

Minutes  
**Senate Student Welfare Committee**  
**September 9, 2015**

In attendance:

\*Karen Bresciano, Chair, \*Peter Gogarten, \*Patricia Jepson, \*Katherine Pancak, \*Jaci VanHeest, Kate Fuller, Gerry Gianutsos, Michael Gilbert

Not able to attend:

\*Gordon Lewis,\*Karl Guillard, \*Robert Tilton, Erin Mason, Kelly Kennedy, Morty Ortega, Shareen Hertel

Reps to Growth & Development Committee and Diversity Committee

Growth & Development- Gerry expressed interest but will wait for us to throw it out to the group.

Diversity- Pat expressed tentative interest.

Student Affairs Update- Michael Gilbert

Opening went smoothly. Residence halls are full. They are designed to house 11200 students and they now house 12700, which means that doubles have been turned into triples and some lounge spaces are now rooms.

New construction in private market is going well. Michael reported that 100 students who are supposed to live in new construction off campus are displaced waiting for Certificate of Occupancy. Students are being compensated by the company for their inconvenience and housed temporarily

Recreation Center construction is happening and on the fast track. It will be located where Connecticut Commons is currently located (Announces 9/10/15 minutes amended to include this fact) The goal is for a Fall 2019 opening. There is a Student advisory group with 15 students, 10 from USG and 3 graduate students who are providing feedback through the process.

New student orientation went well. Dean of Students Staff and other spoke to incoming students and parents about the services and support available here. They also worked with Wellness and Prevention Services to present on topics about bystander responsibilities, care for themselves and one another (Protect Our Pack), and what affirmative consent means. Peter asks is he can lean on UITS to be prepared for increased of students use on the system. Michael said he would give thought to the question. He knows Michael Mundrane is thoughtful about these issues.

Old Items

Open Text Book Initiative Resolution-Karen gave the history of the question and what our discussions have been. Kate described about what's new this summer, specifically House Bill 6117. We discussed Kate's draft resolution and gave feedback. Kate and Karen will fine tune the resolution and send out to committee with the hopes of having it on the next senate agenda.

Reading Day Assessment Update- We looked at survey created by Steven Park. It was recommended that we give a description of impact in an introduction. The common schedule came up as an upcoming issue, since if the regionals have classes on Fridays, then the impact of having finals on Friday will be minimized. It was also suggested that we only ask returning students not first year since first year students would not yet have any experience with the schedule.

Regional Campus Student Welfare Taskforce update- Karen reports that the first meeting will be Friday, 9/25, 1-2:30pm, Hartford Campus, Library Building, Room 308 and invites all to attend

### New Items

Student Affairs Draft Strategic Plan- Michael describes the plan as not being all that Student Affairs does, but rather highlighting some initiatives and priorities for the future.

Katherine asked if this plan is just for Storrs. Michael replied that it was but that Student Affairs is looking to see where the formal relationships are and where relationships need to be expanded and formalized.

### Ideas for topics for this year

Common schedule and negative impact on regional campuses in particular

Services for international student both under grad and graduate

Impact on students of all of the construction on campus