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

Held at G.E. Capital Education Center
Stamford, Connecticut

June 10, 1994

The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m. by Chairman Lew Rome. Trustees present were: Mesdames Berry, Carrozzella, Leonardi and Smith, and Messrs. Berkley, Blum, Canzonetti, Heist, Isidro-Cloudas, Jacobs, Lawrence, Leone, Mika, Saslow, and Treibick. Trustees absent were: Messrs. Carter and Ferrandino

University staff present were: President Hartley, Vice President and Provost Tighe, Vice President for Health Affairs and Provost Cutler, Vice Presidents Wiggins, Allenby, and Jones, Attorneys Molitor and Shapiro and Mr. McFadden.

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

Cynara Stites addressed the Board on the topic of the status of negotiations between the University and the University of Connecticut Professional Employees Association (UCPEA).

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

Chairman Rome introduced Mr. Denis Nayden, Executive Vice President of GE Capital, who welcomed the Board to the Stamford area.

1. Chairman Rome discussed the Stamford initiative noting that it is very important to UConn's future because it will assist in broadening the base of legislative support for the University since it will attract a new group of students and, through its broad base of support, will attract additional funds to the Storrs campus.
2. Chairman Rome noted that the Consent Agenda contained Attachments P and Q as follows: Contracts and Agreements (P), Medical Staff Appointments (Q). - 7919.2
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On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Berkley, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the Consent Agenda which contained Attachments P and Q. Background information on these agenda items is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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3. On a motion by Dr. Canzonetti, seconded by Mr. Leone, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve a formal list of the promotions, sabbatic leaves, changes in salary, and moving expenses as presented on the personnel list. A copy of the approved list which is Attachment (R) of the agenda is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.
 4. Chairman Rome introduced Mr. Stanley Esposito, Mayor of Stamford, and welcomed him to the Board meeting.
 5. Chairman Rome called upon Trustee Leone to offer a resolution regarding Student Trustee Thomas Mika who was attending his last meeting of the Board. Mr. Mika has graduated and accepted full time employment. Mr. Barnaby Horton was elected as the new Student Trustee replacing Mr. Mika.
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On a motion by Mr. Leone, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, **THE BOARD VOTED** approval of the following resolution:

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THOMAS MIKA
1992-1994

WHEREAS, Thomas Mika will complete his Board stewardship as student-elected Trustee on June 30, 1994; and

WHEREAS, he has strengthened the voice of student opinion at the University and has distinguished himself as a leading spokesman for the students; and

WHEREAS, he has demonstrated his personal commitment and involvement to the formulation of the strategic plan for the University of Connecticut as an exemplary student representative;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut records its gratitude to Thomas Mika for his dedication and service and extends to him its best wishes for the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with a copy sent to Mr. Mika.

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6. Chairman Rome reported that the dedication of the Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. General Clinical Research Center was held on Monday, June 6, at the Health Center to honor Governor Weicker for his commitment to the Health Center and funding for its research opportunities for this year. The naming of this research center also recognizes Governor Weicker's service as a subcommittee chairman while serving in the U. S. Senate for areas concerned with funding for research.

B. The Report of the President (Attachment (S)) included several items, the highlights of which follow: 7919-d

1. President Hartley presented an overview of actions taken recently by the General Assembly which included a \$6.5 million addition to prior bond authorizations to correct the structural flaws in the Babbidge Library, and \$2.5 million in self-liquidating bond authorizations for a 1,860 seat expansion of Gampel Pavilion to a total seating capacity of 10,100.
2. A budget workshop was held on May 17 by the Board of Governors for Higher Education where President Hartley outlined UConn's budget priorities for FY 96 and 97. President Hartley noted that his primary priority was the restoration of the 360 positions that have been lost since fiscal year 1989. He reported that his initiatives focused on diversity, accreditation for some programs, the Marine Sciences thrust at Avery Point, funds for the Stamford relocation and expansion, funding for Institutional Advancement, deferred maintenance, and library books. In spite of the budget cuts to library funds in the last budget crisis, the Babbidge Library ranks 53rd in the number of volumes held (2,442,215 volumes) according to a national study for fiscal year 1993.

Secondary capital budget priorities included for FY 96 were a new chemistry building, a parking garage, and some utilities projects. In FY 97, the focus would be on the technology quadrant Phase I, a coastal Marine Science and Technology Center at Avery Point, and the Stamford Campus relocation.

President Hartley noted that Commissioner DeRocco was in attendance and invited him to attend the Board's Budget and Finance Committee budget hearings scheduled for Friday, June 24, 1994, from 9 to 5 p.m. at the Hartford campus.

3. Paul J. Mariano of Southbury, Connecticut, Class of 1977, has been elected the new President of the Alumni Association for 1994-95.
4. Accreditation of the Physical Therapy Program has been continued as well as the accreditation of the School of Law.
5. Five Commencement programs in May resulted in the award of 5,040+ degrees (Undergraduates - 3,234; Graduates - 1,200 masters; 245 PHDs; Law School - 211 Juris Doctorates; and Health Center - 76 M.D.; and 24 D.D.M. degrees).

Trustee Jacobs commented that at Commencement he had enjoyed meeting some of the students and was impressed with the high academic retention of students, their articulation, and their humility. He noted that he felt the students are receiving excellent leadership, and he wished to compliment the administration on its efforts.

6. UConn had a very successful year in the Big East Conference this year. Overall, our women ranked #1, and our men #2. More importantly, the academic retention rate was 99% of our 566 student athletes.
7. The 12 members of the Yankee Conference, each with different perspectives, currently are in disagreement over football scholarships and playoffs. President Hartley, who chairs the Conference, will be faced with the problem of maintaining unity in the Conference over the next year while disagreements are resolved.
8. President Hartley reported that there had been significant grant activity which speaks to the quality of our faculty and our research support. He enumerated the grants noting a \$500,000 grant from USAID for a linkage between UConn and Senegal. Clearly our international involvement is more visible than in the past.
9. UConn's General Fund Budget for FY 95 is \$135,533,908. The General Assembly restored \$1.4 million for energy costs, but did not include funds for the Marine Sciences Initiative. The Health Center's General Fund Budget for FY 95 is \$51,512,668. A \$1.9 million subsidy for Uncas Hospital was eliminated by the General Assembly.

President Hartley concluded his report noting that he was ending this fiscal year upbeat because we have a budget in place that takes UConn through the remainder of the biennium.

Chairman Rome applauded the President for his work, and also recognized Scott Brohinsky, Director of Governmental Relations, for his outstanding work with legislators during the past year.

- C. Mrs. Carrozzella's report for the Student Life Committee included the following:
 1. Mrs. Carrozzella reported that she is working with Peter McFadden to create a task force to develop a recommendation concerning the status of the University's Food Services. Mr. Berkley questioned the composition of the committee. Mr. Rome noted that the process would allow for all those affected to be heard. In response to Trustee Isidro-Cloudas' inquiry about a timetable, Mrs. Carrozzella noted that the committee would have a preliminary report by the end of September.

2. The Committee heard a report from Jacqueline Seide, Associate Director of the Department of Residential Life, who discussed the testimony which two students had presented to the Board of Trustees on May 13, 1994. Ms. Seide reviewed the hiring policies for resident assistants, the procedures which are used when resident assistants are accused of misconduct, and the issue of resident assistant status vis-à-vis student status in matters of conduct. After discussion, the Committee decided that the issues raised by the students who testified were not policy matters for the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Mika noted that the earlier committee discussion led to the belief that the policy itself was not flawed, but that the student in question had used the system to his advantage in delaying the process. The process was found to have been prolonged, and therefore will be expedited in the future.

3. At its meeting of May 24, the Committee reviewed an Alcohol and Tobacco Corporate Contribution Policy which was approved by the committee and is submitted for action by the Board at this time. Mrs. Carrozzella called upon Student Trustee Tom Mika, who drafted the policy, for his comments.

On a motion by Mrs. Carrozzella, seconded by Mr. Saslow, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the Alcohol and Tobacco Corporate Contribution Policy. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (T) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes. 7919-E

4. Trustee Leone questioned whether the policy prohibited the use of the company name which included the name of a tobacco product, i.e. Phillip Morris Company. The response was that it may be used.
- D. Mr. Treibick's report for the Institutional Advancement Committee included the following:

1. The Committee met on June 9, and its primary focus was on the budgetary items for Institutional Advancement which will be requested at the meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee on Friday, June 24.

The Committee also continued to discuss its relationship with the University of Connecticut Foundation.

- E. Dr. Canzonetti's report for the Health Affairs Committee included the following:

1. Dr. Canzonetti noted that through an oversight some time ago, the Board had not introduced a motion to name the ambulatory care center in honor of Dr. Kevin Dowling although the Committee had voted in favor of doing so.

On a motion by Dr. Canzonetti, seconded by Mr. Leone, THE BOARD VOTED TO ADD to the agenda the naming of the ambulatory care center in honor of Dr. Kevin Dowling. On a further motion by Dr. Canzonetti, seconded by Mr. Rome, THE BOARD VOTED to name the ambulatory care center "The Kevin V. Dowling Ambulatory Care Center".

2. Dr. Canzonetti noted that he had agreed to Chair the Health Affairs Committee temporarily following Dr. Dowling's death, and expressed his pleasure that Trustee Jennifer Smith will assume the Chair of the Health Affairs Committee effective July 1.
 3. Activities of the Joint Conference Committees of the John Dempsey Hospital and Uncas on Thames Hospital were also reviewed by Dr. Canzonetti. Quality of care remains high.
- F. Mrs. Berry's report for the Academic and Research Affairs Committee included the following:

1. The Committee heard two presentations. The School of Business presented a proposal which concerned changing enrollment patterns, expectations of business programs, and the desire of the School to increase the proportion of direct freshman admits from 10% to 80% while reserving 20% of junior enrollments for transfer students. This proposal was also supported by Admissions. At the present time, up to 10% of an anticipated SBA class is currently being admitted directly on a trial basis into the School.

The Committee also supported a second proposal which concerned the creation of a departmental structure for the School of Pharmacy. The rationale is to use faculty resources more effectively. Both of the proposals will be presented to the Board for action in July.

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2. On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Mr. Treibick, THE BOARD VOTED to add a Major in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology to either a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (U) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

3. Mrs. Berry reported that the Academic and Research Affairs Committee will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, June 29 at 2 p.m. at the Quality Inn, 100 Pond Lily Avenue, Exit 59, Merritt-Wilbur Cross Parkway, New Haven, CT, and that all members of the Board are invited to attend.
4. Chairwoman Berry introduced Dr. C. David Benson, Professor of English, the latest recipient of the Alumni Research Award, who gave a brief and engaging report.

Dr. Benson reported on his research in the humanities, especially in English and Medieval Studies at UConn. The Medieval Studies Program is the only such graduate program at a New England public institution. Dr. Benson noted that there is no regular faculty in Medieval Studies, but that the faculty all come from other departments. The program is becoming popular, growing rapidly, and is beginning to attract students from all over the country because of the opportunity to work with UConn faculty.

Dr. Benson concluded by stressing the importance of teaching and student input on his research. He credited the Research Foundation for their excellent cooperation in bringing expertise and funds to the program.

5. Mrs. Berry then introduced Provost Thomas Tighe who reported on the Academic Plan for the Stamford Campus. 7918-H

Dr. Tighe presented the essential features of the academic program plan for the Stamford Campus, including specific undergraduate and graduate degree programs recommended and the summary statistics on the staffing, space, facilities, and full operating budget requirements of those programs and their necessary support functions.

Provost Tighe announced plans for six new bachelor's and six new master's degree programs which will be added to the programs currently offered at the Scofieldtown Road campus, which will close. These programs will effect an increase of about 1,080 students at the campus, for a total of 2,443 students by the year 2003.

Dr. Tighe stressed that the growth of the Stamford campus will be in tandem with growth in Storrs, and plans for Stamford will depend, in part, on distance learning and 17 new faculty based at the Storrs campus.

It is expected that the Stamford project will cost about \$70 million in capital funds, including renovation of the Bloomingdale's building and a 1,000-space parking garage and approximately \$10 million per year in additional operating costs.

Dr. Tighe concluded by recommending that the Board of Trustees commit to seek concurrently the incremental resources required for implementation of the Stamford Campus programs proposed and for the University's other essential programs and initiatives as well.

A copy of the background material Dr. Tighe employed in his presentation is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

- G. Mr. Berkley's report for the Strategic Planning Committee included the following:
1. Mr. Berkley reported that the vision statement was written after extensive discussions and input from the community, and the document now before the Board for its consideration has been edited in response to input received. The draft of the vision statement was submitted for review to the whole community. In addition three public hearings were held, one each in Storrs, Stamford and Hartford. Additionally, a draft of the statement was submitted to the Board for review in March 1994, and reports have been made to the Board at each of its subsequent meetings.
 2. On a motion by Mr. Berkley, seconded by Mr. Mika, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the Vision Statement for the University of Connecticut. Any subsequent change will be reported to the Board. Dr. Canzonetti questioned the verbiage in the opening sentence and abstained from voting. Background information listed as agenda Attachment (V) is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Friday, July 15, 1994, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Avery Point Campus, Groton, Connecticut.

- H. On a motion by Mrs. Carrozzella, seconded by Mr. Leone, **THE BOARD VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 1:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters of security, personnel, pending litigation and negotiations regarding collective bargaining.

All members of the Board noted above as present were present for Executive Session.

1. Pending litigation and collective bargaining were discussed. President Hartley, Vice President and Provost Tighe, Vice President for Health Affairs and Provost Cutler, Vice Presidents Jones and Wiggins, Attorneys Molitor and Shapiro, and Mr. McFadden were present for the entire discussion.

Executive Session ended at 1:50 p.m., and the Board returned to Open Session at 1:50 p.m.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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