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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the
CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
held at
HOTEL HEUBLEIN
Hartford, Conn.

on
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 1926, at 11 A. M.

Present: Mr. Manchester Mr. Green Mr. Buckingham
 Mrs. Vinton Mr. Brown President Beach
 Mr. Alsop Mr. King Comptroller Longley
 Mr. Meredith Mr. Wood

1. The President reported receipts and disbursements of the three divisions of the College for the first five months of the fiscal year:

	Allowance for 5 mos.	Expenditures for 5 months	Under or Over Allow- ance
College Division	\$167,125.20	\$169,170.20	\$2,045.00 Over
Extension Division:			
State Fund	13,726.42	10,858.10	2,868.32 Under
Smith-Lever, State ..	19,449.51	17,031.34	2,418.27 Under
" Federal	23,625.00	23,436.54	188.46 Under
Experiment Station	27,304.07	22,663.72	4,640.35 Under

2. IT WAS VOTED: that the following additions and reduction of budgets be made:

Broadcasting - Increase of \$500.
Forestry Department - " " 300.
Farm Department - " " 1500.

Fuel, & Light - Decrease of 1500.

3. Mr. Longley reports that the New England Insurance Exchange has allowed reductions, approximately 10%, on the rates on the Administration Building, Storrs and Koons Halls, Armory, and Horticultural Building. Rates have been dated back to March 1st, and a refund of \$811.43 has been received.

Application has been made for a revision of rates on Dining Hall, Horticultural Storage, Whitney Hall, Farm Barn, Horse Barn and Annex, Holcomb Hall, and Valentine House.

4. IT WAS VOTED: that rent for fraternity rooms in basement of dormitories be fixed as follows:

Henry Hall Dormitory:

Fraternity room, north end	\$75.00	per year
" " south end	75.00	" "
" " center section	60.00	" "
Trunk Room, north and south ends	25.00	" "
" " Center section	30.00	" "

Koons and Storrs Halls:

Rent of fraternity rooms be advanced from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per year beginning September 1927.

5. Under a ruling of the Trustees, studentx are not permitted to own or operate motor cars during the College year except with the permission of the President.

The President reported that permits are issued to day students living at home and to students to drive cars for two local public service companies.

6. The Committee, appointed by the Trustees to interview the heirs of the Edwin Gilbert Estate regarding a possible exchange of property, make the following report:

(1) Inquiry was made of Mr. Miller and Mr. Hunter, Executors of the estate, as to the probable attitude of the heirs to a proposal to allow the College to dispose of Gilbert Farm, using the proceeds to erect a memorial live stock building at Storrs, the income from the endowment to be used "for instruction in the science of farming as taught at said College, and especially the art of raising and caring for live stock".

(2) Mr. Miller stated, Mr. Hunter concurring, that

(a) the heirs of the estate had the impression that the Trustees had used the income from the endowment at Storrs contrary to the terms of the will;

(b) that Mr. Gilbert expected that the State would add to the endowment sufficient to establish and maintain a school of agriculture at Gilbert Farm;

(c) that the present endowment was insufficient to carry out the purpose outlined in item #2b;

(d) that managed as at present, the farm was serving no useful purpose, and the State, therefore, should either add to the endowment and carry out the ("unwritten") intention of Mr. Gilbert or return the property to the heirs.

IT WAS VOTED: that the present committee be continued and that they prepare a bill and secure legislation authorizing the Board of Control and the Board of Trustees of the College to arrange for a possible transfer of the Gilbert Farm and invested funds.

7. The Bureau of Building Construction and Maintenance of the State Board of Education have made an inspection of the College Buildings and reports as follows:

(a) "The exit doors and doors to classrooms of Dairy Building, Horticultural Building, Mechanic Arts and the Poultry Building should be changed to open out in compliance with State law, and panic bolts provided.

(b) "Fire escapes should be provided at the Horticultural Building, Mechanic Arts Building, Poultry Building, and Administration Building.

(c) "Desks in several classrooms should be changed so that students may have benefit of light coming from left.

(d) "The amount of light in proportion to floor area is deficient in several classrooms in the Dairy Building, Horticultural Building, and Administration Building.

(e) "The building occupied by the Storrs Intermediate School should be closed and not used for school purposes. It is not a proper place for a school or to house children. There is but 10% of light area in proportion to the floor area, and the school is shaded by trees, making the matter worse."

IT WAS VOTED: that the recommendations of the Board of Education in regard to fire escapes and doors be accepted and that work be commenced and changes made insofar as funds will permit, and that additional necessary funds be requested of the Legislature.

8. The President reported the receipt of a letter from Sanford H. Wadhams, Director of State Water Commission:

"The State Water Commission has examined the report on sewage treatment for the Connecticut Agricultural College which was made by the Department of Health. It finds itself in harmony with the type of treatment suggested in that report and recommends its adoption.

"As you are, of course, well aware, the present plant has long been outgrown and is now entirely inadequate to handle the volume of sewage delivered to it. It is almost inevitable that a nuisance at certain times and under certain conditions should result. It is equally inevitable that because of the failure of the filtration plant to function pollution of the Willimantic River results. It is this latter which directly concerns the State Water Commission."

9. The President reported that the Travelers Insurance Company offers Group Insurance to members of the Staff, without physical examination, provided 75% of the members make application. The rates are \$7.80 per year per thousand to the insured, the remainder of the premium, about \$2.00, to be paid by the College. The cost to the College on a policy of \$3,000 covering 60 members of the staff (75% of 80 members) would amount to \$360 annually.

The President recommended that general approval be given to the proposed plan of Group Insurance to cover members of the Staff, the employer's share of the premium to be paid out of the income from the Dunham Fund (\$16,480.00).

IT WAS VOTED: to approve of the general plan for Group Insurance for members of the College Staff provided the Attorney General rules that the Trustees have the power to use the income of the Dunham Fund for this purpose.

10. IT WAS VOTED: to approve of the recommendation of the Director that a Department of Genetics be created in the Experiment Station to include work now carried on by Dr. L. C. Dunn, Dr. E. W. Sinnott, and Dr. Walter Landauer; that all the work in animal breeding be carried on in this department; Dr. Sinnott of the College Staff to serve without pay from the Experiment Station.

The meeting then adjourned.

WALTER C. WOOD - Secretary.