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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
Held in Hartford, December 16, 1942

Present: Mr. Mitchell Mr. Hook
 Mr. Hollister Mr. Murphy
 Mr. Fox Mrs. Dadourian
 Mr. McDonough Mr. Jorgensen
 Mr. King
 Mr. Eddy
Governor Elect Baldwin was invited and attended for a short while.

1. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 18, 1942.
2. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following resignations:
 - (1) Manning V. Malmstrom, Graduate Assistant in Poultry Husbandry, December 3, 1942.
 - (2) W. F. Oakman, Graduate Assistant in Bacteriology, December 31, 1942.
3. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following change in title:
 - (1) Lloyd D. Matterson, from Instructor to Assistant Professor, effective February 1, 1942.
4. The President informed the Board that all summer conferences including Congregational and Baptist Conferences and American Legion Boys' State, have been cancelled. Reason: Use of all University facilities on an accelerated plan of study and likelihood of government use of unused facilities.
5. The President advised the Trustees that in accordance with an earlier understanding "the Laws and By-Laws of the Board of Trustees, the Rules and Regulations of the University Senate and a statement of functions of the colleges, schools, divisions and departments are being edited preparatory to printing in bulletin form."
6. The President presented two recommendations, originating in the Faculty Senate, for changes in the Laws and By-Laws of the Board of Trustees.

THE BOARD VOTED not to amend the Laws and By-Laws of the Board.
7. THE BOARD VOTED to grant leaves of absence to staff members whose service may no longer be needed because of loss of enrollment or shifts from regular college work into special Army or Navy training. Staff members who cannot be used should probably go into war industries or some type of war work at least for the duration.

8. The President discussed with the Board the policy to be followed by the University administration during the war emergency:
 1. The University plans to continue its war training work as part of the ESMT. To date approximately 12,000 war workers have been trained or are in training. The University of Connecticut ranks third among the institutions of the country in the magnitude of this program.
 2. The College of Agriculture is developing a short course program designed to train 500 - 600 agricultural workers between now and next spring. Negotiations are under way with the Farm Security Administration and other agricultural agencies. This program will be set up in the immediate future.
 3. It was the sentiment of the meeting that:
 - a. The University should continue as an institution of higher learning providing so far as is possible a full offering in the field of higher education to all students eligible to remain and all high school graduates eligible for admission.
 - b. Qualified high school graduates eligible to enter in February should be admitted.
 - c. All students attending the Freshman-Sophomore program in the several University Extension centers should be urged to remain in the Extension centers, although no student attending any center would be denied transfer to the campus.
 - d. Students living in unapproved, undesirable quarters off campus should be assigned rooms on the campus in approved housing units.
 - e. The University should not adopt the policy of admitting high school students who have achieved senior standing.
 - f. Qualified high school youth should be encouraged to attend the Freshman-Sophomore program of study in Extension centers.
9. The President advised the Board that following the mailing out of the agenda and all the material on the establishment of a Naval Flight Preparatory School at the University, the Army and Navy authorities had agreed in conference that colleges and universities having Army R.O.T.C. units would be used by the Army and that the Navy Department would terminate any negotiations under way with such institutions for the establishment of naval training units.
10. The President discussed with the Board at great length the joint Army-Navy plan for the use of colleges and universities for the training of enlisted men on the college level. He stated that since receiving the proposals from the Navy, it had been decided to establish the Navy training program elsewhere. He then presented the Army proposal and answered questions from Board members.

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11. THE BOARD VOTED to authorize the President to sign a contract with the War Department of the United States Government, such contract to be based upon the proposal substantially as presented by the War Department with the understanding that when the contract has been prepared it be read by at least three members of the Board of Trustees before signatures are affixed.
12. The President informed the Board that an error had been made by the WPB in approving the application for priorities for the construction of a Catholic Chapel at the University, in that priorities had been granted in the name of the University rather than in the name of the church authorities who are erecting the chapel. The President was advised by the Board that the approval so made should be returned to Washington by Father O'Brien for correction.

Ruth M. Dadourian
Secretary