

**Minutes of November 14th, 2013**  
Senate Growth and Development Committee  
December 9, 2013

**Attendance:** Danielle Bergmann, Tracie Borden, Joseph Crivello, Kathy Hendrickson, Kathryn Libal, Kelly Kennedy, Jeanne Martin, Carolyn Teschke, Dana Wilder, Faquir Jain

**Observer:** Senator Terri Dominguez

Invited Guests:

Michael Gilbert, Vice President Students Affairs,  
Joshua Newton, President, UConn Foundation.

Following the introduction, Michael Gilbert shared his perspective and views regarding activities and services important to student experience at UConn. Some points are noted below.

1. Appointment of Dean of Student Affairs. Broaden the role of Dean's office.
2. Rename Office of Student Services.
3. Invest more in Cultural Centers in order to increase student success.
4. On-campus housing for 5000+ students in the long run. Currently, dorm space accommodation for 12,560 students (with actual capacity of 11,200 stretched). Goal is to have no Lottery. He does not envision a lottery next year. Phase-I plan to have 1200-1600 new beds by 2016; additional 500+ beds by Fall 2017. Possible sites include South Campus (one more wing), space next to McMahan, and Ellsworth.
5. Long term plan include more student study space that has been replaced as living space. He added that 400 more student will be admitted in fall 2014.
6. Attention to deferred maintenance. In particular, he mentioned water leakage in West Campus and South Campus.
7. A 5-year plan to relocate Honor's Residence hall.
8. He mentioned that the role of regional campuses housing and Graduate student housing is not clear. He will start visiting regional campuses, and he has asked regional leadership to identify what his relationship is and what it should be.
9. Proposed Student Recreation Centre will be administered by the Division of Athletics.
10. Expanded Student Health Services with more emphasis on Mental Health. Their case load has increased to 600/700 visits per month. He wants to increase staff working with students with disabilities; there is data that shows that STEM students have increased incidences of disabilities.
11. He observed that Student Union is pretty much packed now. Some expansion is needed as the enrollment of 5000+ student as a part of NextGen.

Joshua Newton, President, UConn Foundation, briefed the members about his vision and fund raising goals. Some highlights are:

1. He mentioned about realigning the Foundation to meet the needs in light of increased fund-raising.

