New Haven, CT
April 9, 2014

The Statutory Meeting of the Board of Control was held this day in the Board Room of the Slate Laboratory at the Station, 123 Huntington Street, New Haven, CT.

Present: Messrs. Andreadis, Jones, Larson, Royer and Mss. Maroney and Nichols. Messrs. Capone (FTI), Last, and White were present by invitation.

Absent: Messrs. Dellaporta and Reviczky

The meeting was convened by Vice President Terry Jones at 10:07AM.

Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Larson, seconded by Ms. Nichols, the minutes of the January 15, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

Fiduciary Investment Advisors: Mr. Jeff Capone reviewed the Board’s investment portfolio and made recommendations. Ms. Nichols moved to allocate 12.5% of the portfolio to the Vanguard Dividend Growth Fund and reduce Small-Mid Cap Equity 5% and Large Cap Equity 7.5%. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Jenkins-Waggoner Laboratory/Building Projects: Mr. Last reported that the Jenkins-Waggoner Laboratory is on schedule and within budget. Completion is scheduled for August 2014. A grant was received from the Governor’s Lead by Example Energy Efficiency Program to replace windows in the Slate, Osborne, and Johnson Buildings. The window replacements are scheduled for the summer of 2014. A meeting was held with representatives from the Yale School of Architecture regarding the design of a permanent pavilion at Lockwood Farm. Yale is interested in the project and will submit a proposal. The construction of a 27’ x 48’ greenhouse at the Griswold Research Center is complete and operational.

Valley Laboratory Renovation and Addition: The Governor’s Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 included $1 million for the design phase of the Valley Laboratory Renovation and Addition Project. Construction funding of $8.8 million would be requested for Fiscal Year 2016.

Governor’s Recommended Budget: The Experiment Station was treated fairly in the Governor’s Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2015. The budget included the agency request for $110,000 for utility expenses for the new Jenkins-Waggoner Laboratory.

Louis A. Magnarelli Post Doctoral Research Fellowship Program: The Board of Control reviewed the seven proposals submitted by Station scientists. All the proposals submitted were well written and fundable. Mr. Larson moved the selection and funding for Dr. Goudarzi Molaei’s proposal entitled “Population Genetics of Culiseta melanura, The Principal Mosquito Vector of Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus.” The motion was seconded by Dr. Royer and passed unanimously. The fellowship will be funded for two years not to exceed $160,000. Funding for year 2 will be contingent on the progress of the project.
Publishing of Director’s Report: Dr. Andreadis requested the Board’s support for an updated Director’s/Research Report Publication. The last one printed was for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year. Ms. Nichols moved the Allocation of Board Funds for a current Director’s/Research Report not to exceed $20,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larson and passed unanimously.

Patents/Licensing Agreements: Dr. Andreadis reported that Dr. Gregory Gallo, Department of Economic Development, University of Connecticut, gave a seminar on Patents and Licensing Agreements. The Experiment Station will look into establishing an agreement with the university for processing and reviewing potential patent opportunities.

Plant Science Day – 2014: Plant Science Day will be held at Lockwood Farm on Wednesday, August 6th. Governor Dannel Malloy will attend. Dr. Michael Hoffman, Cornell University, will give the Samuel Johnson Lecture on climate change and agriculture in the northeastern US.

Mr. Larson moved that an Executive Session be held to discuss personnel, investment strategy, real estate, and the Director’s work objectives. Messrs. Last and White were invited to attend except for Director’s work objectives. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously at 12:04PM.

Mr. Larson moved that the Executive Session be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously at 12:48PM.

Ms. Maroney moved that the Director be awarded salary increases (COLA, PARS) consistent with the increases awarded to Station managers. Dr. Andreadis has satisfactorily met his performance objectives and should be awarded appropriate increases in salary. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously.

Mr. Larson moved to increase Vice Director Jason White’s salary by 15% effective April 18, 2014, to compensate him for his additional responsibilities as he serves in the position of Vice Director. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and approved unanimously.

Ms. Nichols moved that the public meeting be adjourned, seconded by Ms. Maroney, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 12:52PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Larson
Secretary