

Minutes of April 24, 2015 Meeting of Senate Growth and Development Committee
April 30, 2015

Attendance: David Benson, Danielle Bergmann, Robert Bird, Dianne Beer, Tracie Borden, Jake Broccolo, Joseph Crivello, Masha Gordina, Kathy Hendrickson, Jeanne Martin, Erin Mason, Andrew Moiseff, Larry Renfro, Lyle Scruggs, Dana Wilder, and Faquir Jain

Invited Guests: 10:00am Mun Choi (Provost)
11:00am Pamela Schipani (Executive Director, Residential Life)

Provost Mun Choi was greeted by the Committee members. The meeting started with introduction of Senate Growth and Development Committee members.

F. Jain outlined the main points of the committee's recommendations to Provost Choi (as distributed draft version vf2) expressing the need to maintain graduate-to-undergraduate enrollment ratio commensurate with AAU peer institutions in light of increased undergraduate enrollment under NextGen. Other recommendations included enhanced student safety, higher regional campus enrollment, and increased faculty and staff size.

Provost Choi noted that UCONN aspires to be an AAU member. He also observed the need to increase extramural support to fund RAs. Currently, we have about 1 RA supported by external research funds for 3 TAs supported internally.

Provost also noted that the Table I in our draft report did not include Health Center faculty. F. Jain said that he would correct it (corrected version is attached).

Commenting on reducing the tuition charged on grants supporting RAs, Provost pointed to a study being conducted under the leadership of Kent Holsinger which will find out institutional changes.

A. Moiseff and L. Renfro noted the very high fringe benefit rates charged on grants. Provost said that in light of Graduate Student Union/UAW contract these costs will increase.

On the recommendation of increasing student safety, Provost Choi asked student representatives D. Bergmann and J. Broccolo about their views. D. Bergmann said that many parking lots are without any security cameras, sufficient lighting and Blue Poles or better security measures.

The discussion shifted to improving civility as J. Broccolo mentioned about level of intolerance on campus in light of rock painting incidence in Fall. Provost said that we need to embrace diversity rather than glossing over it.

D. Bergmann noted the Speak-out event conducted on April 7th by USG in light of LGBT art exhibit and reaction to it by some students. Provost Choi appreciated the Speak-out response.

The recommendation regarding increasing the undergraduate enrollment at regional campuses was discussed. The topic of housing students also came up.

Provost Choi noted that the administration will support CLAS in light of increased enrollment with adequate faculty and TA support.

The topic of SET evaluations was discussed.

Responding to a question from L. Renfro regarding revising the master plan in light of budget cuts, Provost said that capital projects are funded by bond funds which are secure.

L. Scruggs touched upon using UCONN reserve funds to lighten the severity of the \$40 M budget cut. Provost Choi observed that the funds are targeted for student residential housing, dining as well as deferred maintenance, reserve fund pool to run university for at least 30 days, and discretionary funds for various schools and faculty PIs.

Provost Choi mentioned that the administration may have to consider increasing tuition in 2017 if the budget cuts persist. The discussion shifted to structural deficit in light of Governor mandated cuts.

Pamela Schipani distributed data entitled Historical Graduate Housing Information. P. Schipani provided the historical perspective from 449 graduate students housing in CT Commons to now 40 apartments/spaces for graduate students.

The policy of allotting Northwood Apartments to undergraduate students and graduate students was discussed.

M. Gordina noted that international students need housing in proximity of campus. She further observed that a study need to be made to find out the graduate housing at peer institutions.

E. Mason noted interfacing with various foreign embassies about the need of student families.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20am.

Fall meetings: Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 11:00am Hall Building, Room 123.

Friday, September 26th 2014 at 10:00am, Hall Building, Room 123.

Friday, October 17, 2014 at 10:00am, Hall Building, Room 123.

Sally Reis, Vice Provost will discuss Academic Plan implementation.

October 31st 2014, 10:00am Kent Holsinger, Hall Building, Room 123.

November 14, 2014, 10:00am Jeff Seeman, Hall Building, Room 123.

10:30am Lawrence Silbart and Steven Suib

December 5, 2014, 10:00am Joshua Newton, Hall Building, Room 123.
10:30am Laura Cruickshank and Beverly Wood.

Spring 2015 Meetings

Thursday, January 28, 2015, 11:00am, Hall Building, Room 123.
Police Chief Barbara O'Connor

Friday, February 13, 2015, 10:00am, Michael Gilbert (VP Student Affairs) Hall Building #123.
Mark Sargent and Jake Broccoli (USG)

Friday, February 20, 2015, 10:00am, Wayne Locust (VP Enrollment Management),
Hall Building, Room 123.
Jason Charrette (President, Graduate Council),

Friday, March 6, 2015, 10:00am, Deans, Hall Building #123.
11:00am, Warde Manuel, Director of Athletics (Phone-in)

Friday, March 27, 2015, 10:00am Marcelle Wood (Avery Point) and William Pizzuto
(Waterbury and Torrington), Hall Building Room 123.

Friday, April 17, 2015, 10:00am, Discussion of Annual Report, Hall Building Room 123.

Friday, April 24, 2015, 10:00am Provost Mun Choi
11:00am Pamela Schipani, Executive Director, Residential Life

Thursday, April 30, 2015, 10:00am Discussion of Annual Report, Hall Building Room 123

Growth and Development Committee Members: Reda Ammar, Marcy Balunas, David Benson, Danielle Bergmann, Robert Bird, Dianne Beer, Tracie Borden, Jake Broccoli, Joseph Crivello, Masha Gordina, Shanna Graham, Kathy Hendrickson, Kathryn Libal, Jeanne Martin, Erin Mason, Daniel Mercier, Andrew Moiseff, James Renfro, Lyle Scruggs, Dana Wilder, and Faquir Jain

Committee Charge: *This committee shall keep under review the general changes, actual and prospective, of the University over time and may recommend any desirable expressions of Senate opinion on these matters. The committee may also provide on behalf of the Senate an evaluation and review of specific issues and activities related to institutional advancement. The committee shall include two undergraduate students and one graduate student.*