



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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RESOLUTION

concerning

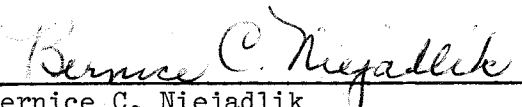
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A Certified True Copy:



Bernice C. Niejadlik
Chairman, Board of Trustees for
the State Colleges

(Excerpt from 5/14/76 Minutes of University of Connecticut Board of Trustees' Meeting)

4. Acting on a recommendation by the President, on a motion by Mr. Stroh, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, THE BOARD VOTED to approve the following resolution:

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May 11, 1976

TO: College Presidents: Dr. R. M. Bersi
Dr. F. D. James
Dr. M. Van B. Jennings
Dr. C. R. Webb

Enclosed are sufficient copies of the following
resolutions for your use:

SCR#76- 32, 33, 34, 35, 39, 40, 42 & 43.

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James A. Frost
Executive Secretary

New plan for colleges offered

By LINDA R. KILLIAN
Staff Reporter

STORRS — University of Connecticut President Glenn W. Ferguson, one of the most vocal opponents of the now defunct board of regents bill, has proposed a "voluntary" plan for coordinating the state's four-year college and university systems.

Formation of a coordinating committee, comprised of members of the boards of regents for the state colleges and University of Connecticut, he said, would be a cautious first step toward the ultimate restructuring and consolidation of the college system.

The UConn president's call for a coordinating committee was made Wednesday as a bill to restructure the entire higher education system under a single

governing board died in the General Assembly.

Despite Ferguson's opposition to the board of regents bill, he said the assembly's call for restructuring the higher educa-

tion system had validity and prompted him to suggest a joint board coordinating committee as an initial step.

"It is clear," said Ferguson, "that the time for change has come. It is a coordinating effort, a voluntary effort."

The proposal for a coordinating committee, which Ferguson mapped out in general terms during an interview Wednesday with The Hartford Times, will be detailed May 13 and 14 when the boards of trustees for the state colleges and University of Connecticut meet.

Initial response to the idea, he said, has been favorable.

Separate boards of trustees now serve the state's community, state and technical colleges as well as the University of Connecticut. The entire system is coordinated by the Commission for Higher Education.

Primary among the criticisms of the current educational bureaucracy raised

by the General Assembly were duplicative effort and failure to coordinate use of existing facilities. The new coordinating committee, Ferguson said, would deal with these issues.

"We want to build on what we have," he said.

Ferguson said he would ask the coordinating committee to take up the questions of facilitating transfers from one school to another and sharing existing equipment and facilities.

Initially, he said, the coordinating committee would concentrate on developing existing resources such as the Ethnic Studies Department at Central Connecticut State College in New Britain and the Media Center at Eastern Connecticut State College in Willimantic. These facilities, he said, could be used by both state college and University of Connecticut students.

"These are things that can be accomplished without new boxes and new structures, properly and in a timely fashion," he explained.

Trustees Plan College Council

By MARY E. O'LEARY
Staff Reporter

The Board of Trustees for the State Colleges today is expected to establish a joint coordinating council with the University of Connecticut to "further and improve opportunities for higher education for the people of Connecticut."

Bernice C. Niejadlik, state college board chairwoman, said the move is not in reaction to criticism of administrative du-

plication in higher education, which prompted a proposed one or two-tier governing unit.

Replacement of the present four separate governing boards in higher education with a regents board or two-tier board was touch and go all during this recent legislative session.

Mrs. Niejadlik said the move is to formalize cooperation between the university and state colleges in the avoidance of unnecessary duplication of program offerings.

She added that there are now "quite a few" examples of such cooperation, naming the Masters in Business Administration degree offered at Western State, taught in conjunction with the University of Connecticut and the exchange of UConn students at Central State interested in pursuing Asian studies at Central.

The board chairwoman said that up to now this sharing "has

been done in a sort of haphazard way. If a need arose in a particular area, then we started looking around to see how we could fill it.

"We feel that if there is a small group from each board that is looking for better ways to coordinate, it will give a little formal structure, there will be a better overview and it should be easier to dovetail our resources," said Mrs. Niejadlik.

She commented that the

board was ready to announce the creation of the committee before this point, but delayed it because of the furor surrounding the regents issue.

Mrs. Niejadlik said to make it public before this would have looked "a little suspect."

The state college trustees meet today at 1:30 at Western Connecticut State College in Danbury. The UConn trustees are scheduled to adopt a similar

resolution at their meeting next week.

The council, to be effective by June 15, shall be composed of three representatives from each governing board with one-year terms.

The resolution also calls for the creation of an administrative council to provide staff services for the council. It will be composed of UConn President Glenn Ferguson and Dr. James Frost, executive secretary of the state trustee board.

State College Board To Vote On 'Coordinating Council'

The Board of Trustees for State Colleges is expected to endorse a closer working relationship with the University of Connecticut trustees today, in the wake of the legislature's debate on reorganizing public higher education.

The legislature adjourned Wednesday without approving any of several proposals for eliminating some of the five present higher education boards.

The boards opposed such plans and said they were cooperating more than the leg-

islature realized.

Today, the state college board will vote on a proposal to create a "coordinating council" of state college and UConn trustees.

UConn President Glenn W. Ferguson, James A. Frost, chief executive officer for the four state colleges and the heads of their boards of trustees developed the idea.

The executive committee of the state colleges board unanimously approved the plan Thursday, Mrs. Bernice C. Niejadlik, board chairwoman, said.

Her full board will vote on the proposal at a 1:30 p.m. meeting today at Western Connecticut State College in Danbury.

The UConn board will consider the proposal next Friday at its meeting in Storrs, a university spokesman said. Mrs. Niejadlik said the coordinating council idea was discussed before the legislature began its debate.

Administrators from the four higher education systems have met on common problems for the past year, she said.

But she said if the legislature resurrects its proposal to combine UConn and the four-year colleges, the council would give trustees from the two boards experience working together.

She cited several examples of cooperation between UConn and state colleges, including:

—A UConn graduate program in business administration offered at Western Connecticut State College.

—Possible UConn staffing of a new media center at Eastern Connecticut State College in Willimantic.

—Arrangements that allow Southern Connecticut State College graduate students in New Haven to transfer to UConn's doctoral program.



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President Glenn Ferguson
The University of Connecticut
Gulley Hall
Storrs, Connecticut 06268

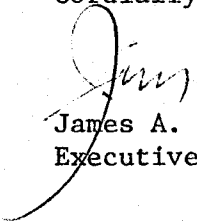
Dear Glenn:

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You will note that in the draft I have used the term Executive Secretary. Enclosed is a copy of Board Resolution 76-8, January 9, 1976. I do have the authority to speak for and to act for the Board. All communications with Commissioners and with the agencies of government, excepting those of a routine nature, must go through the Central Office. So we do have a large measure of responsibility and control. As you know, the Commission must approve titles, job assignments, and salaries in the Central Office. It has not yet approved the title change adopted by the Trustees. I do want you to know of these matters because they are of significance if we are to work together.

We have a remarkable opportunity to create a new and better pattern for higher education in Connecticut. I am delighted to work with you in the endeavor.

Cordially,


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President Glenn
The University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut 06269

Dear Glenn:

I received the letter of a representative of the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut on May 1, 1978. I am pleased to hear that you have accepted the offer of the Board and will be joining the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut on July 1, 1978. I would like to thank you for your interest in the University and for your acceptance of the offer. I am sure that you will find the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut to be a most interesting and challenging group of people. I would appreciate your comments on this matter.

You will note that in the letter I have used the term Executive Director. This is a copy of the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut, dated May 1, 1978. I have the authority to speak for and to act for the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut. I am sure that you will find the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut to be a most interesting and challenging group of people. I would appreciate your comments on this matter.

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Sincerely,
Glenn

Glenn
Executive Director

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Storrs

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Madame Clara Farnsworth
The University of Connecticut
College Hall
Storrs, Connecticut 06269

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to be invited to participate in the symposium on the history of the state of Connecticut which is being held at Storrs, Connecticut, on May 15-16, 1975. I am sure that the symposium will be a most successful one and that it will provide an excellent opportunity for the exchange of ideas and information on the history of the state.

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