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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
held in Hartford, January 15, 1947

Present: Mr. Murphy Mr. Warncke
Mr. Shippee Mr. Jorgensen
Mr. Ryan Mr. Peet

Barker
The following Board members were present for the meeting scheduled on January 15, 1947. Because of the need for initiating the University's legislative program and because a quorum was not present, the President contacted Messrs. McDonough and ~~Bady~~ by telephone. These two trustees added their approval to that of those who were in attendance: Mr. Murphy, Mr. Shippee, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Warncke, Mr. Peet, Mr. Jorgensen.

1. The minutes of the meeting of October 30 having been mailed out, were approved without being read.

ROUTINE

2. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following resignations:

- ✓ (1) Hugh S. Cannon, Associate Professor of Accounting, effective November 25, 1946.
- ✓ (2) James T. Laidlaw, County Club Agent (Tolland County), January 31, 1947.
- ✓ (3) Blair Gullion, Associate Professor of Physical Education, February 1, 1947.
- ✓ (4) Arthur N. Vanderlip, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, January 31, 1947. *(3/1/47 to include 1 mos. vacation)*
- ✓ (5) Ethel T. Johnson, Instructor in Home Management and Child Development, January 5, 1947.

3. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following appointments:

- (1) Kenneth A. Bradley, Instructor in Horticulture, annual salary \$3000, effective January 1, 1947.
- (2) Myron L. Clark, Director, Institute of Labor-Management Relations, (half-time), annual salary \$6240, effective December 15, 1947. New position.
- (3) Joseph A. Ward, Jr., County Club Agent, annual salary \$3000, effective December 16, 1946. Replacing Joseph M. Lent.
- (4) William R. Walker, Associate Professor of Dairy Industry, and Extension Dairyman, annual salary \$4440, effective February 1, 1947. Replacing A. I. Mann. *-(J.C. Shaw)*

4. THE BOARD VOTED to accept and place on file the following requests for leave of absence:

- (1) Janet Aitken, Instructor in Geology, leave without pay for academic year 1947-1948. Advanced study.
- (2) Lawrence H. Amundsen, Associate Professor of Chemistry, second semester, 1947-1948. Advanced study.
- (3) Edwin G. Burrows, Assistant Professor of Sociology, school year 1947-1948, at half pay. Research in anthropology in Micronesia for Navy Department.
- (4) Paul Pfuetze, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, leave without pay, second semester 1946-1947.

5. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following changes in rank:

- ✓(1) Hugh Greer, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, to be Head Basketball Coach, replacing Blair Gullion, effective January 1, 1947.
- ✓(2) A. I. Mann, from Associate Professor of Dairy Industry to Director of the School of Agriculture and Assistant to the Dean, effective December 1, 1946.
- ✓(3) George McReynolds to be Head of Government and International Relations, effective January 15, 1947.

6. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following adjustments in salary:

- ✓(1) Hugh Greer, from \$3540 to \$4080, effective January 1, 1947.
- ✓(2) George McReynolds, from \$4200 to \$4440, effective February 1, 1947.
- ✓(3) Laurence J. Ackerman, Dean of the School of Business Administration, from \$6240 to \$6720, effective February 1, 1947.
- ✓(4) Raymond G. Bressler Jr., Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics, from \$4860 to \$5340, effective February 1, 1947.

7. THE BOARD VOTED to approve granting to Thomas Helion Fanning the Bachelor of Laws degree as of November 30, 1946, in order that he might qualify for admission to the bar before the usual Commencement in June, when degrees are ordinarily awarded.

8. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following scholarships and instructed the President to write appropriate letters of appreciation:

- (1) State Society of Certified Public Accountants \$100.
- (2) Connecticut Association of Small Loan Companies \$125 to a senior and \$75 to a junior interested in accounting and finance.

INFORMATION

- 9. The report of the Committee to Study the Need for a Medical School was mailed out to the trustees prior to the meeting. At the meeting, IT WAS VOTED to accept the report and place it on file with these minutes. It was suggested that Dr. Barker might wish to discuss certain parts of the report at the next regular meeting.
- 10. The budget to be presented to this Session of the General Assembly and which was approved at the October meeting was discussed again in the light of the hearing given on the budget by the incoming Governor and his financial advisers. It was very much the sense of the meeting that the budget should stand as voted at the October meeting and that the University would be unable to provide the present program of services greatly accentuated by the high percentage of returned GIs in attendance if the budget were to be reduced in any way.

11. A letter addressed to the President by Mrs. Helen B. Raley, House Mother at the Sigma Nu fraternity, was discussed with the trustees. It was the sense of the meeting that the trustees should not request of the Legislature that house mothers at the University be exempt from mandatory retirement for age. The President was advised to work out some plan of financing which would not require a change in the retirement statute for house mothers.
12. The President discussed with the Board of Trustees the fee schedule at the University and presented copies of a letter recently sent to Governor McConaughy at his request, showing in comparative form fees paid at the six New England Land-Grant Colleges. The trustees were unanimous with respect to the following: (1) That the University of Connecticut should continue to be developed as a State supported university with emphasis upon teaching, research and service (2) that tuition fees should not be established for residents of the state, (3) that the University fee should at all times be high enough to meet the actual costs of maintaining and operating auxiliary activities and to meet self-liquidating bond obligations incurred to house such activities and (4) the University should not be regarded as an income producing agency for the General Fund.
13. The President presented the summer schedule for undergraduate summer sessions, institutes, conferences and short courses to provide the educational services requested for the summer. It will be necessary to make full use of the main campus at Storrs and the entire facility at Fort Trumbull.
14. The President presented to the trustees a letter received from the Budget Department advising that "the Governor is disapproving your request for the approval for the disbursement of \$5652. from the self-supporting activities fund for financing the preliminary plans for the gymnasium and swimming pool as an addition to the Military Science Building." The trustees instructed the President to communicate with the Budget Department to advise that the Board of Trustees through action taken several months ago approved spending funds from the self-supporting activities account to finance preliminary plans for the gymnasium and swimming pool addition. It was the opinion of the President that there was a lack of complete understanding of the situation due largely to changes which had taken place in the administrative set-up of the State. The President was instructed to report on this matter again at the next meeting of the Board.
15. The legislative program to be presented to this Session of the General Assembly was discussed at great length. In this connection, the President read a communication received just before leaving the campus for the Trustees' meeting:

"January 13, 1947

"To Heads of State Departments and Institutions:

"Will you kindly write a letter to Governor McConaughy giving him information regarding the Legislative program of your Department or Institution.

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"In order to coordinate the administrative program, he would appreciate your not releasing any publicity on your program.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Henry B. Strong

Executive Secretary"

The trustees and the administration desire very much to cooperate with the present administration and the President was instructed to forward a letter immediately to Governor McConaughy outlining the Trustees' legislative program for the University. It was also the sense of the meeting that the Trustees would cooperate so far as is possible with the Governor regarding the release of publicity on the program.

The following bills were approved by the Trustees and will be forwarded to Governor McConaughy immediately as the Trustees' legislative program:

1. An Act Authorizing the State to Issue Bonds for the Construction of Self-Liquidating Dormitories and Faculty Housing to Replace temporary Housing for Faculty and Students provided by the Federal Public Housing Authority and a Swimming Pool Addition to the Gymnasium at the University of Connecticut.
2. An Act Making an Appropriation to the University of Connecticut for a Student Health and Infirmary Building.
3. An Act Making an Appropriation to the University of Connecticut to Complete the Construction of a Greenhouse which Replaces One Destroyed by Fire
4. An Act Making an Appropriation to the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of Connecticut for Recruiting and Placing Farm Labor
5. An Act Validating the Employment of Personnel at the Fort Trumbull Branch
6. An Act Making an Appropriation for the Construction of Sidewalks on State Highway 195 through the Campus to Eliminate the Danger of death and injury to students, staff and employees
7. An Appropriation for New Construction to Replace Sixteen Temporary Class, Laboratory and Administration Buildings provided by the State to provide facilities for Returned Veterans

The following bills will be presented by other agencies or groups:

1. Addition to Atwater Laboratory - Introduced by farm groups
2. Dairy Manufacturing Building - Introduced by farm groups
3. Pharmacy Building - Introduced by pharmacy interests of the state

Copies of all these bills and "justification of need" statements are made a part of these minutes.

8. Acceptance of Federal funds for the further endowment of
Agricultural Experiment Stations

Note: A copy of the proposed bill was forwarded to the University from the New Haven Experiment Station. This proposed bill was read to the trustees. The trustees were unanimous in not approving the "joint control" feature as contained in this bill. The President was instructed to write an appropriate bill giving to each Board of Trustees for the two experiment stations independent authority and control over such funds as may be allotted to each station by the Federal government.

Respectfully submitted,


J. Ray Ryan
Secretary