

Minutes
Senate Student Welfare Committee
December 9, 2015

Members Present:

***Karen Bresciano, Chair**, Student Affairs

*Peter Gogarten, Molecular & Cell Biology

*Karl Guillard, CAHNR

*Patricia Jepson, CAHNR Academic Advisory

*Katherine Pancak, Business

*Jaci VanHeest, Education

*Shareen Hertel, Political Science

Kate Fuller, UConn Libraries

Gerry Gianutsos, Pharmacy

Morty Ortega, CAHNR

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 10/14/15 and 11/11/15- Approved

Student Affairs Update- Michael Gilbert reported on the developments in the design of the new Rec Center. There is a workshop discussion scheduled for today to provide thoughts and feedback for the architects. There will be more opportunities for feedback. The best case scenario is a January 2019 opening.

The search for a new Executive Director of SHS is beginning this spring. The hope is to have this person in place to be involved in the design and construction for a new health services building. This building is planned to house SHS, CMHS, and Wellness and Prevention. It is slated to be built in the area that is currently the building in front of the Field House. A Summer 2021 is anticipated.

Report from Diversity Committee- Pat shared proposed wording for the by-laws in the Admissions section that refers to diversity.

Report from Growth and Development- Karl shared that Martha Bedard came and spoke regarding the library budget and all expressed concern of how these cuts will affect students and faculty.

Old Items

Regional Campus Student Welfare Taskforce update- Karen reported that focus groups will be scheduled for next semester.

New Items

Academic Misconduct Policy- Karen shared that SEC has asked us to look at the UConn Academic Misconduct Policy. Specifically if we are utilizing the current policy appropriately as well as if the current policy needs to have proposed changes.

Greek Life- Karen said that SEC has asked us to look into issues surrounding Greek Life at UConn, but that since Gary English has not yet given us a formal charge to direct our information gathering, we will table that task until we have more direction.

Library Budget- Kate shared with us an article that talks about the \$1.8 million in cuts the library is expected to make over the next two years. This will affect services for students. Library staffing number have gone from 110 in 2008 to 93 in 2014. She also cited a dropping in ratings from 42 in 2009 to 55 in 2012 (Association of Research Libraries rankings).

Meeting schedule for the spring will be as follows:

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

Guests: Lt. Chris Casa, Captain Magdalena Silver, Lt. Chris Renshaw, Blaize Levitan

1:30pm-2:00pm, Discussion on emergency preparedness and response

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.