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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
held in Storrs, January 18, 1956

Present: Mr. Belden Mr. Jorgensen
 Mr. Bishop Mrs. Mahoney
 Mr. Brock Mr. Shippee
 Mr. Fuller Mr. Watson
 Mr. Gill

1. The minutes of the meeting of November 23, 1955, having been mailed out, were approved without being read.
2. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following resignations:
 - (1) Mary Lou Bay, Library Assistant, effective January 2, 1956.
 - (2) M. Elaine Burgess, Activities Coordinator, Student Union, effective February 15, 1956.
 - (3) William H. Drew, Assistant Professor, Agricultural Economics, effective January 31, 1956.
 - (4) Elizabeth Ferris, Resident Educational Counselor, effective January 31, 1956.
 - (5) Mary O'Brien, Infirmary Nurse, effective December 1, 1955.
3. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following appointments:
 - (1) Harold Munby Beal, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Pharmacy, \$7080, September 16, 1956. New position.
 - (2) Helena L. Kuttner, R.N., Infirmary Nurse, \$3360, January 6, 1956. Replacing Mary O'Brien.
 - (3) Gertrude Lamb, A.M., Library Assistant, \$2940, January 3, 1956. Replacing Mary Lou Bay.
 - (4) Gerald C. Newcombe, B.S., Assistant County Agricultural Agent, New Haven County, \$4200, January 16, 1956. Replacing W. B. Andrews.

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- (5) Delphine L. Tenbroeck, M.A., Departmental Assistant Junior Grade, School of Social Work, \$3060, January 16, 1956.

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

- (1) Marie Catuogno, Instructor in Nursing, leave without pay February 1, 1956 through April 30, 1956. To complete work for Master's Degree.
- (2) Mary C. Davis, Resident Educational Counselor, sick leave with pay December 2, 1955 through December 17, 1955. Automobile accident.
- (3) Anna May Salomon, Departmental Assistant Junior Grade, Psychology, leave without pay December 16, 1955 through December 29, 1955. Illness in family.
- (4) Robert W. Stallman, Professor of English, sabbatic leave second semester 1956-57. To write two books.
- (5) Jane Tomlins, Resident Educational Counselor, sick leave with pay December 2, 1955 through December 17, 1955. Automobile accident.
- (6) Elliot S. Wolk, Instructor in Mathematics, sick leave with pay extended from November 15, 1955 through November 23, 1955.

5. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following scholarships, financial aids and gifts and instructed the President to write appropriate letters of appreciation:

- (1) \$100 Panhellenic Scholarship for 1955-56.
- (2) \$50 from Jewish Children's Service Organization for scholarships to School of Social Work.
- (3) \$150 Hugh P. Beirne Memorial Scholarship for 1955-56.
- (4) \$150 Curtis P. Gladding Memorial Scholarship for second semester 1955-56.
- (5) \$50 from Windham Teacher's Club to provide financial aid to Germaine Bergeron.
- (6) \$150 from Reeves Educational Fund of The Meriden Foundation to provide financial aid to Christopher DeAngeli.
- (7) \$150 from Fathers' Club of Shelton to provide financial aid to Carol Gail Cook.
- (8) \$75 from War Orphans Education Committee to provide financial aid to Anne A. Soda.
- (9) Gift of books from State Welfare Department to School of Social Work.

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- (10) Gift of \$2000 from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sears of Chino Farms, Chestertown, Maryland, to Department of Animal Industries in support of program for improving our Hereford herd of cattle.
- (11) \$250 from Philip Lauter Foundation, Inc. for financial aid purposes.
- (12) \$375 from Frank Gannett Newspaperboy Scholarships, Inc. to provide financial aid to Louis C. Olmsted.
- (13) \$225 from Trust Estate of Adolphe J. Palen-Klar to provide financial aid to the following:
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| Kathleen A. Erb | \$75 |
| Elizabeth Griffiths | 75 |
| Thaisa L. Nichols | 75 |
- (14) \$100 from Staples P.T.A. Scholarship Committee to provide financial aid to Walter Soderlund.
- (15) \$50 from Staples P.T.A. Scholarship Committee to provide financial aid to Robert Agranow.
- (16) \$50 from Staples P.T.A. Scholarship Committee to provide financial aid to Mary Ann Butner.
- (17) \$125 from Staples P.T.A. Scholarship Committee to provide financial aid to Rosemarie Doyno.
- (18) \$50 from Staples P.T.A. Scholarship Committee to provide financial aid to Marianna McAlarney.
- (19) \$150 from Staples P.T.A. Scholarship Committee to provide financial aid to Marianna Gieges.
- (20) \$125 from Staples P.T.A. Scholarship Committee to provide financial aid to Helen VanderVeen.
- (21) \$125 from Staples P.T.A. Scholarship Committee to provide financial aid to Sam Spooner.
- (22) \$150 from William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to Rochelle Epstein.
- (23) \$150 from William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to Gertrude Kutcher.
- (24) \$75 from William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to Natalie Stone.
- (25) \$100 from William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to Ann Holway.
- (26) \$75 from William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to Phyllis Stone.

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- (27) \$200 from William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to Jean Williams.
- (28) \$90 from William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to Beryl Adelman.
- (29) \$73 from William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to John Buckley.
- (30) \$150 from William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to Raymond Burbine.
- (31) \$50 from William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to Signe Margaret Nelson.
- (32) \$125 from William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to Thomas O'Connor.
- (33) \$150 from William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to Elizabeth Phillips.
- (34) \$150 from William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to Robert Sheedy.
- (35) \$50 from William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to Joan Sabia.
- (36) \$150 from William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to Robert Sinagra.
- (37) \$75 from William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to John Sylvester.
- (38) \$100 from William H. Chapman Foundation to provide financial aid to Paul White.
- (39) Gift of Mikro balance from Mr. Joseph Goldin, Normandie Drug Company, Hartford, to School of Pharmacy.
- (40) Gift of collection of Cinchona bark specimens from Dr. Fosberg, U. S. Department of Interior, to School of Pharmacy.

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

- (1) \$1000 from Charles LeGeyt Fortescue Fellowship Committee of Westinghouse Electric Corporation to support research program of Taylor L. Booth.

7. THE BOARD VOTED to approve emeritus status for Warren E. Brockett, County Club Agent, New Haven County, who retired as of December 1, 1955.

8. The President presented to the Trustees enrollment predictions for the fall semester of 1956-1957 based on the estimated number of returning

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students and based on admitting a freshman quota identical with the freshman quota for the fall of 1955-1956. Based on these estimates, the University would have an enrollment on the main campus of 583 more students than in 1955 and without dormitory beds to house the increase.

In his discussion, the President referred to two requests authorized by the Board of Trustees to be presented to the 1955 session of the General Assembly. One bill requested revenue bonds in the amount of \$1 million to construct housing for married graduate student assistants and another revenue bill calling for \$1½ million for duplicating the last group of men's dormitories which would have housed 600 men. Both bills were approved by the Finance Committee of the General Assembly during the regular session. The two bills were acted upon favorably by the House but failed of presentation to the Senate. During the special session of the General Assembly, without any request from anyone connected with the University, the two bills were added to the agenda for the special session. The Finance Committee again voted favorably on the two bills and subsequently the two bills were acted upon favorably by the Senate but failed of appearance in the House. Had these bills been approved, the University would not be faced with the present problem.

The President also reported that the number of applications for admission in September of 1956 exceeds the number a year ago by fifty per cent.

Any reduction in the size of the freshman class will affect class enrollments for the succeeding three years.

The President indicated that perhaps the only solution would be to reinstate the immediate post-war policy of requiring all freshman students residing within a radius of fifteen miles of the main campus to commute; and also to require more of the entering students residing in the area of Waterbury, Hartford and Stamford to attend the branches. The President pointed out, however, that these policies would be only in the nature of a temporary expedient since the larger the enrollments became in the branches, the larger will be the number of branchfers eligible for admission to the University as juniors.

9. The President reported on the renewal of the IBM Airborne Computer research project involving Professors Kochenburger and Löf of the School of Engineering.

The President also reported on the interest of the International Business Machines Corporation in continuing relationships with the University of Connecticut which involves grants-in-aid to finance research conducted at the University directed by University engineers and scientists and on research developments of concern to the IBM.

The Trustees discussed several aspects of the financial arrangements involving the services of professional staff members of the University.

10. The President presented a proposal by President H. M. Horner of the United Aircraft Corporation for the remission of fees paid for the

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successful completion of advanced and graduate study at the University by employees of the United Aircraft Corporation and its domestic subsidiaries.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the plan as proposed by President H. M. Horner of the United Aircraft Corporation and recommended by the President of the University.

11. The President identified for the Trustees, Public Law 345, 84th Congress, approved August 11, 1955, and particularly Title I, Sec. 112, which provides funds for public works planning at educational institutions.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve of the President reviewing the proposals of Public Law 345 with Senator Purtell on his next visit to Washington.

12. The President presented to the Trustees copies of the report of the Scholastic Standards Committee on Compulsory Class Attendance.

THE BOARD VOTED to receive the report for study by each of the Trustees preparatory for action to be taken at the next meeting of the Board.

13. The President discussed briefly proposed legislation prepared by Mr. E. Lea Marsh regarding fines for parking and traffic violations on the University campus, said fines, when paid to the court collecting the same, to be deposited with the state treasurer to the account of said University for payment of salaries of the campus police.

It was the sense of the discussion that the intent of a previous discussion was to the effect that such fines as were to be collected by the University for violation of parking and traffic violations on University grounds would be paid to the University and the monies so collected would be made available for scholarships.

It was agreed that the President would review the matter again with Mr. Marsh.

14. The President presented to the Trustees a letter received from Mr. Edwin Gonzalez, a Porto Rican student living in Manchester Hall (dormitory).

It was the sense of the discussion that Mr. Gonzalez should present his questions with reference to dormitory assignments to the Student Personnel Division.

15. The President presented to the Board of Trustees a communication which he received from Representative Frank E. Calhoun of Cornwall to which was attached a resolution which Mr. Calhoun had prepared for presentation to the recent special session of the General Assembly. The resolution was concerned with the installation of milk vending machines at the University of Connecticut. Representative Calhoun's understanding of the situation was in error in a number of particulars.

The Trustees approved of the President's proposed letter to Representative Calhoun, copies of which he proposed to send to all members of the legislature who signed the petition endorsing the proposed resolution.

16. The President presented to the Trustees a communication from Mr. George E. Graff, Superintendent of Schools, Rockville, and addressed to Mr. Lester E. Shippee, Chairman. In his letter, Superintendent Graff requested a meeting of the Board of Education of the Town of Ashford with the Board of Trustees of the University for the purpose of discussing the admission of Ashford pupils to the proposed new University high school.

THE BOARD VOTED to instruct the President to review the high school building problem with Superintendent Graff, after which (if necessary) the President and Trustee Joseph N. Gill would make themselves available, representing the Board of Trustees, to meet with representatives of the Board of Education of the Town of Ashford.

17. The President reviewed with the Trustees the Connecticut phases of the Science Talent Search program conducted nationally by the National Science Foundation. Cooperating on the State level are two State organizations, namely, the Connecticut Science Teachers Association and the Connecticut Academy of Science.

The growing shortage of students preparing in the fields of Mathematics, Science, and Engineering is now well recognized as presenting a serious problem. The financial resources of the National Science Foundation are inadequate to provide scholarships for all the top winners in the Science Talent Search program. Several of the major educational institutions in Connecticut have been asked to provide scholarships to supplement those to be awarded by the National Science Foundation.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the President's recommendation that the University award annually five \$500 science scholarships to student winners in the Connecticut Science Talent Search program.

The Board also approved of the President's recommendation that the University schedule a banquet, at which time the Connecticut science scholarship winners would be honoured and presented with the scholarships.

Trustee Alfred C. Fuller discussed at considerable length his interest in increasing scholarship funds for University of Connecticut students and some of the difficulties that would need to be resolved. It was the sense of the discussion that the President would prepare a statement regarding the scholarship needs of the University, using the recognized shortage of engineers and shortages in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry as basic points of reference. Such a statement will be reviewed with Mr. Fuller. Mr. Fuller then proposes to invite in a number of leading manufacturers to review with him scholarship fund needs and proposals.

18. Trustee C. Raymond Brock presented a report on construction projects in progress at the University as of January 10, 1956. Mr. Brock reviewed each of the items and indicated that, for the most part, the projects listed in the report were carried over from previous reports excepting several which were added as a result of the release of funds for planning work on building projects authorized by the 1955 session of the General Assembly.
19. The President presented to the Board a communication from Provost Waugh transmitting recommendations of a special University Senate committee on

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campus parking,

THE BOARD VOTED to receive the report and noted that parking problems are continuously under study in connection with the construction of new buildings and the development of the campus.

20. The President presented to the Trustees a report from a special committee of the University Senate regarding "Present and Proposed Changes in Regulations concerning Leaves of Absence."

THE BOARD VOTED to receive the report and defer action until the next meeting of the Board of Trustees which would allow each Trustee to study the recommended changes.

21. Trustee Elmer S. Watson reported for the Trustee Special Committee on University fees. He reviewed a recent meeting the committee held with representatives of the student organizations. He reported, as did other members of the committee, that the meeting was both interesting and helpful.

The Board approved of the committee's recommendations presented by Mr. Watson, (a) that the present division of student fees would be continued, namely, \$4.00 as a Student Union fee, and \$6.00 as a Student Government fee which will include the financing of the student paper, the student year book, and the Huskey Network; (b) that the Student Senate would submit a budget indicating specifically how funds allotted to the Student Senate would be spent, the budget to serve as a basis of expenditure authority and control when once approved by the Board of Trustees; and (c) that a letter be addressed to the President for his transmittal to administrative staff members indicating lines of communication to be followed by students in the presentation of their questions and problems, requiring that initially all such questions and problems are to be presented to the Student Personnel Division.

22. The President presented to the Trustees a summary of administrative staff data. The President called attention to the ages of the top administrative personnel and underscored the necessity for inaugurating a "youth movement" in top level administrative positions.

It was the sense of the discussion that the President should take such steps as are clearly indicated to inaugurate such a program. Special reference was made to securing an additional top level administrative assistant to relieve the President of growing administrative work.

23. The President presented to the Trustees a summary of research grants for 1955-56, as of June 30, 1955.

24. The President presented to the Trustees copies of "Committee Organization of University of Connecticut's Seventy-Fifth Anniversary."

25. The President presented to the Trustees copies of an editorial which appeared in the Hartford Courant on December 8, 1955 entitled "A New Auditorium Opens at UConn."

26. The President reported to the Board of Trustees that under the provisions of the will of the late Susan Evelyn von der Mehden, the University is to receive the income from the estate which is estimated to be between \$400,000 and \$500,000. He reported that Mr. Riccio and Dr. Ihrke, Head of the Music Department, would accompany him to a meeting to be held in the office of the administrators of the estate in the near future for the purpose of reviewing the conditions of the bequest.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. JORGENSEN

For

J. Ray Ryan, Secretary