

Minutes of December 12th, 2013
Senate Growth and Development Committee
January 23, 2014

Attendance: Danielle Bergmann, Joseph Crivello, Kathryn Libal (via phone), Kelly Kennedy, George McManus, Carol Polifroni, Carolyn Teschke, Faquir Jain

Invited Guests:

Kent Holsinger, Vice President of Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School,
Laura Cruickshank, Master Planner and Chief Architect (Meeting rescheduled)

Following the introduction, Kent Holsinger shared his perspective and views regarding graduate enrollment and programs. He also distributed a document entitled Graduate School Academic Plan 2. Some highlights of the presentation and discussion are noted below.

1. Establishment of Outstanding Scholar Program, TA Writing Center, UCAELI for International TAs.
2. Professional development activities for newly hired assistant professors: Conducted Workshop on Career Preparation.
3. Current graduate student enrollment about 6800 of which about 20% are international. Doctoral student enrollment is 1800.
4. Orientation for new graduate students is planned for Fall 2014.
5. Health premium for graduate teaching assistants is about \$200 and it costs about \$3000 per assistant per year.

In response to a question (JC), Kent mentioned that tuition charged to grants for research assistants (RAs) raised about \$1.3M. However, \$1.9 M was anticipated. About 0.75M were used to support Institutional Stipends.

It was noted that we need more NSF, DOE, NIH, and IGERT graduate fellowships to increase graduate enrollment.

6. NextGen highlights in terms of graduate education include:
 - (a) \$0.5 Million in support per year for graduate scholarships.
 - (b) Institute of System Genomics (with interdisciplinary graduate courses); to be housed in the Graduate School.
 - (c) Aspire to become member of AAU.

During discussion, it was noted by committee members that at AAU institutions, the graduate enrollment is about 50% or higher (compared to undergraduate enrollment). At UConn, while the increase in enrollment for undergraduates (by about 1/3) is clear, the target for graduate students is not.

No dorms at present for graduate students, while there is a need for first year international TAs/RAs.

7. Programs including JD, LLB, MD, DDS, and PharmD are not part of Graduate School.

Members mentioned more attention towards catering the needs of Postdoctoral Research Associates (forming an association, putting on events, and opening opportunity for their growth).

It was suggested during discussion that we get information from VP Jeff Seemann regarding graduate research support and graduate fellowships.

The meeting adjourned at 12:22pm.

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

Next meeting: January 23, 2014 at 11:00am in Dodd Center Room 162.

11:00am: Richard Schwab, Academic Plan update

11:30am: Mark Westa, Parking Advisory Committee

Jeff Seemann, Vice President for Research (cannot make it, to be rescheduled),

Senate Growth and Development Committee Meeting Schedule

AY 2013-2014 Time: 11:00am - 12:30pm

Spring Meetings on Thursdays at Dodd Center Room 162

Spring (Thursday)

Meeting with

February 6, 2014

11:00am Richard Gray (Executive for Administration and CFO), and Mohamed Hussein (Chair, Senate Budget Committee) TBC

February 13, 2014

11:00am Mary Holz-Clause (Vice President, Office of Economic Development), Clyde Higgs, Executive Director of the Tech Park, Rita Zangari, Executive Director of Technology Partnerships and Licensing.

11:45 Laura Cruickshank, Master Planner and Chief Architect

March 13, 2014

11:00am Directors Regional (Stamford/Hartford) Campuses (TBC)
11:30am Discuss G&D recommendations/annual report.

March 27, 2014

11:00am Deans of CLAS, SOE, Pharmacy, Nursing, School of Business, Fine Arts, Agriculture and Natural Resources (not all confirmed)

11:40am, Jeff Seemann, Vice President for Research

April 10, 2014

Meeting with President Susan Herbst and Provost Mun Choi (TBC)