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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
held at the Hartford Club, December 18, 1940

Present:	Mr. Buckley	Mr. McDonough
	Mr. Hollister	Mr. Manchester
	Mr. Hook	Mr. Mitchell
	Mr. King	Mr. Jorgensen

1. Minutes of the December 4 meeting were read and approved.
2. The President reported that the S.P.E.E. at their October meeting held in Pittsburgh accredited our engineering work in both Civil and Electrical Engineering and postponed without prejudice the accreditation of Mechanical Engineering until equipment now on order has been installed.

The President also reported that the American Chemical Society had approved our work in Chemistry both for undergraduate and for graduate work.

The President also reported that the Society of American Foresters had approved our undergraduate instruction in forestry as of professional grade.

3. The President presented to the Board the following actions of a group of farm leaders representing each county and all commodity groups which met at the University on November 4, 1940.

"Voted to express sincere appreciation to the President of the University for the opportunity afforded to discuss the (1) Deanship of Agriculture, (2) Budget requests for agriculture (3) Two Year School of Agriculture."

"Voted to recommend to the President the appointment of Edwin G. Woodward to the position of Dean of the College of Agriculture of the University of Connecticut."

THE BOARD VOTED to receive and place on file these resolutions.

4. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following changes in rank and title effective January 1, 1941.

College of Agriculture

- (1) L. Jay Atkinson, from Instructor to Assistant Professor
- (2) Leonard Dowd, from Instructor to Assistant Professor
- (3) Harold E. Pinches, from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
- (4) Wilfred B. Young, from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor

College of Arts and Sciences

- (1) Lawrence H. Amundsen, from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
- (2) Homero Arjona, from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
- (3) Weston A. Bousfield, from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
- (4) Hugh S. Cannon, from Instructor to Assistant Professor
- (5) Joseph O. Christian, from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
- (6) Florian Heiser, from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
- (7) John H. Jacobson, from Instructor to Assistant Professor
- (8) James A. S. McLeek, from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
- (9) Henry J. Rockel, from Instructor to Assistant Professor
- (10) Charles Sedgewick, from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
- (11) Paul A. Walker, from Instructor to Assistant Professor
- (12) Henry A. Wood, from Instructor to Assistant Professor

School of Education

- (1) Fred Couey, from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor

School of Home Economics

- (1) Ella Van Dyke, from Instructor to Assistant Professor

5. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following increases in salary, effective January 1, 1941:

- (1) L. Jay Atkinson, from ~~\$2700~~ ^{\$2400} to ^{\$2900} \$3000 per year
- (2) E. L. Minard, from \$2160 to \$2340 per year
- (3) Carl Mann, from \$1260 to \$1560 per year

6. The President discussed with the Board the naming of several new buildings on the campus and stressed particularly the need for names to identify the new dormitory buildings.

THE BOARD VOTED to name the central dormitory of the women's group, Edwina Whitney Hall; the third unit of this group to be called, Mary Estella Sprague Hall. The new dormitory for men to be called, Walter C. Wood Hall. The Home Economics Building to be called the Home Economics Building, and the new Engineering Building to be called the Engineering Building.

It was further voted to postpone for later consideration the naming of the Library Building and the one unnamed new dormitory for girls.

7. The President discussed with the Board of Trustees a request from the Spencer Aircraft Company for the construction at the University of a high-power airplane testing laboratory to be financed in part by Federal funds and in part by the Spencer Aircraft Corporation.

It was the judgment of the Board that such a testing laboratory should not be located at the University for reasons of noise and danger and because such a testing laboratory would probably not fit in well with the development of the engineering program of the University.

8. The President discussed with the Board the need for securing facilities in the Hartford area in order to carry on more effectively the University's Extension Program for the industries and professions and particularly those having to do with the National Defense training program.

THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the President to take such steps as are necessary to secure the facilities needed in the Hartford area to carry on effectively this part of the University's service to the State.

9. THE BOARD VOTED to instruct the President to take such steps as are necessary to secure additional funds to cover the administration and supervision of the University Program for the industries and the professions.
10. THE BOARD VOTED to instruct the President to take such steps as would secure for the University School of Engineering the assignment of such usable equipment as is now being replaced or in the process of being replaced by the Aircraft Companies in Hartford.
11. The President presented to the Board a petition signed by residents of the new boys dormitory which asked the Board of Trustees to grant the privilege of having radios in the student rooms of this dormitory. The Board discussed the use of radios in student rooms at considerable length.

THE BOARD VOTED to adopt the policy that radios are to be prohibited in student rooms in those dormitories in which commons facilities are available. In dormitories where commons facilities are not available radios may be used during the same hours that they are in use in those dormitories having commons but only so long as complaints are not registered by students, parents and others. This policy is adopted in the interest of the young men and women attending the University.

12. The President discussed with the Board another phase of the University's Program of service to the State. The discussion at this meeting centered specifically on "The Preparation of Professional Workers in Education in the State of Connecticut."

The President was asked to read a carefully prepared statement bearing on this matter. This statement was prepared in partial response to the Board's instructions to the President to prepare for the Board a report on the "Future Development of the State University."

THE BOARD VOTED to approve in principle the statement presented and instructed the President to discuss the statement with the Governor-Elect prior to his inaugural message.

13. The President discussed with the Board a letter which he had written setting forth the attitude of the administration of the University regarding the development of a Regional High School in or near the Town of Mansfield.

THE BOARD VOTED to instruct the President to present the letter to the Attorney General for his judgment regarding the University's rights as to property and support of such a high school in carrying out its instructional program.

The Board further voted that if the Attorney General's opinion is favorable that the President's program outlined in his letter be approved.

Affirmative Vote

Mr. Hollister
Mr. Hook
Mr. King

Mr. McDonough
Mr. Manchester
Mr. Mitchell

Negative Vote

Mr. Buckley

13. THE BOARD VOTED to excuse the following students from taking Military Science and Tactics because of physical disability:

Rosenfield, Robert
Chasnoff, Emanuel
McQuaid, Francis
Posin, Paul
Oxman, Daniel
Adams, Robert

14. THE BOARD VOTED to leave to the discretion of the President his answering of any calls to assist the Association of State Universities, the Land Grant College Association, and the War Department on matters pertaining to national defense.

The President informed the Board that he had been asked if he would be willing and able to go to Washington on weekend trips in the interest of national defense.

George H. Hollister
Secretary