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**MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES

University of Connecticut
Merlin D. Bishop Center
Storrs, Connecticut

June 10, 2010

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m. by Chairman Lawrence McHugh. Trustees present were: Francis Archambault, Jr., Louise Bailey, Michael Bozzuto, Gerard Burrow, Richard Colon, Jr., Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Peter Drotch, Rebecca Lobo, Michael Martinez, Joan McDonald, Denis Nayden, F. Philip Prelli, Thomas Ritter, Corey Schmitt, Wayne Shepperd, Robert Ward, and Kevin J. Kelleher, who represents the Governor's Office.

Trustee Richard Treibick participated by telephone.

Trustees Lenworth Jacobs, Jr. and Mark McQuillan were absent from the meeting.

University staff present were: Interim President-elect Austin, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Nicholls, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Feldman, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Gray, Vice President for Human Resources and Payroll Services Munroe, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Melvin, Vice President for Student Affairs Saddlemire, Senior Vice Provost and Vice President for Research Singha, Vice Provost for Academic Administration Bull, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Regional Campuses Cooper, Interim Vice Provost for Graduate Education Aggison, Associate Vice President of Architectural and Engineering Services Bradley, Associate Vice President for Diversity and Equity McGee, Associate Vice President for Communications Walter, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, Chief Financial Officer McDowell, Chief Audit and Compliance Officer Walker, Athletic Director Hathaway, Health Center Chief Financial Officer Biancamano, Acting Health Center Chief of Staff Callahan, John Dempsey Hospital Director Summerer, Health Center Interim Chief Administrative Officer Andrews, Senate Representatives Rajeev Bansal, Gary English, Donna Korbel, William Stwalley, C. Ernesto Zirakzadeh, and Ms. Locke.

Assistant Attorney General Ralph Urban was also present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Ms. McDonald, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:10 a.m. to discuss:

1. Preliminary drafts and notes that the University has determined that the public interest in withholding such documents clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure; and
2. Strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or litigation with respect to the NCAA investigation discussion.

Chairman McHugh 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: Archambault, Bailey, Bozzuto, Burrow, Colon, Dennis-LaVigne, Drotch, Lobo, Martinez, McDonald, McHugh, Nayden, Prelli, Ritter, Schmitt (part of the meeting), Shepperd, Ward, and Kevin J. Kelleher, who represents the Governor's Office.

Trustee Treibick participated by telephone.

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The following University staff were present for the meeting: Interim President-elect Austin, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Gray, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, Athletic Director Hathaway (part of the meeting), and Acting Health Center Chief of Staff Callahan (part of the meeting).

Assistant Attorney General Ralph Urban was also present.

OPEN SESSION

Executive Session ended at 12:45 p.m. The Board returned to Open Session at 1:13 p.m. Trustee Schmitt rejoined the meeting by telephone. UConn Foundation President Martin and Assistant Attorney General Sullivan joined the meeting at this time.

1. Public Participation

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

2. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters outstanding

Chairman McHugh thanked Dr. Philip E. Austin for his dedication to the University and agreeing to serve as Interim President while a national search is conducted. Dr. Austin's presence will provide stability and confidence to the University community.

Chairman McHugh noted that over the past several weeks he met with the Senate Executive Committee and also with the Executive Board of the University of Connecticut Professional Employees Association (UCPEA). Trustee Archambault joined him in the meeting with the Senate Executive Committee and Ms. Rachel Rubin joined him in the meeting with UCPEA. He said that both groups were very positive about Dr. Austin serving as Interim President.

Last Friday, Governor Rell held a bill signing ceremony for the UConn Health Network & Connecticut Bioscience Initiative. It was an historic day that was well attended by faculty and staff at the Health Center, legislators, local officials, CEOs from the various hospitals, and several Trustees, including Trustees Bailey, Burrow, McDonald, Prelli, Shepperd, and Ward.

Chairman McHugh thanked the initial work of Trustees Archambault and Ward on the listening tour. He noted the tireless commitment and countless hours that Trustee Ritter spent on the project. He also thanked President Hogan, Dr. Laurencin, Vice President Gray, Ms. Joann Lombardo, Ms. Gail Garber, along with Dr. Burrow and Mr. Sanford Cloud from the Health Center Board of Directors for their efforts.

Chairman McHugh said that the University now needs to secure the \$100 million that Senator Dodd has championed for in order to move forward. He looks forward to the continued momentum from all constituents.

Chairman McHugh also updated the Board on the search for the next President. He said that the process has begun and letters have been to the various constituencies outlined in the By-Laws for recommendations for appointees to the search committee. These recommendations must be returned by June 15. He said that they will review the recommendations and then ask the Board to finalize the Committee list. In addition, the RFP for the executive search firms has been posted and their hope is that bids are returned, qualified firms selected, and contracts negotiated and signed no later than September 1.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman McHugh congratulated Rebecca Lobo for induction into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame this upcoming weekend.

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(b) Board recognition

Chairman McHugh thanked Trustee Richard Colon, Jr. for his active participation on the Board and wished him the very best in his future endeavors. Vice-Chair Bailey read a resolution in honor of Trustee Colon.

On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Schmitt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution for Trustee Colon.

(c) Minutes of the meetings of April 20 and May 21, 2010

On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded by Ms. Bailey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings of April 20 and May 21, 2010.

(d) 2010-2011 Board meeting schedule (Attachment 1)

On a motion by Ms. McDonald, seconded by Ms. Bailey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2010-2011 Board meeting schedule.

(e) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Mr. Prelli, seconded by Ms. McDonald, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

(1) Contracts and Agreements for the Storrs-based programs (Attachment 2)

(2) Fiscal Year 2011 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences On-Line Graduate Courses in Survey Research (Institutional Fee) (Attachment 3)

(3) Revised Promotion, Tenure and Reappointment Recommendations (Attachment 4)

3. President's Report

4. Academic Affairs Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

5. Financial Affairs Committee Report

Chairman McHugh asked for a collective vote on Items #1 through #3. On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded by Mr. Shepperd, the Board voted unanimously to approve those items.

Chairman McHugh asked for a collective vote on the project budgets (Items #4-17). On a motion by Mr. Drotch, seconded by Ms. McDonald, the Board voted unanimously to approve the project budgets.

(a) Report on Committee activities

(b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

(1) Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2011 for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 5)

(2) State Appropriation Current Services Request for the Biennium Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013 for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 6)

(3) Sixteenth Supplemental Indenture Authorizing University of Connecticut General Obligation Bonds (Attachment 7)

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- (4) Project Budget (Planning) for Law School Renovations/Improvements – Knight Hall, Room 215 – Classroom Renovation (Attachment 8)
 - (5) Project Budget (Planning) for the University of Connecticut Health Center New Construction and Renovation (Attachment 9)
 - (6) Project Budget (Revised Planning) for West Hartford Campus Renovations/Improvements – Student Lounge and Office Relocation (Attachment 10)
 - (7) Project Budget (Design) for the Student Union Quadrangle Site Work and Landscape – Phase II (Attachment 11)
 - (8) Project Budget (Design) for West Hartford Campus Renovations/Improvements – Chemistry Lab (Attachment 12)
 - (9) Project Budget (Revised Design) for Mansfield Training School Improvements (Phase II) – Merritt Building (Attachment 13)
 - (10) Project Budget (Final) for Code Remediation and Renovations – Ratcliffe Hicks Arena (Attachment 14)
 - (11) Project Budget (Final) for Depot Storehouse – Roof Replacement (Attachment 15)
 - (12) Project Budget (Final) for the Security Upgrades – Hilltop Apartments (Attachment 16)
 - (13) Project Budget (Final) for West Hartford Campus Renovations/Improvements – Replace Boilers, 1800 Asylum Avenue (Attachment 17)
 - (14) Project Budget (Final) for West Hartford Campus Renovations/Improvements – Replace Trecker Library Air Handling Unit (Attachment 18)
 - (15) Project Budget (Final) for the University of Connecticut Health Center Administrative Services Building (ASB) Renovations (Attachment 19)
 - (16) Project Budget (2nd Revised Final) for the Residential Life Facilities – Holcomb, Whitney, Sprague Masonry Repairs (Attachment 20)
 - (17) Project Budget (2nd Revised Final) for West Hartford Campus Renovations/Improvements – Phase I – Limited to 1800 Asylum Avenue (Old Law Library) Roof and Façade Repairs (Attachment 21)
- (c) Informational item:
- (1) UCONN 2000 Book 30:
<http://www.uc2000.uconn.edu/reports/report30/report30.pdf>

6. Health Center Report

- (a) Report on Health Center activities

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(b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

Dr. Burrow noted that only the Finance Subcommittee of the Health Center Board of Directors has approved Item #1. Chairman McHugh asked for a collective vote on Items #1 through #3. On a motion by Dr. Burrow, seconded by Mr. Shepperd, the Board voted unanimously to approve those items with the proviso that approval of the Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2011 (Item #1) is contingent upon approval by the Health Center Board of Directors at their meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2010.

Chairman McHugh again thanked Dr. Burrow, Governor Rell, and legislators for their hard work and dedication.

- (1) Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2011 for the University of Connecticut Health Center (Attachment 22)
- (2) State Appropriation Current Services Request for the Biennium Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013 for the University of Connecticut Health Center (Attachment 23)
- (3) Capital Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2011 for the University of Connecticut Health Center (Attachment 24)

7. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities

8. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities
- (b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:

Vice-Chair Ritter motioned, seconded by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, to add for consideration two items to the agenda. The Board voted unanimously to add the following items to the agenda. (Copies of the handouts are attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.)

- (1) Approval Process for Projects Benefitting University President
- (2) Project Increase Notification

On a motion by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agreement with B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation of Connecticut, Inc. ("Hillel").

- (1) Agreement with B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation of Connecticut, Inc. ("Hillel") (Attachment 25)

Regarding the items added to the agenda, Vice-Chair Ritter indicated that these motions came out of discussion at the last Committee meeting on the project improvements in Gulley Hall. This action was also intended to avoid any conflict of interest between the members of the University's internal Buildings and Grounds Committee. It also became clear that the current guideline for capital construction projects does not cover the scope of remediation or furniture costs in the total amount.

Vice-Chair Ritter motioned that "any project initiated by the President and for the benefit of the President is to be approved by the Board of Trustees Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee rather than the internal Building and Grounds Committee." The motion was seconded by Dr. Burrow. The Board voted unanimously to approve this item.

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Vice-Chair Ritter reiterated that the Committee had further discussion regarding a Project Increase Notification which would include remediation costs and furniture costs in the project budget total. Several issues were raised about impeding project timelines. He stressed that they will maintain the current Board policy, but Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee should be notified if any projects exceed the \$500,000 threshold, including such remediation and furniture costs.

Vice-Chair Ritter motioned that “the Board of Trustees Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee must immediately be notified when any project cost goes over \$500,000 from all sources of funds.” The motion was seconded by Ms. Bailey.

Trustee Drotch asked if all projects, including office remodeling, etc. that reach the threshold will come forward to the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee. Vice-Chair Ritter confirmed that these projects will be reviewed by the Buildings, Grounds, and Environment Committee.

The Board voted unanimously to approve this item.

9. Construction Management Oversight Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
10. Student Life Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
 - (b) Development Progress Executive Summary (Attachment 26)
12. Adjournment

Chairman McHugh announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2010.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Bailey
Secretary