

**Minutes**  
**Senate Student Welfare Committee**  
**January 20, 2015**

In attendance: \*Karen Bresciano, Greg Bouquot, \*Rosa Chinchilla, , Kate Fuller, Michael Gilbert,  
\*Samuel Martinez, Morty Ortega, \*Annelie Skoog, Suzanna Cowan, Connor McNaboe,  
Guests: Wayne Locust, Mona Lucas

Not able to attend: \*Dipak Dey, \*Teresa Dominguez, Kelly Kennedy, \*Carol Polifroni, \*Susan Spiggle, \*Robert Tilton, Ellen Tripp, Nancy Wong, Kevin Alvarez, Hootan Kashi

Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2014- Approved

Student Affairs Update- Michael Gilbert

Update on spirit rock incident. Michael and Elly sent out a letter supporting and encouraging discussion. Michael shared that the rock painting incident still under review. Campus police are exploring possible hate crime. ODE is exploring possible title IX and IV violations. Once those are done, they will inform CS next steps. Michael shared a draft of programming from Student Affairs around Diversity issues being presented and developed.

Morty asked can leaders of clubs of training regarding diversity? Yes, this happens with the most senior members. Looking at this since often with an incident the senior leaders might not be there.

Michael said that they are looking into an external peer review to our Greek Life program and also spoke to development of our development of bystander intervention programs.

Old Items

Financial aid for undocumented students- Wayne Locust, VP for Enrollment Planning & Management Mona Lucas, director of financial aid. Wayne stated that he couldn't think of why we shouldn't join in exploring the topic. There are a wide variety of things happening across the country. We try to help where we can. There are conversations happening with the foundation about initiating campaigns for scholarships for this population. Private donors can support these scholarships. This topic is certainly on their radar. Greg asked about in-state tuition. It was explained that CT state law allows undocumented students to have in-state tuition if they attended four years and graduated from a CT high school and are a current resident. Mona said they would want to explore what the pool of funds would need to be. It is hard to know the number of students and their need since they don't always self-report.

Connor asked if deferred deportation would help. Mona answered that it might make folks more willing to approach we don't really know.

Third party scholarships are ok for undocumented students.

There was a question about athletic scholarships and it would depend on source of funds.

Department scholarships could be ok, it depends on the donor stipulations.

SSWC voted and agreed that there is no reason why we would not want to sign on to explore these options. All approved.

Text Books- communicating with Faculty regarding buy-back. We will revisit next meeting when Nancy is here and has more info.

Student international travel policy- Greg asked what is the plan to train faculty on this policy? Morty agreed this is needed. Sam suggested that it should be incumbent on student to inform to OGA and wondered if there would be unintended consequences of the language used. "Facilitate" is soft language, while ensure is hard/binding languages. Is the student and faculty responsibility clear? This draft does not seem to address issues of non-credit trip planned by a university employee.

Future agenda Items

Regional Student Welfare Taskforce development 2/25/15 meeting

Other topics

Is there a senate committee that looks at financial aid practices? Merit based vs need.

Meetings for spring 2015

Tuesday, 1/20/2015, 1-2:30pm- Financial Aid for undocumented students

Tuesday, 2/17/2015, 1-2:30pm

Wednesday, 2/25/2015, 10:30am-12pm (discussion of regional campus issues and topics)

Tuesday, 3/17/2015, 1-2:30pm- Graduate Student Housing

Wednesday, 4/8/2015, 10:30am-12pm (discussion of regional campus issues and topics)

Tuesday, 4/21/2015, 1-2:30pm

Tuesday, 5/19/2015, 1-2:30pm