

# Minutes

## Senate Student Welfare Committee

### September 8, 2016

#### Members Present:

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

\*Peter Gogarten, Molecular & Cell Biology

\*Shareen Hertel, Political Science

\*Patricia Jepson, CAHNR Academic Advisory

\*Jaci VanHeest, Education

\*Christine Wilson, Student Activities

Kate Fuller, UConn Libraries

Michael Gilbert, VP Student Affairs (Ex Officio Member)

Erin Mason, Registrar's Office

Tina McCarthy, Student Health Services

David Mrotek, ISS-Academic Program Center

Shelly Reel, Office of Admissions

#### Introductions

Representative for Diversity Committee Pat Jepson will continue being the representative.

Representative for Growth and Development Tina McCarthy and Shelly Reel are interested in attending. Will decide who will be the representative by next meeting.

Student Affairs Update- Michael Gilbert reported a successful opening and welcome week of orientation. We moved in 12,700 students. Also, we opened a redesigned Putnam dining hall.

Stamford campus will open new housing program in Fall 2017, should be able to accommodate 300 residents.

Recreation Center project is on schedule. Construction begins in April 2017.

Design and construction of a new student health facility, build new facility on Hillside Road.

Student Affairs added 2.25 counseling positions, now focusing on regional campuses.

Discussion on Fraternity and Sorority Life: Guest: Todd Sullivan, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, came and spoke about the status of things in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. Todd gave a brief overview of the growth of fraternity and sorority life. Fall 2016: 2,500 Greek students. Office provides overall expectations and Nationals/chapters set own expectations/goals. Programs offered for diversity, alcohol education, masculinity, hazing prevention. Partnerships have been built with Off-Campus Student Services, Community Standards, UConn Police. Staff members from Student Activities meet with students before events to discuss risk management.

Regional Campus Student Welfare Taskforce- Karen provided an update: over the summer there was a survey created that will be sent out soon to faculty, staff and students at all campuses.

Meeting schedule- A lot of items on schedule this semester, discussion of another meeting and possibly adding supplemental meetings. Topics for this year will include the following:

Academic Integrity Policy- Faculty and students were surveyed in Spring 2016 on the current policy. More to come this semester.

Finals Schedule and Finals Rescheduling By-Laws: In the future, look at what factors are most important to faculty when putting together the exam schedule. Look at the by-laws and consider revisions. Sarah Redlich is creating a survey to be sent to faculty regarding faculty priorities on the final exam schedule.

Dining Services Update and CMHS/SHS Update- It was agreed that it would be helpful for the committee to receive updates in these key areas of student life.

Transportation- There are big issues with students and faculty not being able to get to campus, especially for graduate students trying to get on campus to teach their classes. We spoke about getting our Transportation folks back in to see us for an update about UConn shuttles and WRTD.

Bookstore- Faculty have mentioned concerns with costs of books at new Barnes & Noble bookstore.