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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Held at Champion International Corporation
One Champion Plaza, Stamford, Connecticut

May 10, 1991
10:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 a.m. by Chairman Andrew J. Canzonetti. Trustees Present were: Messrs. Altschuler, G. Brown, O. Brown, Dowling, Haskew, Herndon, Kleban, Lawrence, Leone, Rich, Saslow, Stroh, and Mesdames Kronholm and Nadolny. Mr. Stan Twardy represented Governor Weicker.

Trustees absent were: Messrs. Rossi, Opinsky, and Tirozzi.

University staff present were: President Hartley, Vice-President and Provosts Tighe and Mulvihill, Vice Presidents Giffen, Wiggins, Brown, Jones, Attorney Shapiro and Mr. McFadden.

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

There were no members of the public who expressed an interest in addressing the Board.

Dr. Canzonetti opened the meeting with the introduction of our corporate host, Mr. Whitey Heist, President and Chief Operating Officer, Champion International Corporation. Mr. Heist welcomed the Trustees and reaffirmed Champion's continued support for the University-community partnership working to bring the UConn campus to downtown Stamford.

Dr. Canzonetti noted that the main purpose of the meeting was to consider, as a committee of the whole, an agenda of the Budget and Finance Committee, and that there were a few items of business that required Board attention before turning to the Budget and Finance agenda.

Chairman Canzonetti also noted that after the presentation of the Budget and Finance Committee report, the Board would be considering other action items presented by the standing committees.

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

1. On a motion by Mr. George Brown, seconded by Mr. Leone, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following items listed on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval and/or ratification of the lists of University and Health Center Hospital contracts and agreements as amended and authorization for the President, Vice-Presidents, Associate Vice Presidents, Associate Executive Director and Director of Fiscal Services (Health Center only), Director of Business Services, and the University Controller to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the University. A copy of the approved lists of contracts and agreements is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7691-a
 - b. Acceptance and approval of the lists of awards and donations. A copy of the lists is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7691-b
 - c. Approval of the latest list of recommended Medical/Dental Staff appointments. A copy of the list is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7691-c
 - d. Canvassing Board for Alumni Trustee Election Background information is attached to file copy of the Board minutes. 7691-d
2. On a motion by Mr. O. Brown, seconded by Mr. Leone, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the formal lists of the promotions, sabbatic leaves, changes in salary and moving expenses as recommended by the President and as listed on the personnel list. A copy of the approved list is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7691-e

At Mr. Saslow's request, and on a motion by Mr. Rich, seconded by Dr. Lawrence, THE BOARD VOTED to remove from the personnel list the moving expense for Dr. Mitchell Kresch for further discussion. It will be presented as part of a future personnel list.

3. Dr. Canzonetti reviewed the plans for the 1991 Commencement noting that the Graduate Ceremony would be held on Saturday, May 18, 1991, in the Jorgensen Auditorium beginning at 3:30 p.m. At that time honorary degrees will be conferred. He reported that we were very fortunate to have such outstanding candidates this year, and that an honorary degree would be conferred upon the President of the Republic of Hungary, Árpád Goncz.

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

1. President Hartley reported that His Excellency Árpád Goncz, President of the Republic of Hungary, would deliver the Graduate Commencement address. Four honorary degrees would be conferred during the ceremony; a Doctor of Laws to President Goncz, Dr. Harold Seidman, and James Comer, and a Doctor of Letters to Fred Rogers. Mr. Rogers will deliver the Commencement address to undergraduates at both ceremonies on Sunday.

The speaker for the Health Center exercises to be held on Thursday, May 23 will be Dr. Robert Volle, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Board of Medical Examiners.

The Law School ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 19 at 6 p.m., and The Honorable Jon O. Newman, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, will present the address.

2. On a motion by Mr. Otha Brown, seconded by Mr. Rich, THE BOARD VOTED to add to the agenda for action, Conferral of Degrees.

On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Dr. Dowling, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the conferral of degrees upon all candidates, subject to their successful completion of their degree requirements. Since Student Trustee Derek Haskew was a candidate for Commencement, he abstained. This item is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 4671 F

3. President Hartley reported that he had attended a meeting of the Council of Presidents of the New England Colleges, and noted that UConn problems were minor compared to the problems of other New England colleges. There have been considerable financial problems at those institutions as well as personnel turnover in the presidencies, and President Hartley will have become the most senior member of this group after having served only one year as UConn's President.
4. Dr. Hartley proudly reported that UConn was successfully continuing in its efforts to manage the University with fewer resources and has not been forced to declare financial exigency as have other institutions. He noted that although the legislature has not yet approved the budget, it is

moving forward and its reception looks encouraging. A full budget report will be presented at the July meeting.

5. The President expressed his appreciation to the Trustees for a truly memorable inauguration, and for their continued support. 7671-U
6. President Hartley explained the need for a change in the bylaws to conform to the Board's Laws and Bylaws for the organizational structure of the University.

On a motion by Mr. Otha Brown, seconded by Mr. Rich, THE BOARD VOTED to adopt the proposed amendments to the Laws and Bylaws.

The proposed amendments are not a substitute for the work of the Ad Hoc Bylaw Revision Committee. Rather, the intent is to conform the Board's Laws and Bylaws to the organizational structure of the University, which will include the re-established position of Vice President for Finance and Administration. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (G) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7671 G

7. On a motion by Mr. Haskew, seconded by Mr. Saslow, THE BOARD VOTED that, contingent upon the unions' ratification of the memorandum, the Board approve the April 18 Memorandum of Understanding between the State Employees' Bargaining Coalition (SEBAC) and Governor Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. as it applies to the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and the University of Connecticut Professional Employees' Association (UCPEA). Background information listed as agenda Attachment (H) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7671 H

The agenda item listed as Attachment (I) - Salary and Benefits for Management and Law School Faculty for 1991-92 - was removed from the agenda.

8. Dr. Hartley thanked Champion International Corporation, our hosts for this Board meeting, and particularly Mr. Heist, for the outstanding support that has been given to the expansion and relocation of our UConn campus to downtown Stamford.
9. President Hartley introduced Karen Arms, Director of the Stamford Campus, who presented a progress report of the work of the Area Advisory Committee, and introduced key members of the project. A copy of Ms. Arms' remarks is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7671 T

10. Dr. Hartley introduced Vice President Mulvihill who announced that The University of Connecticut Health Center's Stowe Library had been chosen to be the Regional Medical Library for New England. It will be one of eight U.S. schools whose medical libraries would serve as regional centers of medical information. The five year \$3.5 million contract was awarded by the national Library of Medicine.

Chairman Canzonetti and President Hartley expressed their congratulations and appreciation to the entire library staff for their impressive contributions that led to such an important recognition on a national level. President Hartley noted that a letter of appreciation would be sent to the Director of the Lyman Maynard Stowe Library expressing their appreciation.

11. President Hartley proudly noted that the School of Nursing and the Graduate School would be celebrating their 50th anniversaries this year, and that the new Biotechnology Building had been dedicated on April 25.

C. Chairman Rich reported on the activities of the Budget and Finance Committee during the past year and highlighted major achievements noting that the new Governor's plan for the future was one of austerity for higher education. Mr. Rich introduced Vice President for Finance, Wilbur Jones.

1. Vice President Jones presented an update of the Financial Systems Automation Projects, as well as an overview of the FY92 and FY93 budget issues. His report included the capital budget and facilities plan, the challenges and issues facing the University. Mr. Jones indicated that three financial accounting systems were currently being automated.

The Financial Reporting System currently being used at UConn is the most widely used system for colleges and universities in the world. Among the most outstanding characteristics of the Financial Reporting System are its single-point data capture, on-line updating and inquiry, and the General and Subsidiary Ledger reconciliation. Benefits derived from this system include a major reduction in manual labor, the ability to access current financial information and to produce automated financial statements, as well as improved budget, revenue and expenditure accounting.

A Students Accounts Receivable System (SARS) has also been implemented University-wide which provides a single-point data entry and an on-line input and inquiry. This system provides current billing information, reduces manual tasks and provides current revenue and budget information. One of the many benefits of the Students Accounts Receivable System (SARS) is that it provides a mechanism for reporting student accounts at regional campuses, provides current billing information, and current revenue and budget information for Storrs as well as regional campuses.

The Payroll/Personnel System, with its personnel module which will be implemented during the coming year, will facilitate position control without the necessity of entering data on two separate systems. It also provides a single-point data entry thereby reducing manual tasks and providing prompt expenditure accounting while interfacing with budget and accounting.

Vice President Jones also reported on the current flexibility legislation which gives administration the flexibility to determine allocation of funds for travel and purchasing within stated guidelines.

Mr. Jones reviewed the method of development for the operating budgets for FY92-93 and the operating budget request for FY92-93, and noted that the University would be forced to manage with less funding. Vice President Jones stressed the need for contingency financial planning and for situational priority setting.

2. Persis Rickes, Director of Planning, provided an update of the FY92 Capital Budget Request and Five-Year Facilities Plan, and outlined the Bonding Subcommittee recommendations. Ms. Rickes explained the Stamford Campus relocation project and noted that support for inclusion in the FY92 legislative package was being pursued. If this is not possible as part of the legislative package, it will be added to the FY93 Capital Budget Request.

Ms. Rickes also reviewed the FY93 Capital Budget recommendation and the FY93-98 Long Range Capital Plan. The presentation included the legislative history of capital fund authorizations for UConn for FY86-93, and the legislative capital fund authorization comparisons for UConn and the Health Center. Ms. Rickes also reviewed the dormitory renovation plans.

Supporting information on both of the presentations is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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3. Chairman Rich expressed his appreciation to Vice President Jones and Ms. Rickes for their excellent presentations, and directed the Board's attention to several items which required Board action.

On a motion by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Otha Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Capital Budget Request for FY92-93 totaling \$99,556,000 for 22 projects and the five year long-range plan. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (J) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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On a motion by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Leone, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the assumption of the role as sponsor agency for all environmental assessments for University projects and adoption of the Common Environmental Classification Document. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (K) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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On a motion by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Otha Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Proposed Retention of the Originally Approved 1991-92 General University Fee for Students who Receive Tuition Waivers. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (L) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. Kleban, THE BOARD VOTED to go into executive session at 12:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters of personnel, litigation, and collective bargaining. 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, Attorney Shapiro, Vice President and Provosts Tighe and Mulvihill, and Mr. McFadden were present for this discussion.
2. Pending litigation was discussed. President Hartley, Attorney Shapiro, Vice President and Provosts Tighe and Mulvihill, and Mr. McFadden were present for this discussion.

There being no further business proper to Executive Session, the meeting recessed for luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 1:15 p.m.

II.A. Dr. Lawrence's report for the Student Life Committee included the following items:

1. The April 15 committee meeting agenda was devoted to receiving information related to student support services. Several administrators updated the committee concerning the support programs which their departments provide, and first hand information about the difficulties of being a student athlete was discussed by a student athlete.

The May 9 meeting focused on recreation at the University. Patti Bostic, the University's Director of Recreation, presented a program update as well as future plans and goals for the program.

2. Dr. Lawrence reported that at its April 15 meeting the Student Life Committee had voted to recommend Board approval of the revised Student Conduct Code to be effective at the beginning of the 1991-92 academic year. Dr. Lawrence called upon Vice President Wiggins to present the history associated with the revision of the conduct code and to answer Trustee questions.

A motion made by Mrs. Kronholm and seconded by Mr. George Brown to approve the Student Conduct Code. Discussion of the motion followed. Several trustees spoke in favor of adoption of the code.

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After much discussion, Mr. Stroh moved to table this item to allow trustees additional time to review the revisions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saslow. The motion to table was passed. Trustees agreed to table this item for presentation at a subsequent meeting. This item was listed as agenda Attachment (M) and is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

B. Mr. Brown's report for the Institutional Policy Committee included the following items:

1. On a motion by Mr. Otha Brown, seconded by Mr. Altschuler, THE BOARD VOTED to adopt the Proposed Changes in Promotion, Tenure and Reappointment, including amendments to the Laws and By-Laws. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (N) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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C. Dr. Dowling's report for the Health Affairs Committee included the following items:

Activities of the Joint Conference Committee of the University Hospital were reviewed.

2. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Saslow, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Uncas on Thames Hospital Quality Improvement Plan. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (O) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7671 N
3. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Dr. Lawrence, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Uncas on Thames Hospital Medical Staff Rules and Regulations and By-Laws. It was noted that revisions had been made to pages 5 and 6 of this agenda item, and that Trustees had the revised pages at their places for insertion. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (P) (and revised pages) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7671 O
4. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Leone, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Leasing of Space at Uncas on Thames to the Area Agency on Aging. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (Q) are attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7671 P
5. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Herndon, THE BOARD VOTED Acceptance of the Designation of Sponsor Agency for Higher Education - Capital Project Environmental Assessments from the Board of Governors of Higher Education and Adoption of the Common Environmental Classification Document. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (R) are attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7671 Q
6. On a motion by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. George Brown, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the House Staff Stipends for 1991-92. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (S) are attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7671 R

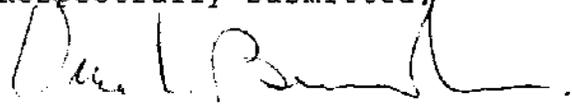
Mr. Rich announced that the Budget and Finance Committee would hold its next regular meeting on June 21 at 9 a.m. at the Waterbury campus library building.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is a Committee Meeting of the Whole of the Health Affairs Committee and is scheduled for Friday, June 14, 1991, at the Health Center, Administrative Services Building, Conference Rooms A & B, beginning at 8:30 a.m. It was also noted that urgent committee action items may also be considered.

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No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at
2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Otha N. Brown, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Otha N. Brown, Jr.
Secretary