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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
held in Storrs, February 15, 1956

Present: Mr. Bishop	Mrs. Mackie
Mr. Brock	Mrs. Mahoney
Mr. Dudley	Mr. Marsh
Mr. Gill	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Jorgensen	Mr. Watson

1. The minutes of the meeting of January 18, 1956, having been mailed out, were approved without being read.
2. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following resignations:
  - (1) Michael J. Ambrosino, Radio and TV Supervisor, Division of Communications, effective February 9, 1956.
  - (2) LeRoy Beltz, Instructor in Pharmacy, effective March 1, 1956.
  - (3) Charles J. Pelletier, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering, effective March 1, 1956.
  - (4) Anna May Salomon, Departmental Assistant, Psychology, effective January 30, 1956.
3. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following appointments:
  - (1) Eva Adella Peterson, Resident Educational Counselor, \$2880, February 6, 1956. Replacing Miriam Walker.
  - (2) Emily Tarr, Resident Educational Counselor, \$2400, February 1, 1956. Replacing Elizabeth Ferris.

4. THE BOARD VOTED to receive and place on file the following requests for leave of absence:
- (1) E. G. Burrows, Professor of Anthropology, sick leave with pay November 22, 1955 to February 6, 1956.
  - (2) James Kinghorn, Instructor in Physical Education, Hartford Branch, leave without pay academic year 1956-57. Study for doctorate.
  - (3) Gertrude Platt, Assistant County 4-H Club Agent, Hartford County, sick leave with pay October 27, 1955 to November 28, 1955. Surgery.
  - (4) Jane W. Tomlins, Resident Educational Counselor, sick leave extended from December 17, 1955 to January 15, 1956. Auto accident.
  - (5) Max White, Associate Professor of Government and International Relations, sick leave with pay extended October 30, 1955 to January 31, 1956.
5. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following scholarships, financial aids and gifts and instructed the President to write appropriate letters of appreciation:
- (1) \$200 from the Board of Public Education, Philadelphia, to provide financial aid to Selina Sue Prosen.
  - (2) \$200 from Order of AHEPA, Bay State District No. 8, to provide financial aid to George Dekeon.
  - (3) \$100 from The William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to William Byars.
  - (4) \$25 from Watertown Teachers Association to provide financial aid to Robert Geoghegan.
  - (5) \$375 from Frank Gannett Newspaperboy Scholarships, Inc. to provide financial aid to Wesley A. Lanz.
  - (6) \$450 from The Autoyre Foundation to provide financial aid to Nicholas Daddona.
  - (7) \$50 from Polish Women's Alliance of America to provide financial aid to Patricia Ann Tyszka.
  - (8) \$50 from Polish Women's Alliance of America to provide financial aid to Frances Ann Kaczmarek.
  - (9) \$325 from Rotary Club of Wethersfield to provide financial aid as follows:

George A. Schoen	\$75
Earl R. Thompson, Jr.	125
George Vartenigian	50
Stanley Bystrowski	75

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(10) \$375 contribution to the Emily Elsas Wolf Fund from five donors.

(11) Gift of antique bell bronze mortar to School of Pharmacy from Mr. Edward Mogull, Bridgeport, and Mr. Nathan Hamerman, Hamden.

## 6. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following research project to be carried on by the University and financed by the agency indicated:

(1) \$500 to cover fellowship in School of Pharmacy from American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education to Ara G. Paul.

## 7. The President presented to the Trustees a communication from W. B. Young, Dean and Director of the College of Agriculture, recommending that the University apply to the Regional Property Coordinator of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare for transfer of surplus Federal real property to the University. The land involved is approximately eleven acres and is located in the Town of Mansfield on the northerly side of the Chaffeeville-Spring Hill Road and easterly from Connecticut State Route 195. Dean Young recommends that the land be used in connection with the University's research and resident teaching programs in Forestry and Wildlife.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation of Dean Young.

## 8. The President advised the Board of Trustees that Dean Harleigh B. Trecker has been invited to accept membership on a Deans Advisory Committee to Cabinet Secretary Marion Folsom of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The President further advised that he had approved of Dean Trecker's serving on this committee.

## 9. The President commented on the recent twenty-fifth anniversary dinner for Dean W. B. Young of the College of Agriculture. The dinner was well planned, well attended, and was a fitting recognition of Dean Young's twenty-five years of excellent service to the University.

## 10. Mr. Watson reported to the Board of Trustees regarding the offer of a gift of approximately twenty-five acres of land between Scarborough Avenue in Hartford and the rear boundaries of the Hartford Branch campus. After considerable discussion, Mr. Watson was requested to contact the Hartford Flood Control Commission to get all possible information with reference to flood control measures in this area as they might affect the land gift in question, and, furthermore, that he confer with William A. Robinson who represents Real Estate, Inc., and to look over the property with care in preparation of a report to be made to the Board of Trustees regarding this gift at the next meeting.

11. The President advised the Board of Trustees that Mr. Francis Goodwin has provided in his will that the University receive his Pine Acres Farm upon his death. This farm is located in Hampton and Chaplin and is composed of 1700 acres of land, buildings in good condition, including a fine residence. The major part of the land has been under careful forestry supervision for many years and would prove to be an excellent addition to the University for continued research in Forestry.

The President also advised the Trustees that he is to discuss with Mr. Francis Goodwin in the very near future the acquisition of a twenty acre piece of land adjoining the Hartford Branch campus. This piece was formerly used as a polo field. It was pointed out that this piece of land represents a necessary addition to the campus area of the Hartford Branch.

12. The President presented to the Board of Trustees two pieces of correspondence having to do with the question of liquor on the campus. After considerable discussion, IT WAS VOTED that the Board does not permit the use of intoxicating liquors in any of the dormitories, educational facilities and public premises of the University.
13. THE TRUSTEES VOTED to request the President to instruct the Student Personnel Division to review with the appropriate student leaders all rules as they apply to the conduct of students and to make such changes as seem indicated to bring them up to date.
14. The President discussed with the Trustees the communication he recently addressed to Messrs. Waugh, Northby and Riccio having to do with reviewing the present organization and operational policy of the Security staff of the University and recommending such changes as are indicated by their study and review.
15. The President advised the Trustees that a request has been forwarded to the Fund for the Advancement of Education (Ford Foundation) for funds for a study on "The Improvement of College Teaching."
16. Mr. Watson presented a brief progress report with respect to proposed Group Life and Accident Insurance for students. Mr. Watson indicated that he would report at a later time more specifically on this matter.
17. Mr. Brock, reporting on the University's capital outlay projects, stated that the report for this meeting was precisely the same as to detail as the one presented at the January 18, 1956 meeting.
18. The Faculty Senate report on compulsory class attendance presented at the January meeting and tabled for study by the Trustees was taken from the table and discussed at considerable length.

THE BOARD VOTED to adopt a policy of compulsory attendance for all freshman and sophomore students beginning with the fall semester of September 1956.

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THE BOARD VOTED FURTHER that the President should request that the Director of Student Personnel have prepared the operational details for putting this policy into effect. The hope was expressed that the implementation of this policy could be made as simple as possible, compatible with an effective plan for compulsory attendance.

19. The President distributed copies of the Faculty Senate report on "Changes in Regulations concerning Leaves of Absence," this report to replace the one distributed at the January meeting. IT WAS VOTED to table the revised report until the next meeting of the Board which would allow adequate time for a study of the report by the Trustees.
20. The matter of naming dormitories was discussed. IT WAS VOTED that the four dormitories identified as comprising Project "E" will be named as follows:

Samuel R. Spencer	Suffield	1933-1949	) Served on the Board of Trustees
Joseph W. Alsop	Avon	1909-1941	
James W. Hook	New Haven	1935-1953	
George H. Hollister	Hartford	1927-1943	

21. Mrs. Mackie and Mrs. Mahoney requested the President to notify a committee of young women interested in meeting to discuss the naming of dormitories in the girls' group. This meeting to be held immediately following the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.
22. Mr. George Dudley, speaking for his special committee, recommended that the Dairy Manufacturing Division of the College of Agriculture make plans for the installation of several milk dispensing machines, the type of machines, their operation, servicing and financing to be a matter for study and evaluation by the appropriate staff members in the Division of Dairy Manufacturing. It is the intent that these machines be installed for use by September of 1956.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation of the committee.

23. Mr. Watson presented to the Trustees a request from the Associated Student Government with reference to the continued operation of the student radio station (WHUS). The Trustees were requested to file an application with the Federal Communications Commission for a license to operate an FM student radio station on the campus.

THE BOARD VOTED to request the President to prepare an appropriate application for a student FM radio station (WHUS).

24. The President reported to the Board of Trustees on a visit that he, Mr. Riccio, and Dr. Ihrke (Head of the Department of Music) made to Essex, Connecticut, for the purpose of reviewing the will of the late Susan Evelyn von der Mehden. Mr. James Gould, the administrator

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of the estate and a lawyer in Essex, Connecticut, met with the President, Mr. Riccio, and Dr. Ihrke as did officials of the Bankers Trust Company of Essex. The entire estate was bequeathed to the University and amounts to approximately \$500,000. Under the terms of the will, the University is expected, first, to publish any unpublished but completed compositions that are worthy of publication; and secondly, to provide a vault for the safekeeping of the late J. Louis von der Mehden's published musical compositions.

The President met Mrs. von der Mehden late in the summer of 1955 and she expressed the hope that the University would be willing to accept the estate and to publish the unpublished but completed compositions and to provide a vault. In discussing the vault, it was clear that she had in mind adequate protective shelving for the safekeeping of the musical compositions, this protective shelving to be located in a room which could be designated as a memorial recital room where her late husband's compositions could be played and enjoyed, without the exclusion of other recital uses of this room. This interest in a memorial recital room had also been discussed with her lawyers and with the bank officials.

The President recommended that the University provide a memorial recital room as an addition to the Fine Arts Building now in the planning stage. The present income of the very fine securities in the von der Mehden estate is in excess of \$16,000 per year. Approximately half of this amount could be used to amortize the cost of constructing the memorial recital room, the remaining half to be used to provide a minimum of sixteen \$500 scholarships per year.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

25. Mr. Brock reported to the Trustees regarding the discussions of the last meeting of the Liaison Committee, which committee is preparing a report on Post-Secondary School Needs. He also reported on a meeting in the President's Office attended by Messrs. Shippee, Brock, Waugh, and Jorgensen to review certain matters which were then under consideration for inclusion in such a report.

Following Mr. Brock's report, the President presented briefly and rather sketchily a capital expenditure program on the campus, at the off-campus professional schools, and at the several branches to enable the University to meet its proportionate share of the college enrollment increases anticipated during the next ten year period. The President reported that Mr. Shippee and Mr. Brock had urged the President to include every item of anticipated plant expansion to take care of the University's proportionate share of the increased college enrollment during the next ten year period. The President agreed to mimeograph copies of the report and forward a copy to each Trustee for study prior to the next regular meeting of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

-s- J. Ray Ryan  
J. Ray Ryan, Secretary