

**Minutes**  
**Senate Student Welfare Committee**  
**October 14, 2015**

Members Present:

\***Karen Bresciano, Chair**, Student Affairs  
\*Peter Gogarten, Molecular & Cell Biology  
\*Karl Guillard, CAHNR  
\*Patricia Jepson, CAHNR Academic Advisory  
\*Katherine Pancak, Business  
\*Robert Tilton, English

\*Jaci VanHeest, Education  
Erin Mason, Registrar's Office  
Kate Fuller, UConn Libraries  
Gerry Gianutsos, Pharmacy  
Morty Ortega, CAHNR  
Michelle San Pedro, Graduate Student Senate

Introductions

Approval of Minutes for 9/9/15

Reps to Growth & Development Committee and Diversity Committee were named. Karl will representing us at G&D and Pat will represent us at Diversity

Old Items

Open Text Book Initiative Resolution- Resolution passed. Two questions about copyright- if it goes through Library, Kate confirmed that if library is involved, copyright is respected. Also, licensed texts are free to student but not university. Library needs to budget funds and their budget is concerning

Regional Campus Student Welfare Taskforce update- Bob and Karen piggybacked onto Regional Campus Forum on 10/6/15- good turn out and was a good meeting. They are working on developing a set of standards focus groups questions that we can use with groups on each campus to help inform our larger survey that we hope to send out to all students.

Common Schedule- A fair amount of time was spent talking about it and determining what the group want the approach to be. Bob drafted a letter that expresses concerns of the group. Bob did so and gave to Karen but he will send it to rest of group. Once that letter comes to SSWC, we will review it. We send it up to SEC. Karen talked to Gary English and he let Karen know that there is a committee been formed to talk to common schedule. Bob was appointed. Karen's perception is the common schedule is going to happen. It's going to happen for Spring. This felt bad and is an example of the troubling communication with Regionals.

New Items

Services for international student both undergrad and graduate and impact on students of all of the construction on campus- spoke about best way to address these issues and who to invite.