

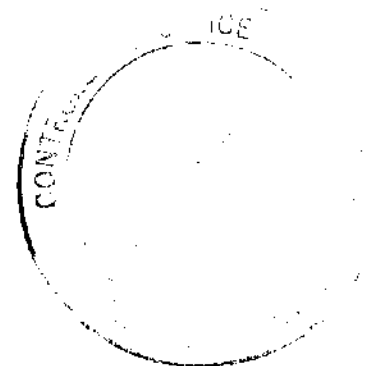
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MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Held at Storrs

December 6, 1969

The regular meeting of November 19, 1969 which had been adjourned until December 6, 1969, reconvened at 2:50 p.m. with Chairman John J. Budds presiding.

Board members present were: Messrs. Bishop, Budds, Gill, Holt, Marcus, McCormick and Tasker.

Also present were: President Babbidge, Mr. Gant, Provost and Academic Vice President and Mr. Evans, Vice President for Financial Affairs.

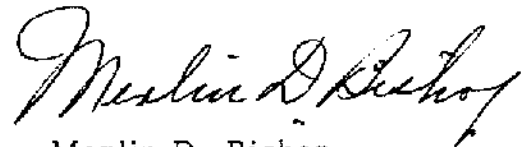
All actions taken at the meeting were by unanimous vote of the Trustees.

1. Chairman Budds reminded the Board that the recessed meeting was a continuing effort on the part of Trustees to acquire more facts and a better understanding of University efforts to respond to the needs of the black students.
2. President Babbidge, with the permission of the Board, called upon Associate Provost Louis Hansborough to introduce the staff members presenting special reports on racial concerns. Professor Hansborough distributed copies of reports relating to the following presentations:
 - (1) John Manning, associate dean of students, reviewed recent steps taken to develop sensitivity among white students to the Black experience via special programs in the residence halls.
 - (2) Lawrence Parrish, chairman, University Council on Human Rights and Opportunities, told of the various efforts by faculty in the Community Involvement Program and undergraduates in the Student Involvement Program and the Urban Semester.

- (3) Dean Kenneth Wilson, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, reviewed progress in developing Black studies courses for Lower Division students via enabling legislation adopted by University Senate.
- (4) Floyd Bass, director, Black Studies Center, noted that 1,500 students are enrolled in 40 sections of 15 different Black Studies courses this fall. Dr. Bass indicated 24 such courses are listed in the catalog and that five new courses for Lower Division students will be introduced next year under the special Senate action.
- (5) Joseph Grant, director of the Summer Program, summarized three students now enrolled at the University. Of the first 20 of these high school graduates admitted to the program in the summer of 1967 14 are now juniors here on campus. Of the 1969 group of 60, more than half had QPRs above average at mid-semester.
- (6) David Ivry, director of the Connecticut Pre-College Environment Program, noted that CONNPEP staff are now for the first time heavily involved in seeking to place its first class (now high school seniors) in college. Mr. Ivry indicated about 90 students are now enrolled in CONNPEP.
- (7) James Lyons, director of the Afro-American Cultural Center and Black student advisor, said several different classes are being offered by the Center, including work in Swahili, black dance, drama and art. Mr. Lyons described plans to introduce Black exhibits and a modest "Paperback gallery in the Black experience" at the Center.
- (8) Professor Hansborough, associate provost, summarized progress in recruiting Black faculty and staff in recent years. Dr. Hansborough noted that in the first 78 years of the institution's existence perhaps three or four Black faculty had been hired. He currently identified about 23 administrators, another 18 faculty and the authorization of 11 more Black staff.
- (9) President Babbidge reported that the University's Policy Committee on Scholarships and Financial Aid has urged that gift aid equivalent to a standard student budget should be awarded to all entering in-state poverty level students. In addition, the students should be assured that this aid will be awarded for at least the first two years (and possibly thereafter, depending upon the University's allocation for financial assistance.) After the first two years, the students may be asked to assume an equivalent aid program provided by the University, including some degree of self-help. This would establish a financial aid guarantee to in-state poverty students which would remain in effect throughout their full-time undergraduate program. Furthermore, the University should provide early notification of financial aid to the poverty students, and an explicit statement of the nature and conditions of commitment carried by the award.

3. After further discussion of the University's financial aid situation, THE BOARD VOTED to ask the 1971 General Assembly to appropriate funds for all identified poverty level students.
4. President Babbidge in commenting on current Continuing Education Services programs noted that the fees charged for the extension offerings tend to reduce the capacity of low income minority members to enroll and furthermore, since the programs must be self-supporting it discourages offerings related to the black experiences. THE BOARD VOTED to ask the 1971 General Assembly to appropriate funds to support Continuing Education Services pilot programs for minority groups.
5. After considerable discussion of the meeting of November 19th with the delegation of Black students, THE BOARD VOTED to instruct the President and administrative officials to meet with black students and other interested students in order that student members of the University community, both black and white, may be informed of the University's progress to date toward the achievement of better racial understanding on the campus.
6. The Board agreed that the regular meeting of December 17, 1969 would be held at the School of Social Work in West Hartford at 4:00 p. m.
7. No other business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,



Merlin D. Bishop
Secretary