

Minutes of March 27th Meeting, 2014
Senate Growth and Development Committee
April 8, 2014

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Attendance: Reda Ammar, Robert Bird, Danielle Bergmann, Tracie Borden, Joseph Crivello, Kelley Kennedy, Jeanne Martin, Erin Mason, Carolyn Teschke, Mary Yakimowski, and Faquir Jain

UConn Senate Growth and Development Committee Members:

Reda Ammar, Robert Bird, Danielle Bergmann, Tracie Borden, Joseph Crivello, Kathy Hendrickson, Kathryn Libal, Kelly Kennedy, Jeanne Martin, Erin Mason, George McManus, Daniel Mercier, Carol Polifroni, Richard Schwab, Carolyn Teschke, Pieter Visscher, Dana Wilder, Mary Yakimowski, and Faquir Jain

Invited Guests: Davita Glasberg (Associate Dean, CLAS), Kazem Kazerounian (SOE), Regina Cusson (Nursing), Gregory Weidemann (Agriculture and Natural Resources), and John Elliott (Business).

Jeff Seemann, Vice President for Research.

There was a general consensus among deans on: 1) Interdisciplinary focus on research projects, and 2) alignment of their respective school plans with the Academic Plan.

Gregory Weidemann updated the committee about his perspective for the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Some highlights of his presentation and discussion are noted below.

1. Noted that Sustainable Agriculture and Environment is their thematic area.
2. Hope for 42% increase in enrollment.
3. Mentioned that NextGen focus will be on stable food supply and food security.

John Elliott (School of Business) updated the committee about his perspective about planning in light of the Academic Plan. Some highlights of his presentation and discussion are noted below.

1. Formalization of program underway in the area of Human Rights and School of Business. Another focus is personalized medicine with opportunity in the Big Data space; also in communication with UCHC in improving the delivery of Healthcare.
2. Collaborations with Law School and School of Engineering were noted. MEM program with School of Engineering has 50 students and scope for increase in enrollment.
3. Undergraduate program at the Stamford campus. In particular, degree program in Digital Marketing.

Regina Cusson (School of Nursing) updated the committee about her perspective of doubling the undergraduate program in 8 years with a student/faculty ratio of 19:1 (and 8:1 in Clinical). She noted that the school has 42 full time faculty and 100 adjuncts.

1. Big push in research with focus on 4 to 5 areas. Two centers are under development.
2. Priority in providing Excellent Care, Solution to affordable healthcare, and acute care.
3. Noted that there are 1500 applicants in the undergraduate program for 100 seats. Last year the enrollment was 130.
4. Programs to enhance transition of high school students to college experience.
5. One of 4 recently awarded grants in Genomics was in the area of Nursing.

Kazem Kazerounian updated the committee about his plans for the School of Engineering. He noted that school is in the 5th year of its own Academic Plan with focus on Advanced Manufacturing, Sustainable Energy, Biomedical Engineering and Genomics, and Livable Systems (with security aspect). He noted:

1. School's ongoing academic plan is in sync with the University Academic Plan.
2. SOE gets 0.2-0.3 TA per faculty as compared with faculty in Chemistry and other physical and life sciences departments that have substantial service courses.
3. NextGen student enrollment will be up by 70%. Last fall (2013) the freshman class was 50% higher than previous year. 142 full time faculty now with 30-35 more under NextGen.
4. Envisions 1200 graduate student enrollment as compared to current 750.
5. Mentioned about the new Engineering/Sciences building. Sharing of space with Sciences is a plus in terms of enhanced interaction.

In response to a question (JC) about how to deal with increased student enrollment, Kazem noted that the first to get affected is the CLAS. (Davita Glasberg also noted the same, see below).

Davita Glasberg updated the committee about CLAS plans under NextGen.

1. CLAS serves as the gatekeeper for all students (vai Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English and other freshman courses).
2. Research mission is in alignment with the Academic Plan.
3. Major in International Studies and Environmental Studies.
4. Current limitations in space. New Sciences and other buildings will help.
5. Noted the deficit for the FY 16 is not helping.

Jeff Seemann, Vice President for Research) briefed the committee about the research initiatives in the Graduate School. Some highlights are noted below.

1. He distributed a well-prepared PowerPoint presentation entitled "UConn Research: Rankings and Targets, Historical Indicators and Trends, and Action Items for Research (\$) Growth".
2. Noted that a well attended (50-70 new faculty members) Grant Workshop was organized.
3. Working with experts with specializations in Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, NSF Career awards, and Foundation grants.
4. Form faculty teams around solving big problems from various disciplines. Begin to bid for grants in \$5-10 Million dollar range. Cited other examples including training grants in \$2-5 million range, NSF/DOE research center grants, Keck Foundation grant. Mentioned mechanisms to initiate and promote large grants by providing resources including teaching release, staff assistance, and technical writers.
5. Observed a reduction in funding levels since ARRA initiative ended. We are returning to FY2007 funding levels.
6. Noted using distributed charts about reduction in industrial funding.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.

Next meeting: April 10, 2014 at 11:00am, Dodd Center Room 162.

11:00am: Warde Manuel, Director Athletics

11:30am G & D Committee discussion .

Spring Meetings on Thursdays at Dodd Center Room 162

Spring (Thursday)

Meeting with

- January 23, 2014 11:00am Richard Schwab (Chair, Academic Planning Comm.)
11:30 Mark Westa, Parking Advisory Committee.
- February 6, 2014 11:00am Wayne Locust (VP Enrollment Plan & Mgmt.), and
Mohamed Hussein (Chair, Senate Budget Committee)
- ***February 27, 2014 11:00am Lawrence Silbart, Executive Director of the Tech Park,
11:25am Andrew Zehner, Executive Director of Technology
Partnerships and Licensing.
11:45 Laura Cruickshank, Master Planner and Chief Architect
- ***Meeting in Hall Building/Senate Conference Room 123. (Adjacent to CUE Building)
- March 13, 2014 11:00am Sharon White (Director Stamford) phone in, and
11:30am Michael Jednak, Associate VP Facilities
- March 27, 2014 11:00am Deans of CLAS, SOE, Nursing, Neag School, Agriculture
and Natural Resources, Business, and Fine Arts (TBC),
11:40am, Jeff Seemann, Vice President for Research
- April 10, 2014 11:00am Warde Manuel, Director Athletics
11:30 am Discuss G&D recommendations/annual report.
- April 24, 2014 11:00am President Susan Herbst and Provost Mun Choi
- FALL2013 (Thursday)**
Meeting with
- September 12, 2013 11:00 am Provost Mun Choi and Vice Provost Larry Silbart
- October 10, 2013 11:00am Edward Courchaine, President USG
11:30am Richard Schwab, Chair Academic Vision Comm.
- **November 14, 2013 11:00am Michael Gilbert, Vice President Student Affairs
11:30am Joshua Newton, President UConn Foundation
- **December 12, 2013 11:30am Kent Holsinger, Vice Provost for Graduate Education and
Dean of the Graduate School ** Meeting place: CLAS Room 413.