

**Minutes**  
**Senate Student Welfare Committee**  
**January 13, 2016**

Members in attendance:

\***Karen Bresciano, Chair**, Student Affairs

\*Gordon Lewis, CLAS

\*Karl Guillard, CAHNR

\*Patricia Jepson, CAHNR Academic Advisory

\*Shareen Hertel, Political Science

Erin Mason, Registrar's Office

Kate Fuller, UConn Libraries

Gerry Gianutsos, Pharmacy

Morty Ortega, CAHNR

Michelle San Pedro, Graduate Student Senate

Eliza Conrad, Undergraduate Student Government

Sydney Dinkeloo, Undergraduate Student Government

Michael Gilbert, VP Student Affairs (Ex Officio Member)

Introductions

Approval of Minutes for 12/9/15- Approved

Student Affairs Update- Michael Gilbert shared that there is much work being done including a feedback meeting today concerning the design of rec center. Participants are encouraged to "think big and give feedback to architects." They have walked the footprint of CT commons. There will be more opportunities for feedback. Opening for January 2019 is the best case scenario.

Search for Executive Director of SHS starting this spring. This coincides with approval to begin Design and construction for new health services SHS, CMHS, wellness and prevention, which will be located in the parking lot in front of the field house. They are request bids in late spring. The new director would work on the overall plan. A summer 2021 opening is planned.

Report from Diversity Committee- Pat shared that the Diversity Committee is proposing by-law changes for the Admissions section of the by-laws. Karen asked Pat to have her Manisha be in touch with Hedley, as Scholastic Standards is also proposing significant changes to that section..

Report from Growth and Development- Karl was not able to attend the last meeting

Old Items

Academic Misconduct Policy- Karen gave an update to what we have been asked to discuss and introduced Sarah and her work with the committee this semester on this issue. We spoke about doing a survey of faculty to get more information about their feelings and use of the existing policy.

Discussion on emergency preparedness and response- Guests from OEM and UCPD: Lt. Chris Casa, Capt. Chris Renshaw, Ofc. Ketan Padalia, Ofc Eric Bard, Mary Rose Duberek, Blaize Levitan. Our Guest gave a comprehensive overview of the work of the Office of Emergency Management, including information on trainings that they can do for Faculty, staff, and students. They asked us for ideas on getting in front of more faculty and we suggested coming to a Senate meeting to give an update and a pitch for their training offerings. Karen will bring the request to SEC.

New Items

Greek Life- Karen (from SEC) waiting on Gary English for charge.

Library Budget- Kate expressed concern about the library's 1.8 million budget cut. This will impact services for students. The library's staffing has been reduced from 138 down to 60 staff members. We are down in rankings of the related national association. Library still has a 10,000 visitor/day gate count.

**Wednesday, February 10, 1:00-2:30pm**

Guests: Kent Holsinger and Dan Weiner

1:00pm-2:00pm, Discussion on international undergraduate and graduate students

**Wednesday, March 9, 1:00-2:30pm**

Guests: Pam Schipani and Beverly Wood

1:00pm-2:00pm, Discussion on housing

**Wednesday, April 13, 1:00-2:30pm**

**Wednesday, May 11, 1:00-2:30pm**

All meetings will be held in the Senate Conference Room (Hall Dorm Building, Room 123). Call in option is always available.