

Minutes
Senate Student Welfare Committee
April 8, 2015

Members present: *Karen Bresciano, Greg Bouquot, *Dipak Dey, *Teresa Dominguez, Michael Gilbert, Morty Ortega, *Robert Tilton, Susanna Cowan, Hootan Kashi

Not able to attend: *Rosa Chinchilla, Kate Fuller, Kelly Kennedy, *Samuel Martinez, *Carol Polifroni, *Annelie Skoog, *Susan Spiggle, Ellen Tripp, Nancy Wong, Kevin Alvarez

Regional Student Welfare Taskforce

Bob and Karen updated the group that we had been asked to not do a survey this semester since Sally was sending out the CIRP survey to first year and transfer student at the regional campuses. The main point of this survey is retention. We did not realize when we were asked to suspend our survey that the goals and most of the audience was not the same.

It was questioned if this survey went to Storrs students as well and if this will be annual since that would impact what semester we administer our survey.

Bob shared that he has been in touch with one faculty at least from each campus to ask about joining the taskforce. The goal to have taskforce in place for fall.

Morty volunteered for taskforce and will help Bob with IRB approval

The goal is for the membership to be determined by end of May.

First taskforce meeting will be scheduled for September, probably in Hartford.

We will hope to bring CIRP data to this meeting for review.

We will plan focus groups, perhaps an hour with students, an hour with faculty and an hour with student services and other administration.

We agreed upon the charge for the Taskforce

In response to a presentation by student representatives from the regional campuses to the Senate Student Welfare Committee in 2014, the Regional Campus Student Welfare Task Force has been formed to determine the issues, concerns, and perceptions of students, staff, administrators, and faculty that are impacting student welfare on the regional campuses.

Enrollment increase- We were asked if our committee would support a joint motion regarding a request for quarterly reports regarding enrollment increase. All present were in support of the motion. Given the planned increase in enrollment, the Senate requests the administration to provide quarterly updates on the implications of the increased numbers. These updates should include effects on availability of general education courses, on-campus housing, and science laboratories, impact on academic

majors, safety, health care and advising, and re-allocation of teaching faculty by type: tenure-track, in-residence, adjunct and graduate teaching assistants.

COIA resolution- Our committee was asked to review the COIA resolution to support the call for a Congressional hearing and perhaps a blue ribbon commission to explore issues related to the NCAA and student athlete welfare. There was a lack of understanding from most members about the context and the need/function of having support from our committee. We will look into this further.