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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

held in Hartford, June 20, 1949

Present:

Mr. Hook	Mr. Wernicke
Dr. Barker	Mr. Staples
Mr. Shippee	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Brock	Mr. Jorgensen

Mr. James Hook was asked to preside.

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

1. The President discussed with the Trustees the matter of emergency plant needs of the University of Connecticut now before the Special Session of the General Assembly. After a thorough discussion of the matter, it was the sense of the meeting that the President attend the hearing scheduled by the Senate for Wednesday, June 22, and for the President to present the emergency plant needs of the University for consideration by the Education, Finance, and Appropriation Committees.

The following statement was approved for presentation at the hearing and for release to all members of the General Assembly and to the newspapers of the State:

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
Storrs, Connecticut

Memorandum on the \$4,000,000 Plant Needs of the
University of Connecticut now before the
Special Session of the General Assembly

It is essential that members of the General Assembly have some background material for an understanding of the emergency plant needs of the University.

The \$4,000,000 needed for emergency plant changes and additions does not provide for:

- (a) new services, or
- (b) expanded services

It should be realized that the State administration, supported by special acts of the General Assembly, requested the University to expand its program to take care of the returned GIs and to take care, so far as possible, of the growing demand for University education by qualified Connecticut youth. The Board of

Trustees and the administration of the University repeatedly made clear the accumulative effect of plant needs due to the decision of the State administration and the General Assembly to have the State University take care of the expanded enrollments. It was made clear on many occasions that the most difficult time would occur in September, 1949. The 1945 and 1947 sessions of the General Assembly and the special session of 1946 recognized this accumulative effect and supported by special acts the development of the University to take care of the increased enrollments.

The leadership of both parties (Democrats and Republicans), all through the session, assured the University (Trustees and administration) that the emergency building needs were recognized and that the funds would be provided.

The University does not have any responsibility to indicate the manner in which the funds are to be provided. It is most unfortunate that the University program, services, faculty and student morale, resulting from the uncertainty as to the future of the University program, and its public relations should be adversely affected because of the present "issue" as to source of funds.

If the funds are not made available, the consequences will be extremely serious. Some of the tragic consequences are:

1. Notify about 1200 juniors, who have already paid their fees and who are already fully registered (transfers from the Fort Trumbull, Waterbury, and Hartford Branches), that they must go elsewhere to college in September, 1949. This will probably result in these students not continuing in college. Most college enrollments have not been completed.
2. Notify 979 sophomores (juniors by June 1950) registered in the Fort Trumbull, Hartford, and Waterbury branches, and about 900 freshmen (sophomores by June 1950) registered at Fort Trumbull that they should start making plans to go elsewhere for their college work by September, 1950.

The Fort Trumbull facility was made available to the University of Connecticut under a "revocable use permit" arrangement granted by the Federal Government. This "use permit" was for a period not to exceed five years. The University will discontinue the Fort Trumbull branch in June of 1950. The Underwater Sound Laboratory of the United States Navy located at Fort Trumbull is anxious to secure the entire Fort Trumbull facility in order to remove the present temporary buildings and to replace them with permanent buildings to house an expanded underwater sound research program. Five dormitories used this past year by the University are in process of being surrendered to the Navy.

3. New buildings already authorized cannot be constructed because the heating plant addition and trunk line utilities for heat, water, and sewage disposal included in the "minimum plant needs of the University" will not be available.

TRANSFERS FROM BRANCHES

Students enrolled at Fort Trumbull, Hartford, and Waterbury Branches are studying freshman and sophomore courses as similar as possible to those offered during the first two years at Storrs. On completion of the courses at any of these three branches, the student is eligible to enter the junior year at the Storrs campus. Eligible students were promised transfer to the Storrs campus upon successful completion of two years of work at the Branches.

The University of Connecticut cannot provide junior and senior courses at the Fort Trumbull, Hartford, and Waterbury Branches. Laboratory facilities are not available and there is no space for adding these facilities at Hartford and Waterbury. It is not possible to add additional laboratory facilities at the Fort Trumbull Branch since the Fort Trumbull Branch will be discontinued in June, 1950. Furthermore, there would be no dormitory facilities at Fort Trumbull for juniors since all beds have already been assigned to sophomores and to entering freshmen.

2. The President presented a report to the Trustees from the Honorary Recognition Committee of the College of Agriculture. THE BOARD VOTED to approve awarding "honorary recognition for service to agriculture and rural life" to Mr. George Wells of Litchfield County and Mrs. Harold Strickland of Middlesex County.

3. The President discussed the matter of University fees. THE BOARD VOTED to continue a non-instructional (non-tuition) student fee of \$125 per year to cover in part the financing of the following items:

- Dining Halls
- Dormitory Facilities
- Union Building Facilities
- Auditorium Facilities
- Health Fee
- Athletic Facilities
- Physical Education Fee (Athletics)
- Personnel Fee
 - Convocation
 - Transportation
 - Music (Band)
 - Audio-Visual
 - Scholarships
 - Testing

IT WAS FURTHER VOTED to instruct the University Comptroller that all fee collections for dormitory facilities, union building facilities, auditorium facilities, and athletic facilities shall be applied to the liquidation of "self-liquidating bonds" and debt service and that all fee collections in excess of expenditures for the activities indicated must go to the "self-liquidating bond retirement account" to meet "self-liquidating bond" retirements and debt service. This is to be effective with the current year. IT WAS FURTHER VOTED to request the President to present annually a breakdown showing the distribution of the student fee collections.

Respectfully submitted,

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