

**Minutes of February 20, 2015 Meeting of Senate Growth and Development Committee**  
March 20, 2015

**Attendance:** Reda Ammar, Dianne Beer, Danielle Bergmann, Tracie Borden, Jake Broccolo, Joseph Crivello, Jeanne Martin, Andrew Moiseff, Larry Renfro, Lyle Scruggs, Faquir Jain.

**Invited Guests:** Wayne Locust (VP Enrollment Management)  
Jason Charrette (President, Graduate Council)

Wayne Locust presented a detailed update relating to undergraduate enrollment picture on Storrs and regional campuses. He also outlined the procedure used during the review of freshmen applicants.

He observed that they received over 34,500 applications for about 3550 freshmen seats. Selection is based on UCONN priorities including ranking and image, in-state and out-of-state students mix, international students, and diversity. Regional campuses admitted 1400 students in 2014 as opposed to 1100 in 2013. He added that the regional campus enrollment declined but now it is better. The average SAT score was 1234 last year, 79% of our freshmen are in-state students. There is a differential of about \$20k between in-state and out-of-state tuition.

A. Moiseff asked if majors have impact. He said that there is demand in Nursing, Engineering and Business. These Schools have caps on enrollment.

J. Crivello noted that Governor Malloy wants STEM to go forward. How it will happen. NextGen has a 18,300 undergraduate enrollment target.

D. Bergmann observed that the \$40M cut announced for UConn in the State budget would affect us from financial aid to other services. VP Locust noted that 50% of student fees are ploughed back to the financial aid. He foresees no hit on financial aid.

A. Moiseff asked how honors enrollment will be impacted. VP Locust informed us that last year there were 520 honors students with SAT around 1400. Most of these students get merit scholarships. NextGen funds 75 merit scholarship which is a small fraction if the enrollment increases.

L. Renfro asked about regional students. He informed that they take 54 credits before transfer to the Storrs campus. J. Martin mentioned that there are some 4 years programs at regional campuses. She further elaborated that the General Studies enrollment is down.

L. Scruggs inquired about the matriculation rate.

Jason Charrette informed the committee that there are about 8,000 graduate students. He observed that graduate students are overwhelmingly positive about NextGen. He also said that there is no housing for graduate students. Northwood Apartments served a big need, particularly married international graduate students. They conducted a survey in which the 50% would like to live on or near campus. 6000 graduate students are not covered by university health plan as they are not GA/TA/RAs.

The discussion shifted to housing at Storrs Downtown. He noted that the housing is very expensive (\$1600 for one bedroom) for graduate students and only undergraduate students or post-docs live there.

Jason has to leave.

Members started discussion with VP Locust.

J. Broccolo noted the very high out of state fee.

In response to a question about faculty hiring freeze in light of increased enrollment, VP Locust said that President Herbst is committed to hiring new faculty.

D. Bergmann raised the issue of taking in more out of state students to raise resources. W. Locust said that UCONN need to be national university.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10am.

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

Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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),

Friday, March 6, 2015, 10:00am, Deans, Hall Building #123.  
11:00am Warde Manuel, Director of Athletics (Phone-in)

**Friday, March 27, 2015 , 10:00am Regional Campus Directors (TBC)**

**Other date(s) in April to be confirmed.**

**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