to have been involved in recently, and what measures would be taken to insure that students with questionable backgrounds are more fully explored.

E. Mrs. Berry's report for the **Academic and Financial Affairs Committee** included the following:

1. Chairwoman Berry reported on the consolidation of the Academic and Research Affairs Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee into the newly formed Academic and Financial Affairs Committee. Trustee Berry commented that the new emphasis on academic programming and research evolved from the strategic

plan, and the Chair has developed this new committee structure to meet the requirements of this plan and specifically to send a very strong message to all that academics and research are the main goals of this university. Our planning should center on these areas with operating and capital expenses addressed as we determine what our academic and research priorities are, both in terms of our mission statement as well as the priorities that have been set forth in the strategic plan. The committee will schedule a meeting with administrators involved with these areas to determine the structure and operation of the committee.

2. Mrs. Berry commented on the **Recommended Fee Changes for 1996-97** noting that per Article III, 3. of the Laws and By-Laws: "Actions to adjust fees shall lie on the table until the second subsequent meeting (November) in order to give interested parties an opportunity to comment upon the pending actions." A hearing for students will be held on October 5 in the Student Union.

   On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Mrs. Carrozzella, **THE BOARD VOTED** in accordance with the Laws and By-Laws to accept the Recommended Fee changes for 1996-97 to lie on the table until the second subsequent meeting. Background information listed as agenda **Attachment I** is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

3. On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the proposed policy for **Reimbursement of Employee Moving Expenses listed as agenda Attachment J** and to approve the proposal for an **M.A. in the Field of Judaic Studies listed as agenda Attachment K.** Background information on both these agenda items is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

4. On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the **Policies for Selection and Acquisition of Professional Services and Contractors in connection with UConn 2000 Projects and other University Capital Projects.** Background information listed as agenda **Attachment L** is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

   Mrs. Berry noted that a question had been raised in committee about the role of the Board in this activity and how the Board would be kept informed. Chairman Rome reported that someone would be hired to make recommendations about the process. He also commented that it was important to note that the Board may have to revisit these rules since the membership of the Capital Budget and Committee had not been determined, and he wished to reserve the right of that committee to review this document and to make necessary changes.

Trustee Smith inquired whether it would be appropriate to approve the policies, with the understanding that they would be open for amendment once the Capital Budget and Facilities Committee is in place. Mr. Rome indicated that the record will show that that is the intent of the motion.

F. Chairwoman Smith indicated that there was no report for the **Health Affairs Committee** since it had not met during the past month.

G. A resolution was presented by Trustee Berry recognizing **Trustee Daniel Leone's** contributions to the Board. On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Mr. Rome, **THE BOARD VOTED** approval of the resolution. The **resolution** is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes, and a copy will be sent to Mr. Leone.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is a **telephone meeting** scheduled for **Friday, October 13, 1995 at 10:30 a.m. at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut**.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise B. Carrozzella
Secretary

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