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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

June 29, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Chairman Roger Gelfenbien. Trustees present were: James Abromaitis, Louise Bailey, Alyssa Benedict, Louise Berry, James Donich, John Downey, Shirley Ferris, Linda Gatling, Lenworth Jacobs, Michael Martinez, Frank Napolitano, and Irving Saslow.

Trustees William Berkley, Michael Cicchetti, Claire Leonardi, Theodore Sergi, and Richard Treibick were absent from the meeting.

University Staff present were: President Austin, Chancellor Petersen, Dean Deckers, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Allenby, Vice President for Financial Planning and Management Aronson, Vice Chancellor for Academic Administration Maryanski, Vice Chancellor for Business and Administration Dreyfuss, Vice Chancellor for Information Services and University Librarian Kobulnicky, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Triponey, Assistant Attorney General Paul McCarthy, Dr. Schurin, Dr. Wetstone, and Ms. Locke.

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:

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

Chairman Gelfenbien introduced Dr. John D. Petersen as the new Chancellor and Provost for University Affairs. He also introduced newly elected Student Trustee Christopher J. Albanese.

Chairman Gelfenbien recognized outgoing Student Trustee Alyssa D. Benedict. He commended her personal commitment and dedication to advocating for student issues and the overall quality of life on campus.

Chairman Gelfenbien called upon Trustee Donich to read the following resolution in honor of Student Trustee Alyssa D. Benedict.

**ALYSSA D. BENEDICT  
1998-2000**

**WHEREAS**, Alyssa D. Benedict will complete her term as student-elected member of the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees on June 30, 2000, and has served on the Academic Affairs, Financial Affairs, Health Affairs, and Student Life Committees, and has actively served on several University task forces and committees; and

**WHEREAS**, She has distinguished herself by her outspoken advocacy for the enhancement of the quality of undergraduate and graduate student life at the University, for the promotion of community and civility throughout the University community, for the protection of student rights and prerogatives in the University governance process, and for the general enhancement of quality at this institution; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Benedict has served as the University of Connecticut in several other capacities, including leadership in the UConn Public Interest Research Group (UConnPIRG) and the UConn UVote Coalition, her service as a student representative to the University Senate, and her involvement with the Center for Students with Disabilities; and

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**WHEREAS**, In recognition of her numerous leadership roles, Ms. Benedict was awarded the prestigious Donald L. McCullough Leadership Award in 1998;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut acknowledges its gratitude to Alyssa D. Benedict for her commitment and dedicated service and extends to her its best wishes for the future; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with a copy sent to Ms. Benedict.

Trustee Benedict thanked the members of the Board for their guidance and wisdom. She also thanked the administration for involving students in the governance process and encouraged ongoing communication between the administration and the students.

On a motion by Mr. Donich, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the resolution.

1. On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Mr. Downey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the minutes of the meetings of April 11 and May 8, 2000, (the May 8, 2000 minutes were amended to correct the inadvertent notation of Dr. Jacobs as absent.)
2. 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 the Contracts and Agreements for Storrs and the Health Center. (Attachment 1)
  - (b) On a motion by Mrs. Gatling, seconded by Mr. Martinez, **THE BOARD VOTED** to authorize the University of Connecticut Health Center Finance Corporation on behalf of UConn Medical Group and the Dental Clinics of the School of Dental Medicine to contract with Connecticut Children's Medical Center for facilities and services provided by CCMC in support of the medical and dental office services rendered on-site at CCMC, and further authorize the transfer of funds up to seven million two hundred thousand dollars (\$7,200,000) to the University of Connecticut Health Center Finance Corporation for use related to said contract for the term April 6, 1996 through June 30, 2001. (Attachment 2)
  - (c) On a motion by Mrs. Gatling, seconded by Mr. Martinez, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the nomination of Dr. Joel Levine to be the Health Center's faculty representative on the Health Affairs Committee for the term of July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2002. (Attachment 3)
  - (d) On a motion by Mrs. Gatling, seconded by Mr. Martinez, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve an increase in the School of Medicine and School of Dental Medicine Professional Schools fee from \$3,950 in 2000/2001 to \$4,100 for the School of Medicine and \$4,080 for the School of Dental Medicine starting July 1, 2000. (Attachment 4)
  - (e) On a motion by Mrs. Gatling, seconded by Mr. Martinez, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the closing of the Department of Anatomy in the School of Medicine effective September 1, 2000. (Attachment 5)

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- (f) On a motion by Mrs. Gatling, seconded by Mr. Martinez, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the School of Medicine recommendations for tenure, promotion, and reappointment. (Attachment 6)
- (g) On a motion by Mrs. Gatling, seconded by Mr. Martinez, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the School of Dental Medicine recommendations for tenure and promotion. (Attachment 7)
- (h) On a motion by Mrs. Gatling, seconded by Mr. Martinez, **THE BOARD VOTED** to add or delete language or otherwise amend the following sections of the *By-Laws*:

Article VII – President of the University

Article IX – The University Administration

Article XII – The Divisions

Article XV – The University Staff

(Attachment 8)

- 3. On a motion by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Martinez, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the formal lists of sabbatic leaves. Background information listed as Attachment 9 is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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

- 1. President Austin welcomed Chancellor John D. Petersen and invited the Trustees to a reception after the Board meeting.
- 2. President Austin announced the appointment of three new deans. Dr. David G. Woods has been appointed as Dean of the School of Fine Arts effective August 1. He is an internationally recognized leader in music education. Ms. Nell Jessup Newton will also take office on August 1 as Dean of the School of Law. She is one of the nation's leading authorities on Native American law and one of the foremost legal educators in the country. Effective August 23, alumna Dr. Laura C. Dzurec will become Dean of the School of Nursing. She is an outstanding clinical specialist and researcher in adult psychiatric and mental health nursing.

**C. Vice-Chair Jacobs** presented Vice-Chair Leonardi's **Report of the Health Affairs Committee**, which included the following items:

- 1. On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Downey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the University of Connecticut Health Center Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2001.
- 2. On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Downey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the University of Connecticut Health Center Biennium Operating Budget for FY 2002 and FY 2003.
- 3. On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Downey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the University of Connecticut Health Center Biennium Capital Bond Fund Request for FY 2002 and FY 2003 totaling \$17,525,627 and \$10,443,666 respectively, and the Five Year Capital Spending Plan for FY 2002-2006.

Background information listed as Attachment 13 is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

**D. Vice-Chair Jacobs's Report of the Financial Affairs Committee** included the following items:

- 1. On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Martinez, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve a FY 2000-01 Operating Budget of \$550.5 million (expenditure and mandatory transfers - \$550.0 million, non-mandatory transfers - \$0.5 million) including State support of \$238.2 million and net Tuition and Fees of \$138.3 million and unrestricted expenditures and transfers of \$483.5

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million and restricted expenditures of \$67.0 million. The Budget includes the planned drawdown of reserves of \$2.3 million primarily for the furnishing of the newly renovated Northwest Dining Hall and Dormitory.

Background information listed as Attachment 10 is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Martinez, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve a Biennium 2001-03 State Appropriation Operating Budget Request of \$259.4 (\$244.3 - Current Services; \$15.1 - Above Current Services) for FY 2001-02 and \$266.7 (\$263.1 - Current Services; \$3.6 - Above Current Services) for FY2002-03 and a 3.9% tuition rate change for each Biennium year. Trustee Benedict abstained on this item.

Background information listed as Attachment 11 is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

3. On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Martinez, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve one new fee and adjustments to eight fees for the biennium fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03. Trustee Benedict abstained on this item.

Trustee Donich raised concerns about the School of Law Technology fee proposed for Fall 2001. Vice Chancellor Maryanski responded that the equipment portion of the proposal is to upgrade equipment in the classrooms and laboratories not to activate more of the study carrels, which have been wired but have not been activated.

Chairman Gelfenbien asked if the study carrels could be activated. Vice Chancellor Maryanski responded that the carrels would be activated.

Background information listed as Attachment 12 is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

E. There was no report from the Academic Affairs Committee.

F. Vice-Chair Bailey's **Report of the Student Life Committee** included the following items:

1. Vice-Chair Bailey reported that the Student Life Committee met on April 27, 2000 and heard an informative presentation by staff from the WHUS Radio Station. She noted that WHUS is one of the oldest college radio stations in the country that provides continuous day and evening programming. It is estimated that there are approximately 1.5 million listeners in the area.
2. The Committee discussed the proposed student fee increases. Hearings were held by the Vice Chancellor's Student Leadership Cabinet, the Graduate Student Senate, and the Undergraduate Student Government.
3. Vice-Chair Bailey briefly commented on the "thank you" luncheon held for the members of the Code of Conduct Review Committee.
4. Vice-Chair Bailey personally thanked Vice Chancellor Triponey for her dedicated oversight of the Spring Weekend activities.

G. Vice President Allenby presented Vice-Chair Treibick's **Report of the Institutional Advancement Committee**, which included the following items:

1. Vice President Allenby reported that the Institutional Advancement Committee met on June 9 and discussed several naming opportunities for the new School of Business Administration building in Attachment 14.

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On a motion by Ms. Benedict, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to authorize naming Room 218, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the new School of Business Building as the Aldrage B. Cooper Jr. Classroom.

On a motion by Ms. Benedict, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to authorize naming Room 122, on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor in the new School of Business Building as the George L. and Laura R. Estes Classroom.

On a motion by Ms. Benedict, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to authorize naming Room 320, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the new School of Business Building as the Clinton and Karen Gartin Conference Room.

On a motion by Ms. Benedict, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to authorize naming Room 107, on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor in the new School of Business Building as the John P. Malfettone '77 Student Breakout Room.

On a motion by Ms. Benedict, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to authorize naming Room 125, on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor in the new School of Business Building as the Hilary S. Shedd Student Breakout Room.

On a motion by Ms. Benedict, seconded by Ms. Bailey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to authorize naming Room 109, on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor in the new School of Business Building as the Bernard Sippin '52, David B. Sippin '79, '96 MBA & Elizabeth Pierson Sippin '80 Student Breakout Room.

Background information listed as Attachment 14 is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. Vice President Allenby briefly discussed the Development Reports for the Eleven Months Ending May 31, 2000. He reported that the UConn Foundation, Inc. has met its goal of \$32 million this year, which includes a 35% increase in new donors.
3. The Committee also discussed the UCONN 2000 Matching Fund Program. He noted that the University has almost fully subscribed to the maximum state match on gifts - \$6 million out of \$7.5 million for calendar year 2000. The total matching program of \$72.5 million is a combination of \$20 million from the initial program and \$52.5 million from the supplemental matching program. It is estimated that 63% of the funds are committed and the University has the potential to be fully subscribed approximately 2.5 to 3 years early. Background information listed as Attachment 15 is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

Chairman Gelfenbien announced that the Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 1 would be a telephone meeting held at the Storrs Campus rather than at the Avery Point Campus. The next regular meeting of the Board will be scheduled for Tuesday, September 12 at 1:00 p.m. at the University of Connecticut at Avery Point, Groton, Connecticut.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Louise M. Bailey  
Secretary