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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
of the  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
of the  
CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE  
held at the College, May 15, 1935

Present:	Governor Cross	Mr. Buckley
	Mr. Manchester	Mrs. Dadourian
	Mr. Alsop	Mr. Hollister
	Dr. Food	Dr. Butterfield
	Mr. Greene	Dr. McCracken
	Mr. King	Mr. Longley

1. IT WAS VOTED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees, April 17, 1935.
2. IT WAS VOTED that, subject to the satisfactory completion of the various courses, the students as recommended by the faculty for graduation, be granted the degrees indicated.
3. IT WAS VOTED to accept the resignation of Mr. J. A. Gibbs, Assistant Professor of Forestry, effective at the end of his leave of absence, June 30, 1935.
4. IT WAS VOTED to accept the resignation of Mr. Charles D. Lewis, Hartford County Agricultural Agent.
5. IT WAS VOTED to approve a leave of absence for Mr. W. L. Slate, Director of the Experiment Station, July 20 to September 20, 1935, in order that he may attend the International Soils Congress in England. Dean White will serve as chairman in the absence of Mr. Slate.
6. IT WAS VOTED to approve sabbatic leave for Miss Elizabeth Clapp, Assistant Professor of Home Economics, six months with pay, effective October 1, 1935.
7. IT WAS VOTED to extend Honorary Recognition to not more than three persons this year. After balloting three times the following vote was passed:

IT WAS VOTED to extend Honorary Recognition to two persons. Of the list of six names submitted by the Honorary Recognition Committee the following were selected:

Dr. George P. Clinton  
Mr. S. McLean Buckingham

8. IT WAS VOTED to approve, subject to final amendment of the Executive Committee if necessary, a transfer of \$1200 from Special Capital Outlay Unallotted for the purchase of dormitory furniture and furniture for the addition to the Music Building.
9. IT WAS VOTED to approve the following transfers:

Music	\$ 85.00
Zoology	200.00
Dean of Men	200.00
Dean of Women	50.00
	<u>\$535.00</u>

10. IT WAS VOTED to approve departmental expenditures in excess of the budget provided receipts will cover the amount.

11. Mr. Longley reported on the bids he had received in connection with the purchase of coal.

IT WAS VOTED to table the matter until Mr. Longley deems it advisable to consider the subject.

12. IT WAS VOTED to approve the request from the Department of Zoology to loan their heart beat amplifying apparatus to Cedarcrest Sanatorium for experimentation there during the summer months.

13. The president presented a recommendation for the placing of Farm Management within the Department of Economics.

IT WAS VOTED to table the recommendation and a special committee of the Board, consisting of Dr. Wood, Mr. King and Mr. Alsop, was appointed to study the recommendation and report back to the Board.

14. The president reported that suitable accommodations have been found for the office of Mr. A. W. Manchester and his staff and that any action by the Board regarding an invitation to establish his office at the college permanently should be deferred until Mr. Manchester knows more definitely concerning the set-up of his work.

15. The president presented a letter from Mr. A. E. Moss concerning the possibility of archeological research on the site of a pre-historic village situated relatively near the college.

IT WAS VOTED to give to Mr. Moss authority to find out under what conditions he can secure a lease of the site for excavation purposes.

16. IT WAS VOTED to approve a recommendation from Mr. Ellis that the college apply to the Federal Communications Committee for an experimental license to cover the construction of a short wave beam radio station.

17. The president reported on the work completed by State F.E.R.A. engineers in the area proposed for an additional faculty residential development.

18. IT WAS VOTED to table the matter of an adjustment for Mr. George White, one of our F.E.R.A. workers, to cover the cost of his transportation from Hartford to Storrs and return.

19. Dr. McCracken presented his resignation from the presidency, effective August 31, 1935.

IT WAS VOTED to accept Dr. McCracken's resignation and to incorporate into the minutes the following statement of Governor Cross as expressing the sentiments of the Board:

"President McCracken has done splendid work for the college and State. It seems impossible now that he could have done what he has done in five years. It has been a wonderful achievement. I am sorry beyond measure that he feels he must give up the work which has been so successful here. I can yet understand well his feelings in regard to the matter. The position now open is one most congenial to

his temperament. He will now be able to devote his whole attention to educational problems without the worry of finances or the details in the administration of a college. There is only one thing we can do and that is to receive and accept his resignation with the very greatest regret. Under his guidance the college has become one of the foremost state colleges in the country."

20. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee together with Dr. Butterfield, Commissioner of Education, serve as a committee to nominate candidates for a successor to Dr. McCracken and that they retain the advice of the Governor whenever necessary.
21. The president presented a letter from the Registrar concerning exemptions in military science.

IT WAS VOTED that the President advise those making inquiry that the rule passed by the Board on April 17th concerning exemptions from military science is not retro-active.

22. The ruling passed by the Board on April 17th concerning agitations reflecting on military training was discussed. It was moved and seconded that Section #4, paragraph #3 of the minutes of April 17th be re-considered. The motion was lost. Mr. Potterton, Mr. Larsen, Mr. Freckleton and Mr. Nothnagle, four representatives of the student body, were called in to present their views in regard to the resolution of April 17th.

IT WAS VOTED to insert the following statement in the minutes as an interpretation of Section #4, paragraph #3 of the minutes of April 17th:

The Board of Trustees has full confidence in the loyalty and patriotism of the faculty and students. The action taken by the Board on April 17th last was for the purpose of preventing public agitations on the campus by a small minority, with the design of hampering the effectiveness and work of an established department of the college or to evidence disloyalty to our country. The Board recognizes the individual's right to freedom of speech and has no desire to curb it.

A. F. Greene  
Secretary