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MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
held in New Haven, March 2, 1953

Present: Mr. Hook	Mrs. Mahoney
Mr. Brock	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Shippee	Mr. Staples
Mr. Bishop	President Jorgensen
	Comptroller Riccio

1. The adjourned meeting was called to order by Chairman James W. Hook and the entire meeting was devoted to a consideration of the recommendations for the University contained in the Governor's Budget Report. Several hours were devoted to a very careful analysis of the Trustees' requests and the recommendations contained in the Governor's Budget Report.

THE BOARD VOTED to transmit the following letter to the Governor:

The Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut at its meeting held yesterday directed me to express to you its deep concern over the curtailment of the University's operating budget for the forthcoming biennium that is proposed in your Budget Report.

In approaching the preparation of the University's budget for the coming biennium, the Trustees were aware of the budgetary problems faced by the State and the necessity for strict economy. The budget, therefore, was designed to meet the minimum requirements of the University and was carefully worked out by a special finance committee of the Board of Trustees composed of Lester Shippee of Hartford, Chairman, Raymond Brock of New Haven and Elmer Watson of Wethersfield and was reviewed in detail by the entire Board and approved unanimously by it. As a result of the drastically curtailed budget of two years ago, reserves that had been set up for special purposes had to be utilized in order to maintain minimum operation. These reserves, of course, will soon have to be replaced. The present budget as prepared by the Board's special committee contemplates no new services whatsoever and covers only present commitments.

The Trustees are alarmed at the curtailment of the University's operating budget that you have proposed and at the alternatives that will be left to the Trustees in managing the affairs of the University if this budget is adopted. They wish to cooperate in every possible way with you and the General Assembly in the interests of economy and seek the opportunity to discuss again any and every phase of the budget with you and your representatives. The Board, however, has reaffirmed its approval of the budget

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as presented by the University as it represents the actual requirements necessary to maintain its educational standards and to discharge its obligations to the student body.

Yours very truly,

James W. Hook  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

THE BOARD VOTED FURTHER to authorize the Chairman of the Board and the President of the University to present the Board of Trustees' position with reference to budget requests for the University to other legislative agencies and to the public if and when it is deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Ray Ryan

J. Ray Ryan  
Secretary