Minutes  
Senate Student Welfare Committee  
January 13, 2016  

Members in attendance:  
*Karen Bresciano, Chair*, Student Affairs  
*Gordon Lewis, CLAS*  
*Karl Guillard, CAHNR*  
*Patricia Jepson, CAHNR Academic Advisory*  
*Shareen Hertel, Political Science*  
*Erin Mason, Registrar’s Office*  
*Kate Fuller, UConn Libraries*  
*Gerry Gianutsos, Pharmacy*  
*Morty Ortega, CAHNR*  
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*Michelle San Pedro, Graduate Student Senate*  
*Eliza Conrad, Undergraduate Student Government*  
*Sydney Dinkeloo, Undergraduate Student Government*  
*Michael Gilbert, VP Student Affairs (Ex Officio Member)*

**Introductions**

**Approval of Minutes** for 12/9/15- Approved

**Student Affairs Update**- Michael Gilbert shared that there is much work being done including a feedback meeting today concerning the design of rec center. Participants are encouraged to “think big and give feedback to architects.” They have walked the footprint of CT commons. There will be more opportunities for feedback. Opening for January 2019 is the best case scenario.

Search for Executive Director of SHS starting this spring. This coincides with approval to begin Design and construction for new health services SHS, CMHS, wellness and prevention, which will be located in the parking lot in front of the field house. They are request bids in late spring. The new director would work on the overall plan. A summer 2021 opening is planned.

**Report from Diversity Committee**- Pat shared that the Diversity Committee is proposing by-law changes for the Admissions section of the by-laws. Karen asked Pat to have her Manisha be in touch with Hedley, as Scholastic Standards is also proposing significant changes to that section.

**Report from Growth and Development**- Karl was not able to attend the last meeting

**Old Items**

**Academic Misconduct Policy**- Karen gave an update to what we have been asked to discuss and introduced Sarah and her work with the committee this semester on this issue. We spoke about doing a survey of faculty to get more information about their feelings and use of the existing policy.

**Discussion on emergency preparedness and response**- Guests from OEM and UCPD: Lt. Chris Casa, Capt. Chris Renshaw, Ofc. Ketan Padalia, Ofc Eric Bard, Mary Rose Duberek, Blaize Levitan. Our Guest gave a comprehensive overview of the work of the Office of Emergency Management, including information on trainings that they can do for Faculty, staff, and students. They asked us for ideas on getting in front of more faculty and we suggested coming to a Senate meeting to give an update and a pitch for their training offerings. Karen will bring the request to SEC.

**New Items**

**Greek Life**- Karen (from SEC) waiting on Gary English for charge.  
**Library Budget**- Kate expressed concern about the library’s 1.8 million budget cut. This will impact services for students. The library’s staffing has been reduced from 138 down to 60 staff members. We are down in rankings of the related national association. Library still has a 10,000 visitor/day gate count.
Wednesday, February 10, 1:00-2:30pm  
Guests: Kent Holsinger and Dan Weiner  
1:00pm-2:00pm, Discussion on international undergraduate and graduate students

Wednesday, March 9, 1:00-2:30pm  
Guests: Pam Schipani and Beverly Wood  
1:00pm-2:00pm, Discussion on housing

Wednesday, April 13, 1:00-2:30pm

Wednesday, May 11, 1:00-2:30pm

All meetings will be held in the Senate Conference Room (Hall Dorm Building, Room 123). Call in option is always available.