

Senate Growth and Development Committee 2015/2016

Meeting Minutes 9/17/15

10:00-11:15 am

Senate Conference Room, Hall Dorm

Members Present: Larry Renfro (Chair), Joseph Crivello, Alec Calva (GSS), Andrew Moiseff Faquir Jain, Kathy Hendrickson, Tracie Borden, Lyle Scruggs

Members missing: Michael Accorsi, David Benson, Maria Gordina, Kristen Schwab, Suzanne Wilson, Robert Bird, Greg Bouquot, Larry Silbart

1. Committee members introduced themselves. The meeting was temporarily halted because of an injury to a committee member coming to the meeting. A report was made to the UConn Provost and the police about their accident.
2. The committee discussed our future agenda and whom to invite for future meetings from the administration. We discussed the success of last year's recommendations in influencing the administration recent change on graduate student tuition charged to grants.
3. Recommendations for invited speakers:
 - a. We will ask Kent Holsinger to come back to the committee and discuss grad student tuition as well as graduate student housing, and a possible graduate student space in the student union.
 - b. We will ask Amy Donahue to join us to discuss several topics: use of APIRs in lieu of graduate students as teachers in class. How many APIRs there are, how many classes they teach, and how many of those classes used to be taught by GAs.
 - c. We will ask Laura Cruickshank to join us to report on the status of the STEM building initiative, as well as administration planning to ensure that there is sufficient teaching space (lecture halls, smaller classrooms, and lab) as student enrollment increases.
 - d. We will ask Barbara Connor (Police Chief) to join us to report on changes made in campus safety in consideration of construction activities and the concerns we raised last year.
 - e. We discussed the issues of the common class schedule on the regional campuses and decided that it was a subject best left to the senate.
 - f. We will invite Martha Bedard (Library) to discuss the long term plan for the library as a result of financial pressures and the loss of staff, journals and books.
 - g. We changed the meeting on 10/16/15 at 10 am to 10/30/15 at 10 am.