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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
held in Hartford, December 28, 1949

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Present: Mr. Hook
Mr. Suisman Mr. Brock
Mr. Ryan Mrs. Poses
Mr. Christensen Mr. Watson
Mr. Staples Mr. Engleman
Mr. Jorgensen

Since this was a special meeting, minutes of the last regular meeting were not presented for approval.

The meeting was called for the purpose of presenting the report of the Special Committee appointed to study the athletic program of the University. Mr. J. Ray Ryan and Mr. Edward Suisman, trustee members of the study committee presented the report. A copy of the report is made a part of these minutes and also a minority report. A copy of the President's statement to the Study Committee is also made a part of these minutes.

The stenographic report of the testimony given to the Committee was not presented to the Board to substantiate the conclusions and recommendations of the report. It is expected that the stenographic report will be available to the Board and in due time disposed of in accordance with the announced procedure of the Committee.

Without the substantiating testimony before the Board the Trustee members of the study committee responded emphatically, and in the negative to the following questions. (1) Were individuals or representatives of groups who might have been supporters of the staff members concerned in the last two recommendations discriminated against in ^{not} having an opportunity to appear before the Committee? (2) Were the last two recommendations of the report predetermined or in any way influenced by promises, commitments or understandings with or on the part of individuals or groups in or outside of the University or both? (3) Are there any promises, commitments or understandings involving anyone on the staff or among the students or among the alumni as to persons to fill vacancies on the athletic staff as, if and when they occur? (4) Were the last two recommendations based more on secondary sources of testimony rather than on primary sources?

The meeting began at 11:00 A.M. and adjourned at 3:30 P.M. THE BOARD VOTED to receive and accept the report for further consideration.

The following statement was prepared for release to the press:

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"The Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut meeting in Hartford on December 28, 1949 heard the presentation of the Report of the Special Committee appointed to study the athletic program of the University.

The report was unanimous with certain reservations as to procedure, and encompassed such subjects as team morale, training table, athletic facilities and equipment, schedules and personnel. The Board accepted the report with the understanding that certain parts of the report required further study in reference to policies at other universities and colleges, conference rules and regulations and administrative feasibility and legality. Mr. James W. Hook, Chairman of the Board, said that appropriate action will be taken on the recommendations at an early date."

It was necessary for the Committee to engage stenographic services. Mr. Ryan, Chairman of the Committee has submitted the following bill:

The committee met on the following dates:

December 4	Storrs	1:30 PM to 7:00 PM	5 1/2 hours
December 7	Storrs	1:30 PM to 7:00 PM	5 1/2 hours
December 9	Storrs	7:00 PM to 11:00 PM	4 hours
December 11	Storrs	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	6 hours
December 18	Hartford	10:00 AM to 7:30 PM	9 1/2 hours
		Total	30 1/2 hours

30 1/2 hours @ \$1.85 per hour	equates to	\$ 56.43
100 sheets @ 50¢ a sheet	equates to	50.00
	Total	<u>\$106.43</u>

The Board instructed the President to secure approval for the payment of these services in the amount of \$106.43.

The President advised the Board that he would write a letter to each Committee member indicating that the Committee is now discharged. THE BOARD VOTED to request the President to add to his expression of appreciation the appreciation and thanks of the Board of Trustees for the effort and time devoted to the study. THE BOARD ALSO VOTED to request the President to urge all members of the Committee to refrain from discussing the findings and recommendations for the reason that the work of the Board will be difficult enough without misunderstandings and misinterpretations arising on the outside due to premature discussions of the report.

The President discussed the establishment of a Business Center to serve the University community. The President referred to the action of the Board of Trustees August 15, 1947 approving such a development. The Trustees were also reminded of the Special Act of 1941, H.B. 404 dated June 10, 1941 authorizing the Board of Trustees to deed land for the purpose of developing such a center. The Board was also reminded that on October 15, 1947 the President, Mr. Zeller and Mr. Hadden were authorized to develop an appropriate deed to carry out the intent of the Board and also of the General Assembly. On March 17, 1948 it was voted to add Mr. Shippee and Mr. Lowell to this committee. A deed satisfactory to the Attorney General and approved by the Governor was prepared, signed and dated June 22, 1948 and has been recorded in the Mansfield land records in Volume 69, Pages 228-230.

The Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company has arranged to finance the construction of the physical facilities. Work will soon be under way. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the building plans as submitted by Mr. Frederic C. Teich, University architect to provide the following units facing route 195 and for a gasoline station off Highway No. 195:

Restaurant	Gift Shop
Drug Store	Candy Shop
Department Store	Jeweler
Food Market	Optician
Theatre	Sandwich Shop (Tea Room)
Men's Wear and Supplies	Bank
Women's Wear and Supplies	Shoe Store
Sporting Goods	Hardware store

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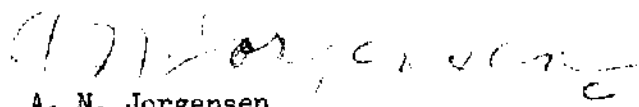
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The following are parking lot shops, to be located at the rear of Highway No. 195.

Restaurant	Doctor
Barber Shop	Dentist
Beauty Parlor	Taxi Stand
Shoe Repair	Laundromat
Dry Cleaner	Bowling Alley
Laundry	Waffle Shop
Florist	Western Union
Delicatessen	Camera Shop
Radio, Bicycle Sales and Rental	

THE BOARD ALSO VOTED to approve the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company and the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company as financing institutes for financing the construction of the buildings erected on premises covered by the deed as authorized.

Respectfully submitted


A. N. Jorgensen
For the Board of Trustees