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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
held in Storrs, March 18, 1959

Present:	Mr. Bishop	Mrs. Peterson
	Mr. Donahue	Mr. Ryan
	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Sanders
	Mr. Gill	Mr. Schneller
	Mr. Jorgensen	Mr. Watson
	Mr. Mansfield	

1. The minutes of the meeting of February 18, 1959, having been mailed out, were approved without being read.
2. THE BOARD VOTED to accept the following resignations:
  - (1) Maude Bivins, Instructor in Clothing and Textiles, effective September 15, 1959.
  - (2) Edgar Zwilling, Associate Professor of Animal Genetics, effective July 31, 1959.
3. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following appointments:
  - (1) James Richard Galloway, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Education, \$7140, September 16, 1959. Replacing Robert A. Henderson.
  - (2) Jena Greenbaum, B.A., Resident Educational Counselor, \$2640, February 20, 1959, Replacing Marcelline English.

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(3) Mayvelle McCormick, B. A., Library Assistant Junior Grade, \$3360, March 4, 1959. Replacing Yildiz Marchant.

(4) Mary Gustava Sandin, B.S., Assistant County Club Agent, Hartford County, \$4440, March 6, 1959. Replacing Emily C. Hoover.

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

(1) W. R. Griswold, Supervisor of the Hartford Branch, military leave for five weeks beginning on May 10, 1959. To attend course at The Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

(2) Robert A. Peters, Associate Professor of Agronomy, six months sabbatic leave beginning on or about February 10, 1960. Advanced study at University of Arizona and at Oregon State College.

(3) Herbert A. Sawyer, Jr., Professor of Civil Engineering, sabbatic leave second semester of academic year 1959-60. Research and writing.

(4) Paul Putnam, Head of Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, sick leave extended through February 22, 1959.

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

(1) \$500 from Rotary Club of Plainville to provide financial aid to Robert Osgood.

(2) \$50 from Pilot Club of Hartford to School of Social Work to be used for scholarship purposes.

(3) \$50 Miscellaneous donors to be added to The Edith Yeomans Scholarship Fund.

(4) \$80 from Yale University to provide financial aid to Stephen Negri.

(5) \$200 from Local 1645, Metal Produce Workers Union, to provide financial aid to Helen Stollony.

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(6) \$75 from Wesleyan University to provide financial aid to Anne C. Dayha.

(7) Gift of serving cart from Alpha Zeta Omega Alumni Chapter to School of Pharmacy.

(8) \$25 from General Electric Educational & Charitable Fund to be used for scholarship purposes.

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

(1) \$16,200 from National Science Foundation in support of research project entitled "Acetate Metabolism and the Nature of Obligate Photoautotrophy" under the direction of Emil Bernstein, Department of Zoology.

(2) \$1425 from International Business Machines Corporation to cover research appointments for the M.I.T. Computation Center.

(3) \$25,000 from U. S. Office of Education, under the provisions of the National-Defense Education Act, for the conduct of a short-term Counseling and Guidance Training Institute during the summer of 1959.

7. THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following promotions and tenure recommendations:

TENURE AWARDED

<u>College of Agriculture</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Child, Elizabeth C.	Asso. Cty. Club	4-H Girls	3/1/59
Hazen, Jessie N.	Asso. Cty. Club	4-H Girls	12/1/59
Prince, Ralph	Asst. Prof.	Agr. Engineering	9/1/59
Kottke, Marvin	Asst. Prof.	Agr. Economics	9/1/59

Arts and Sciences

Dirlam, Joel B.	Asso. Prof.	Economics	9/16/59
Gregoropoulos, John	Instructor	Art	9/16/59
Knobler, Nathan	Instructor	Art	9/16/59
Masterton, William	Asst. Prof.	Chemistry	9/16/59
Peters, Leonard	Instructor (Wthy.)	English	9/16/59
Russek, Arnold	Asst. Prof.	Physics	9/16/59
Schmitz, Sylvester	Asst. Prof.	Music	9/16/59

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<u>Business Administration</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Griffin, Harold E.	Asst. Prof.	Accounting	9/16/59
<u>Engineering</u>			
Stephenson, Richard	Professor	Nuclear Engr.	9/16/59
<u>Intercollegiate Athletics</u>			
Nemec, James P.	Coach & Soc. Director	Waterbury Branch	9/16/59

PROMOTIONS IN RANK  
Effective October 2, 1959

	<u>From Rank of</u>	<u>To rank of</u>	<u>Department</u>
<u>College of Agriculture</u>			
Francis, Donald S.	Asst. Cty. Agr. Agt.	Asso. Cty. Agr. Agt.	Cty. Agts.
Martin, Arlene L.	Asso. Cty. Cl. Agt.	Cty. Cl. Agt.	4-H Girls
Munsell, Rufus I.	Asso. Prof.	Professor	Agronomy
Papanos, Stanley	Asso. Cty. Ag. Agt.	Cty. Ag. Agt.	Cty. Agts.
Prout, Earle W., Jr.	Asso. Cty. Ag. Agt.	Cty. Ag. Agt.	Cty. Agts.
* Smith, Charles E.	Asso. Cty. Ag. Agt.	Cty. Ag. Agt.	Cty. Agts.
Whitaker, James H.	Asst. Prof.	Asso. Prof.	Ag. Engr.
<u>College of Arts and Sciences</u>			
Ballard, Frank W.	Instructor	Asst. Prof.	Speech & Drama
Blanshard, Rufus A.	Instructor	Asst. Prof.	English
Bobbitt, James M.	Instructor	Asst. Prof.	Chemistry
Brinnin, John M.	Asst. Prof.	Asso. Prof.	English
Covey, Delvin L.	Instructor	Asst. Prof.	Foreign Lang.
Davis, Norman T.	Instructor	Asst. Prof.	Zoology
Dolyak, Frank	Instructor	Asst. Prof.	Zoology
Frankel, Larry	Instructor	Asst. Prof.	Geology
Gerson, Louis L.	Asst. Prof.	Asso. Prof.	Gov. & Int. Rel.
Gregoropoulos, John S.	Instructor	Asst. Prof.	Art
Gritter, Roy J.	Instructor	Asst. Prof.	Chemistry
Frances L. Hunter (Hfd. Br.)	Instructor	Asst. Prof.	English
Katz, Lewis	Asst. Prof.	Asso. Prof.	Chemistry
Kenton, Egon F.	Asst. Prof.	Asso. Prof.	Music
Knobler, Nathan	Instructor	Asst. Prof.	Art
Lougee, Robert W.	Asst. Prof.	Asso. Prof.	History

\*Effective 7/1/59

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	<u>From Rank of</u>	<u>To rank of</u>	<u>Department</u>
<u>College of Arts and Sciences (continued)</u>			
Orr, William C.	Asst. Prof.	Asso. Prof.	Chemistry
Owen, Charles A.	Asst. Prof.	Asso. Prof.	English
Pease, Donald (Htfd. Branch)	Instructor	Asst. Prof.	Mathematics
Rankin, John S., Jr.	Asso. Prof.	Professor	Zoology
Rhodes, Marion B. (Htfd. Branch)	Asst. Instr.	Instructor	Chemistry
Rhomberg, Rudolf R.	Instructor	Asst. Prof.	Economics
Singer, Morris	Instructor	Asst. Prof.	Economics
Slowinski, Emil J.	Asst. Prof.	Asso. Prof.	Chemistry
Stock, John T.	Asso. Prof.	Professor	Chemistry
Wardwell, Walter L.	Asst. Prof.	Asso. Prof.	Sociology
Wedberg, Stanley E.	Asso. Prof.	Professor	Bacteriology
Wetzel, Ralph M.	Asst. Prof.	Asso. Prof.	Zoology
Zeaman, David	Asso. Prof.	Professor	Psychology
<u>School of Engineering</u>			
Stephens, Jack	Asst. Prof.	Asso. Prof.	Civil Engr.
<u>School of Pharmacy</u>			
Skauen, Donald M.	Asso. Prof.	Professor	Pharmacy
<u>School of Physical Education</u>			
Fait, Hollis F.	Asst. Prof.	Asso. Prof.	Phys. Educ.
<u>Division of Health Service</u>			
LeRoy, John B.	Asso. Physician and Acting Director	Director	Health Serv.
<u>Division of Library</u>			
Arnold, Edmund R.	Library Asst.	Junior Librarian	Library
Lamb, Gertrude M.	Library Asst.	Senior Librarian	Library
<u>Division of Intercollegiate Athletics</u>			
Nemec, James P. (Wtby. Br.)	Asst. Coach & Social Director	Coach & Social Director	Int. Ath.

8. The President advised the Trustees that the University's annual Military Day program is scheduled for May 21, 1959 beginning after lunch.

THE BOARD VOTED to change the date of the May meeting of the Board of Trustees from May 20 to May 21 so that Trustees who wish to view the Military Day exercises may do so.

9. The President advised the Trustees that Victor Borge is scheduled for the University Auditorium on May 8, 1959 for his second scholarship appearance. No free tickets will be available. All receipts go into the Victor Borge Fund.
10. The President advised the Trustees that as of March 9, 1959, the University had received 5660 applications as compared to 4813 on the same date one year ago.
11. The President presented to the Trustees the nominations of the Student Union Board of Governors for 1959-60.

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendations of the Student Union Board.

12. The President reviewed the present status of legislation as it affects the University, and reviewed the analysis of the Governor's budget proposals for the University.

The President will forward to the Trustees copies of the mimeographed material which was presented at the hearings.

The President reported on the following items:

- (1) The action of the legislature on increasing tuition at the University and the Teachers Colleges. The legislature crossed party lines and voted not to increase tuition.
- (2) Commissioner Conkling stated to the President and Mr. Trail and Mr. Austin of the University Business Office that the state administration would support the two bills, one for the University and one for the Teachers Colleges, rescinding the action of the 1957 session of the General Assembly requiring that student fees be used to finance half the amortization and interest charges on the educational facilities voted at that session.
- (3) Commissioner Conkling promised to have a bill raised in Committee authorizing the University to accept private funds and to finance as one building project, facilities for the Stamford Branch. This bill has now been raised and has been given a number {3885}.

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- (4) The President discussed with the Commissioner of Finance the employment of a qualified person to serve as the chief fiscal officer of the University and this person to be placed in the professional personnel at the University. The Commissioner indicated that he would support an amendment to the existing statutes making it possible for the University Board of Trustees to employ such a person in the professional service. He further stated that he saw no reason why any question should be raised with respect to other categories of University employees who are presently in the professional service. The President will assume the responsibility for having this bill raised.
- (5) The President discussed the location of the new Law School building at the Hartford Branch site and indicated the Governor's interest in the construction of a new Law School building at this location. The Governor also expressed interest in the University securing by purchase or option the adjoining property known as the Allen property, and the Goodwin property known as the polo field. Commissioner Conkling knew of the Governor's interest and indicated that he thought funds for these purchases could be made available as part of the \$55 million capital projects bill.

In analyzing the budget recommendations for the University, the President pointed out the following:

1. That through shifts in funds determined by the central fiscal authorities of the State, the recommended budget provides for a net increase of \$3,731 for the first year of the coming biennium. A superficial analysis of the budget would indicate an increase of \$397,924 for Personal Services during the first year of the biennium but it is almost wholly offset by deductions of \$394,193 or a net increase of \$3,731. Transfers of operating-services from the General Fund to student fees and the built-in changes will greatly increase student fees and cannot be reconciled with the "no tuition increase" position of the Governor and the Legislature.
2. The recommended budget shows a biennial decrease of \$21,200 for biennial recurring "J" purchases -- in other words, in laboratory equipment. In the replacement of laboratory equipment, the University has been steadily losing ground for, at least, six years.



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The President also identified the following as representing serious eliminations or transfers within the recommended budget:

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| (1) The elimination of equipment for the new Engineering building which will be completed within a few weeks and authorized in 1957 to provide instruction in Aeronautical and Chemical Engineering. | \$1,000,000  |
| (2) The elimination of funds for the professional staff for Chemical and Aeronautical Engineering.   | \$ 72,350 for first year and \$130,370 for the second year of the biennium   |
| (3) The elimination of the Noank Marine Research Laboratory.   | Approximately \$27,000 each year of the biennium                             |
| (4) The elimination of General Fund provisions for the University Infirmary. (One-half of Infirmary costs are now charged to student fees.)  | \$82,390 for the first year and \$83,235 for the second year of the biennium |
| (5) The elimination of General Fund provisions for the maintenance of the University Auditorium. (All construction, equipment and program costs are now charged to student fees and income.)         | \$29,381 for the first year and \$29,501 for the second year of the biennium |
| (6) The elimination of General Fund provisions for one-half of the maintenance expense of the Student Union building to cover the use of this facility for University educational purposes.          | \$7,433 for each year of the biennium.                                       |
| (7) The elimination of General Fund provisions for University Extension Administration. (All instruction costs are now charged to fees.)   | \$40,135 for the first year and \$41,005 for the second year of the biennium |
| (8) The elimination of General Fund provisions for Resident Educational Counselors. (One-half of these costs are already charged to student fees.)   | \$66,993 for the first year and \$68,463 for the second year of the biennium |

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- (9) The President also called the Trustees' attention to the fact that funds for nursing scholarships have been eliminated from the Governor's budget. These funds are not voted to the University; however, many nursing students at the University of Connecticut would be affected.
- (10) The President also called attention to the fact that in making provisions for eliminating County government, about \$100,000 for financing the Agricultural Extension Services was eliminated.
- (11) The President advised the Trustees that the budget rider of four percent to cover mandatory savings which, in past years, applied to Personal Services allotments for all State agencies, has been eliminated in the Governor's new budget. However, moneywise, the University's budget is affected by almost exactly the same amount as a result of eliminating vacancies totaling approximately \$200,000.
- (12) Mandatory salary increases for the classified staff and the equivalent of one step each year for the professional staff have been provided for but through shifts in the budget, these increases must be paid for from student fees and in the form of increased tuition.

The Trustees, in discussing the analysis of the budget, expressed grave concern about (a) the inconsistency of holding firm on tuition increase and then transferring General Fund costs to student fees which will force a considerable increase in tuition, and (b) the decisions made by state fiscal officers with respect to programs and services which legally and properly should be the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. These proposals should have been reviewed and considered by the Board.

THE BOARD VOTED to request the Special Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees to draft a resolution underscoring the program, plant, and management responsibilities of the Board and the Trustees' concern that the decisions which have been made will not permit a qualitative service to the people of the State. The resolution, to be signed by the Trustees, is to be presented by mail to the members of the Board before adoption and release.

- 13. The President reported on a conference with the Commissioner of Finance, the Budget Director, and Budget Examiner on March 12 which was also attended by Mr. Austin and Mr. Trail of the University's Business Office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the five percent withholding directive. The President and his associates explained that the University would be unable to

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meet University payrolls if the funds withheld, representing the five percent, were not made available to the University. The Budget Examiner stated that he had advised the Commissioner of Finance in written memorandum that the University could not maintain its present program and meet payrolls if the funds were not returned. The Commissioner stated at the end of the meeting that the funds would be returned to the University in order to carry on present services and programs and to meet payrolls.

The Budget Department has advised the University that Commissioner Conkling has taken the position that any surpluses in construction contingencies for buildings at the University may not be used to purchase movable equipment. This change in "ground rules" is not consistent with the policy which has been followed to date. If the Commissioner prevails in this point of view, it will not be possible to activate the new buildings which, of course, require the installation of a minimum of movable equipment. This matter will be followed up by the President.

## 14. The President reported to the Trustees on the following two bills:

SB 1095 - Elimination of separate State funds

SB 1150 - Transferring special funds to the  
General Fund

The President advised of a communication which has been addressed to the members of the Finance Committee raising serious questions about the justification for these bills and the difficulties which seem clearly indicated to the University.

## 15. The President reported to the Board that Commissioner Conkling has taken a strong position that the auxiliary services bill passed in the 1957 session authorizing the construction of dormitories has technical difficulties in it. The President expressed concern about the presumed technicalities since the bill was prepared in the Commissioner's office during the 1957 session. Commissioner Conkling stated that he would assume the responsibility for having this legislation corrected.

## 16. The President reported on the elimination by the Commissioner of Finance of the University Law and Insurance Fund. The President discussed this action with the Commissioner and with the Budget Director and Budget Examiner and pointed out that the manner in which this was done was not at all consistent with the Governor's position and the recent action taken by the General Assembly with respect to tuition. He reported that he indicated that it would be acceptable to abolish the Fund but that student fees received from Law students should be received in precisely

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the same manner as those received from all students attending other schools and colleges of the University and that these funds should be dispursed in accordance with operating procedures and policies in other schools and colleges. The President reported that his suggestion seemed to be acceptable to the Commissioner and to the Budget Department.

Respectfully submitted,

-s- J. Ray Ryan

J. Ray Ryan,  
Acting Secretary