

Minutes of February 13, 2015 Meeting of Senate Growth and Development Committee
February 19, 2015

Attendance: Reda Ammar, Marcy Balunas, Dianne Beer, Danielle Bergmann, Jake Broccolo, Joseph Crivello, Masha Gordina, Andrew Moiseff, Lyle Scruggs, Faquir Jain.

Invited Guests: Michael Gilbert (VP Student Affairs)
Mark Sargent (President, USG)

Michael Gilbert presented a comprehensive update relating to student welfare and well being during the past six months or so since his last meeting in spring 2014 with the G & D Committee. He reiterated that there is a legislative and university mandate that students needs be served.

He observed that filling of the Associate VP of Student Affairs and Dean of Student Affairs position. A new Assistant Dean has been hired for victim support services, and two staff positions have been added.

A. Moiseff asked about the relationship and services at the regional campuses. He responded by saying that there are regional campus directors and his office works closely with them.

J. Broccolo asked if the new resources are known to students. He answered that probably not for family emergencies and financial struggles resources.

Michael noted that the staff positions are adequate to address; 1) Wellness and Prevention Programs, and 2) Alcohol and Drug Prevention offices. He mentioned about the U. Washington program in the area of alcohol and drug abuse. UConn has skilled clinicians to assist students. M. Balunas asked if the data is shared, he said no, it is kept confidential.

VP Gilbert added there have been around 500 interventions. He also noted that about 30% students do not drink although there is a social norm of drinking at colleges.

In the area of student mental health, there are 21 clinical staff and 9 doctoral student interns.

D. Bergmann observed that Arjona is primarily a class room building and how student needs are met. He said that seminar rooms and certain classrooms are used when there are no classes. He further added that there is a peak demand around middle of the semester till finals. A number of 1500 was mentioned in terms of students who take advantage of the Mental Health Services. He noted about the initial and ongoing triages.

Responding to J. Crivello's question about clinical emergency, he noted that campus police work with BSS at the mental facility.

VP Gilbert mentioned status of 727 the bed, 200,000 (\$95M) dormitory to promote STEM learning communities. D. Bergmann raised the issue of laboratory space in Torey and Gant.

M. Balunas asked how increased enrollment of 5,000 new students under NextGen will be managed in terms of services. M. Gilbert noted that about 250 additional students will be using

student counseling services. Multiple funding sources are used including Dining fees and Residence Hall fees. NextGen will not fund it.

It was noted that students from regional campuses were not allowed to use the Career Center located at the Storrs campus.

In response to J. Broccolo's question about 6% fee increases, he noted that they were approved in 2011 by the BOT.

M. Gordina noted that the Center for Students with Disabilities is not providing adequate services to students. This is based on her experience enrolled in her courses in Math department.

The discussion shifted to housing at Storrs Downtown. M. Gilbert noted that graduate students and transfer students are renting that space. There are about 145 students in Nathan Hale Inn.

A. Moiseff raised the issue of housing for international students. M. Gilbert noted that international students stay for one semester and then move.

Need to expand the Student Union was underscored. It was noted that L. Cruickshank (Master Planner) office is proactive in this regard. Expansion on Glenbrook/Hillside intersection is under consideration. The site for the Student Recreation Center was mentioned on the Y-lot behind McMahan.

Mark Sargent updated about various programs for students carried out by USG. He noted that they have allocated \$1.5M for distribution to about over 500 student organizations.

J. Broccolo noted the need for more lighting on campus to make it safer.

M. Sargent observed that the Dean of Students Affairs is doing a better job.

A. Moiseff asked if there is an optimism or pessimism regarding the growth of student body.

D. Bergmann noted that the science classes are overenrolled. M. Sargent noted that his classes in Economics are reasonable. Similar sentiments were expressed in Kinesiology. Psychology and Allied Health range in 120 to 200 respectively.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25am.

Fall meetings: Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 11:00am Hall Building, Room 123.

Friday, September 26th 2014 at 10:00am, Hall Building, Room 123.

Friday, October 17, 2014 at 10:00am, Hall Building, Room 123.

Sally Reis, Vice Provost will discuss Academic Plan implementation.

October 31st 2014, 10:00am Kent Holsinger, Hall Building, Room 123.

10:30 am Barbara O'Connor (to be rescheduled)

November 14, 2014, 10:00am Jeff Seeman, Hall Building, Room 123.

10:30am Lawrence Silbart and Steven Suib

December 5, 2014, 10:00am Joshua Newton, Hall Building, Room 123.

10:30am Laura Cruickshank and Beverly Wood.

Spring 2015 Meetings

Thursday, January 28, 2015, 11:00am, Hall Building, Room 123.

Police Chief Barbara O'Connor

Friday, February 13, 2015, 10:00am, Michael Gilbert (VP Student Affairs) Hall Building #123.

Mark Sargent and Jake Broccolo (USG)

Friday, February 20, 2015, 10:00am, Wayne Locust (VP Enrollment Management),

Hall Building Room 123.

Jason Charrette (President, Graduate Council), TBC

Friday, March 6, 2015, 10:00am, Deans, Hall Building #123.

Other dates to be announced

Growth and Development Committee Members: Reda Ammar, Marcy Balunas, David Benson, Danielle Bergmann, Robert Bird, Dianne Beer, Tracie Borden, Jake Broccolo, Joseph Crivello, Masha Gordina, Shanna Graham, Kathy Hendrickson, Kathryn Libal, Jeanne Martin, Erin Mason, Daniel Mercier, Andrew Moiseff, James Renfro, Lyle Scruggs, Dana Wilder, and Faquir Jain