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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
held in Storrs, March 21, 1956

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

In the absence of Chairman Shippee, Mr. Brock presided.

1. The minutes of the meeting of February 15, 1956, having been mailed out, were approved without being read.
2. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following resignations:
 - (1) Kendall L. Dolge, Instructor in Animal Industries, effective March 31, 1956.
 - (2) Grace Johnson, Infirmary Nurse, effective March 29, 1956.
 - (3) Gertrude M. Platt, Assistant County Club Agent, Hartford County, effective July 15, 1956.
 - (4) Muriel Thompson, Infirmary Nurse, effective April 19, 1956.
3. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following appointments:
 - (1) James M. Bobbitt, Ph.D., Instructor in Chemistry, \$4920, September 16, 1956. Replacing Richard E. Gannon.
 - (2) Donald E. Nelson, B.S., Administrative Assistant (Radio-TV Supervisor), \$4740, March 16, 1956. Replacing Michael Ambrosino.
 - (3) Lois Tillinghast, B.S., Departmental Assistant Senior Grade, University Extension, \$3300, March 19, 1956. New position.

4. THE BOARD VOTED to receive and place on file the following requests for leave of absence:
 - (1) Gene J. Barberet, Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages, sabbatic leave second semester 1956-57. Research in France.
 - (2) Karl Bosworth, Associate Professor of Government and International Relations, sick leave with pay March 5, 1956 through April 2, 1956.
 - (3) Eric W. Carlson, Assistant Professor of English, sick leave with pay February 6, 1956 to March 13, 1956.
 - (4) J. Louis Cooper, Professor of Education, sabbatic leave second semester 1956-57. Research and writing.
 - (5) Robert Deming, County 4-H Club Agent, Fairfield County, sabbatic leave six months starting February, 1957. Study for Master's Degree.
 - (6) J. R. Gerberich, Professor of Education, sabbatic leave for six months commencing February 1, 1957. Research and writing.
 - (7) Louis L. Gerson, Assistant Professor of Government and International Relations, sick leave with pay February 24, 1956 through March 16, 1956.
 - (8) C. F. Helmboldt, Associate Professor of Animal Diseases, sick leave with pay for two months starting February 20, 1956.
 - (9) Bert Hopkins, Dean, University of Connecticut School of Law, sabbatic leave for six months starting February 1, 1957. Study and research.
 - (10) Ralph J. Kochenburger, Professor of Electrical Engineering, sabbatic leave second semester 1956-57. Research.
 - (11) Gardiner H. London, Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages, sabbatic leave second semester 1956-57. Research in Spain and Portugal.
5. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the request for retirement of Max R. White, Associate Professor of Government and International Relations, because of disability, effective February 1, 1956. The President was requested to initiate the appropriate forms and also to express to Mr. White, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, sincere appreciation for the many years of loyal and effective service to the University and to the State.
6. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following scholarships, financial aids, and gifts and instructed the President to write appropriate letters of appreciation:
 - (1) \$100 from the girls in Sprague Hall to be used to establish the Sprague Hall Scholarship.
 - (2) \$1321.33 from the Francis Lee Castleman, Jr. Scholarship Fund to establish the Francis Lee Castleman Scholarship.
 - (3) \$100 Bradford P. Blake Scholarship for 1956-57.

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- (4) \$45 Dorothy Culp Memorial Scholarship for 1955-56.
 - (5) \$150 from Civil Defense Organization of the Brooklyn Section of Waterbury to be known as the Dr. E. H. Kirschbaum Scholarship Fund.
 - (6) \$250 from Miss Dorothy Stimson, Stonington, to provide financial aid to Barbara Clay.
 - (7) \$200 from The Allison Fund, Inc. to provide financial aid to Joan C. Sevik.
 - (8) \$25 from Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary to Post No. 3185, Veterans of Foreign Wars, to provide financial aid to Catherine Smith.
 - (9) \$500 from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to provide financial aid to Marie Sherrod.
 - (10) \$100 from Putnam B.P.O. Elks to provide financial aid to Dean Michael Hogan.
 - (11) Gift of XRD-1 X-Ray Diffraction Unit from Pratt & Whitney Aircraft to Department of Mechanical Engineering.
 - (12) Gift of several agricultural books donated to College of Agriculture by Mr. Harry Wessels, New Britain.
 - (13) Gift of Electrocardiograph to Department of Zoology by Dr. Roy N. Barnett, Norwalk Hospital.
 - (14) Gift of very old prescription formulary to School of Pharmacy by Messrs. David Haines and Joel Lefkowitz, Main Street Drug Company, Wethersfield.
 - (15) Gift of \$316.50 from Fort Trumbull Alumni Association to Student Union to purchase portable spinet piano.
 - (16) \$75 from Connecticut Probation and Parole Association to School of Social Work to be used for scholarship purposes.
7. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following research projects to be carried on by the University and financed by the agency indicated:
- (1) \$750 from Haskins Laboratories for part-time Research Assistantship for one semester in connection with research project under the direction of Dr. Alvin Liberman.
8. The report of the Faculty Senate Committee on Sabbatical Leave, tabled at the meeting of February 15, 1956 to allow sufficient time for the Trustees to read the report with care, was taken from the table. During the discussion, the President referred to a communication which he had requested of Provost Albert E. Waugh regarding his reactions to the report of the Faculty Senate Committee.

THE BOARD VOTED to table the report for another month and requested the

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President to abstract the material from Provost Waugh's letter which could be considered by the Trustees in connection with a further study of the recommended changes in the leave of absence policy.

9. The President advised the Trustees of a communication from the Executor of the Estate of Edward E. Lincoln of Willimantic. The University of Connecticut and Worcester Polytechnic Institute are to share equally in the Estate of the late Edward E. Lincoln. It appears that the University may benefit in the amount of \$75,000. The provisions of the Will indicate that the income from the funds to be invested by the University is to be used for scholarships.

A later report will be made to the Board after the Will has been probated and the University has more precise information.

10. The President presented to the Trustees a communication from the Faculty of the School of Engineering concerning parking facilities. After the presentation of the resolution, THE BOARD VOTED to request the President to advise the Faculty of the School of Engineering that consideration is constantly being given to providing adequate parking facilities as the campus is being developed.
11. The President discussed the present Board policy of considering recommendations for tenure, promotions, and terminal appointments at the March meeting of the Board.

In accordance with previous Board policy, all material having to do with salary recommendations for professional staff members is reviewed during the summer months for presentation to the Board of Trustees at the September meeting. Such recommendations as are approved then become effective at the first pay period in October.

Due to budget uncertainties and the fact that separating consideration of salary adjustments from matters of tenure, reappointments, and promotions results in duplicating effort on the part of department heads, deans, the office of the Provost, and the office of the President, THE BOARD VOTED to group all of these matters for consideration by the administrative staff during the summer months and present appropriate recommendations to the Board of Trustees at the September meeting of the Board.

The action taken will not preclude the presentation to the Board of Trustees any special cases involving personnel appointment, tenure, or promotion to retain a valued staff member sought by other institutions, which may need to be considered prior to the period indicated in the above action.

12. Mr. Elmer S. Watson reported to the Board on his study of the property of Real Estate, Inc., Hartford, Connecticut, which had been offered to the University. The written report presented by Mr. Watson will become a matter of record in the files of the Board.

After a careful consideration of the matter, THE BOARD VOTED not to accept the gift of 25½ acres of land located between Albany Avenue and the

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Hartford Branch of the University since the land would have little practical or useful value to the University.

THE BOARD VOTED FURTHER to express appreciation to Real Estate, Inc. of Hartford, Connecticut, for the offer of gift.

13. Mr. Brock, as Chairman of the Special Finance Committee of the Board, presented the monthly report on the status of "capital projects." The written copy of this report will become a matter of record in the files of the Board.
14. The President discussed with the Trustees, the nominations of the 1956-57 Student Union Board of Governors for appointment to vacancies for the coming year. The constitution of the Union Board states that the nominating committee shall submit at least twenty-four candidates and the President shall make appointments from the names submitted by the nominating committee and from such other persons as the President of the University deems desirable.

The President advised the Board that he has appointed the first twelve names as submitted by the nominating committee.

15. Mr. Brock and Mrs. Mahoney of the Board of Trustees, representing the Board on the Liaison Committee, reported on the "Tentative Agreements on Higher Education reached by the Liaison Committee -- February 24, 1956." This statement, prepared by Mr. Flaherty, Deputy Commissioner of Education, and Mr. Waugh, Provost of the University, was in the nature of a summary of the discussions of the last meeting of the Liaison Committee. It was intended that this summary statement should be submitted to the Liaison Committee for review prior to submission to the two Boards. This procedure was not followed since it was presented to the last meeting of the State Board of Education prior to a review by the entire Liaison Committee.

From a review of the correspondence between Mr. Flaherty and Mr. Waugh, both of whom serve as staff workers for the Liaison Committee, it appears that the State Board of Education wishes to alter Items 6, 7, and 8 of the statement. Mr. Brock advised the Board of Trustees that the Statement of Tentative Agreements with the suggested changes proposed by the State Board of Education will be reviewed at an early meeting of the Liaison group and such other changes as may be proposed by the University representatives on the Liaison Committee.

16. The President presented the recommendations of the administration for the capital outlay program to be presented to the 1957 session of the General Assembly. The projects were discussed item by item and THE BOARD VOTED to approve the capital project program with the changes noted during the discussion. Copies of the revised statement are to be forwarded to the Trustees. It was suggested that, as a matter of information, copies should be made available to the members of the State Board of Education serving on the Liaison Committee.
17. The President reviewed with the Trustees the status of the skating rink which is in the final planning stage. In order not to delay the construction of the rink, THE BOARD VOTED to authorize additional

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allotments up to \$50,000 from 6.4 to finance this project. Rising costs but particularly the high contingency requirements determined by the Public Works Department, necessitated the additional allotment.

18. The President presented to the Board of Trustees a communication from Dr. Northby, Director of Student Personnel, requesting that a special committee of the Trustees meet with the committee appointed by his Division to discuss the revision of rules covering the conduct of students and with specific reference to the recently announced "no drinking" policy of the Board of Trustees.

Trustees Watson and Ryan were scheduled to meet with a student group following the adjournment of the Trustees' meeting. Mr. Ryan was asked to discuss the communication with the student group. It was further suggested that the committee appointed by the Student Personnel Division proceed with such revision of existing rules as are indicated by the stated policy of the Board of Trustees. If it appears necessary, the Trustees might be willing to review the rules and recommendations as developed by the committee.

19. The President advised the Trustees that the Faculty Senate, meeting on March 12, 1956, took the following action:

"It was voted unanimously that the Senate respectfully requests the Board of Trustees to reconsider its recent action on compulsory attendance, and to appoint a special committee of the Board to meet with the Senate's Committee on Scholastic Standards for discussion of the matter."

The Trustees were much concerned with the Senate action since it seemed to suggest that the Trustees had not given the matter of attendance careful consideration or that the President had been remiss in fully presenting the attitude and the thinking of the Faculty Senate. The Trustees clearly indicated that the matter had been discussed frequently during the last two years.

The report of the Faculty Senate was carefully studied by each Trustee as well as information received from deans, faculty members, alumni, students, parents and others. The Trustees still believe that lack of maturity on the part of freshman and sophomore students, the high student mortality rate, and the good relations of the University with parents, the secondary schools, and others fully justified the action taken by the Trustees.

The Trustees hope that a simple but effective plan for implementing the compulsory attendance policy will soon be developed.

Respectfully submitted,

-s- J. Ray Ryan

J. Ray Ryan,
Secretary