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

held in Hartford, August 15, 1947

Present:

Mr. Christensen  
Mr. Eddy  
Mr. Hook  
Mr. Murphy  
Mr. Ryan

Mr. Shippee  
Sister M. Rosa  
Mr. Spencer  
Mr. Suisman  
Mr. Jorgensen

Because the meeting of August 15, 1947, was called as a special meeting the minutes of the last regular meeting were not read.

1. The President reviewed with the Trustees the salary situation of the professional staff and the procedure followed in arriving at recommendations to be presented to the Trustees. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommended salary increases as presented (merit), subject to such minor adjustments as may need to be made to correct typographical errors or errors in salary steps.
2. The President discussed at considerable length the cost of new construction. Dormitory construction to duplicate the more recent dormitory buildings on campus has increased in cost from approximately \$150,000 including equipment, grading and sidewalks to an estimated \$330,000 not including equipment and will probably not include fill, grading, seeding, and sidewalks. The dormitory program was planned several years ago. Two bond issues, one for \$2,000,000 and one for \$200,000 were intended to construct eleven dormitories, six for men to house 120 each, and five for women to house 100 each. These dormitories represented the minimum needs of the University to take care of commitments to students now enrolled and especially the GIs attending the three branches and who were promised transfer to the campus at Storrs to complete their junior and senior years.
3. The President presented two schedules for the consideration of the Trustees, one summarizing the "self-liquidating bond issue debt service requirements" of the University and the second summarized "dormitory and rental property earnings and operating expenses". Copies of the two schedules are made a part of these minutes. THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the President to request the State Comptroller to reissue plans and specifications for bids on seven dormitories including the Ratcliffe Hicks Dormitory.
4. The President discussed the need for developing a small business center to meet the minimum needs of the University community. The President called attention to the authority granted to the Board of Trustees by the General Assembly to develop such a center upon University owned land. It is quite apparent that faculty and student morale will be improved by providing minimum services. The President presented to the Trustees requests from interested agencies for the construction of a movie theatre and also a general foods store. THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the President to review these requests with the interested parties and with the Attorney General to determine the general policy to be followed by the Board of Trustees in developing

the necessary "business center" for the University community. This statement of policy will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the next regular meeting for consideration by the Trustees.

5. The President advised the Trustees that the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation has appointed Rabbi Alexander Feinsilver to succeed Rabbi Maurice Zigmond as Religious Counsellor of Jewish Students at the University. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the appointment.
6. The President advised the Trustees of the inspection to be made of the Fort Trumbull facilities by officers of the Navy, the Coast Guard and The United States Maritime Service. The inspection is scheduled for September 12. Lunch will be served to the officers making the inspection, the Governor, other state officials and members of the Connecticut Congressional delegation. The Trustees were also invited and as many as possible urged to attend.
7. The President reviewed the budget with the Trustees and pointed out that the General Assembly failed to appropriate sufficient funds for capital outlay purchases for the University. He indicated that the Appropriations Committee probably lost sight of the fact that library and laboratory purchases for the three GI branches were purchased out of special funds in 1946 - 47. Beginning with the present fiscal year, all library and laboratory purchases must be made from State appropriations. The appropriation for such purchases is not large enough to cover the minimum needs of the University and to protect accreditation requirements. Since it will not be possible to have eleven dormitories ready for occupancy in September of 1948, the President recommended that plans for housing new personnel anticipated for the expanded student enrollment in 1948 be reviewed downward and that funds thus saved be used to purchase needed library and laboratory equipment. THE BOARD VOTED to authorized the President to request the Governor to transfer funds from the Personal Services Appropriation (new staff members) to the Capital Outlay Account (Library and Laboratory Equipment) to enable the University to secure needed library and laboratory equipment; the amount to be transferred to be determined by the President after a careful review of all University budget needs.
8. The following letter was read to the Trustees from a Pharmacy accrediting group:

August 7, 1947

"President A. N. Jorgensen  
University of Connecticut  
Storrs, Connecticut

Dear President Jorgensen:

"At a meeting of the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education held on the 2nd instant, I was requested to secure a report from you on the present status of the University of Connecticut College of Pharmacy.

"I was also instructed to inform you that it is understood that the building program of the university which provided for the erection of a new building for the college of pharmacy had

had collapsed, to inquire if this is a temporary condition, and the effect which this will have upon the future development of the college of pharmacy.

"In view of the fact that the Council will probably hold another meeting during the week of August 24th when the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy will hold its annual convention, an early reply will be appreciated.

"Sincerely yours,

/s/ A. G. DUMÉZ  
Secretary"

The president is preparing a report in response to this letter. It is hoped that the response will safeguard the accreditation of the College of Pharmacy. The plant facilities of the College of Pharmacy are very poor. The President pointed out to the Trustees that the University is still charging a tuition of approximately \$300 of all students attending the College of Pharmacy. The University has no authority to charge tuition. The President also urged that the tuition schedule for students in the Colleges of Law and Insurance be reviewed at an early meeting this fall. He suggested the possibility of continuing the present tuition as a fee at the College of Pharmacy and thought probably the fee could be continued at \$300 so long as the Veterans Administration pays the fees of GIs in attendance and that \$225 of this fee be earmarked and set aside as a building fund for the College of Pharmacy. In all probability the Accrediting Committee of the American Pharmaceutical Association will accept any steps taken by the Trustees to provide adequate facilities in the near future as evidence of the Trustees' interest in pharmaceutical education and plans to provide adequate facilities in the not too distant future.

9. The President read the following letter to indicate concern at the University over delays in taking care of emergency needs prior to the opening of college in September:

July 21, 1947

"Mr. H. D. Hauf  
State Capitol  
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Hauf:

"I enjoyed our conference held in my office last Friday. This meeting afforded me an opportunity to review a number of emergency projects that need to be completed at the University before college opens early in September.

"For your convenience I am summarizing these projects again:

1. Side walks and curbing, South Campus for veterans - \$35,000.
2. Finish grading around class room buildings recently completed on South Campus.
3. Extend service roads and sidewalks on South Campus for GI's.

4. Eliminate one service road on South Campus, grade and seed the road area.
5. Eliminate one service road from main highway to north of South Campus dining hall. Grade and seed the road area.
6. Install plumbing and complete minor remodeling in the "E" Building on South Campus to house faculty members employed this summer with the assurance that housing would be available by August 15. Appropriate forms were submitted to the Comptroller's Office on April 21 regarding this project. It was approved as an emergency but to date work has not begun. The University will be unable to meet housing commitments through failure of the Comptroller's Office to remodel this unit.
7. Expedite work on "Lake" project.
8. Installation of sidewalks and drive to Hangar Building now completed. Grade and seed.

"All the above are regarded by the Trustees of the University and the administration as emergency items and should be completed by the opening of College. It seems strange indeed that these minor projects require several months of time for processing and for getting the work underway. Just a year ago several state agencies cooperated with the University in activating three "GI" branches and over a million dollar expansion of facilities on the Main Campus. All of this was initiated and underway within three weeks' time. The work was in most respects completed by the time college opened in September. The items listed above are all small and are to complete the "GI" temporary facilities provided the University. It would seem to me that these items could be considered a part of the "GI" project approved for the University and approved as an "emergency".

"Your assistance in the completion of these projects by early September will be greatly appreciated.

"Sincerely yours,

ANJ:K

cc:

Mr. Fred R. Zeller

Mr. L. Riccio

/s/ A. N. JORGENSEN  
President"

10. The President expressed concern that an official of another college released a statement to the newspapers indicating that all Connecticut youth desiring higher education could be taken care of this coming year and that the Fort Trumbull Branch of the University could still take care of several hundred additional students. Neither of these statements is true. The University officials have been subjected to considerable embarrassment as a result of this statement. A statement prepared by the University is being released to the newspapers pointing out that all facilities of the University have been filled for some time and that the University has a long list of qualified applicants for all the branches and for all the professional schools both on and off the campus. The

release will indicate that the University will turn away a proportionately larger number of qualified applicants this year than last year.

11. The President advised the Trustees that it will be necessary for him to go over the plans for the Agricultural Industries Building, the Ratcliffe Hicks Laboratory and Classroom Building and the Armory and Field House with Mr. Teich, the architect. The plans and specifications released some time ago for bids were for buildings that have been scaled down to one half of the original size. It may be necessary to scale the plans down another twenty or twenty five per cent. These buildings will definitely be inadequate to meet the intended needs unless additional funds can be secured from the State. These buildings will have to be constructed with the hope that additions can be made at a later time.

Respectfully submitted,

*A. N. Jorgensen*

A. N. Jorgensen for  
J. Ray Ryan  
Secretary

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held in Hartford October 15.