

Minutes
Senate Student Welfare Committee
February 25, 2015

Members; *Karen Bresciano, *Dipak Dey, Kate Fuller, Morty Ortega, *Carol Polifroni, *Robert Tilton, Nancy Wong, Hootan Kashi, Susanna Cowan

Not able to attend: Greg Bouquot, *Rosa Chinchilla, *Teresa Dominguez, Michael Gilbert, Kelly Kennedy, *Samuel Martinez, *Annelie Skoog, *Susan Spiggle, Ellen Tripp, Kevin Alvarez,

Topic- Regional Campus Student Welfare Task Force

We spoke at length about the charge to be formed by our committee. We will focus on gathering information about the issues, challenges and celebrations at the regional campuses as well as for the Storrs students who were once regional students. We discussed if we should be hoping to offer solutions and most agreed that this was not an appropriate extension of our charge.

We spoke about what our goals would be for a survey. We spoke of involving OIR and Morty said that he would check in to see if we would need IRB approval. Bob mentions that Sally Reis is doing a survey at the regional campuses and will check into this.

Bob and Karen mention that there is Regional famous forum in April. We agree to see if we can be the Forum topic.

Topics to consider for the survey include the following:

- Academics
- Variety and quality of courses
- The ability to finishing major at the regional campus
- Class availability
- Counseling/mental health services
- Career services
- Quality of life
- Facilities
- Infrastructure
- Communication to students

Other questions to be explored include the following:

- What services are available for regional campus students?
- What services at Storrs are accessible to regional students?
- What is the mission of campuses? Should there be residential life? When is it okay that services are different at Storrs?
- The lack of clarity for the chain of command for students and staff at the regionals.
- The issue of students taking all of their gen eds at regional so they come to Storrs and only have major classes left so very heavy schedule with no ability to balance schedule. It is thought that this plays a role in the declining GPAs of some campus change students