

Student Welfare Committee Meeting

February 7, 2019

Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order at 1 p.m.

Attendance was taken.

In attendance: Christine Wilson, Kim Colbert, Kelly Bartlett, Michael Gilbert, Peter Gogarten, Cinnamon Adams, Donna Corbel, Kate Fuller, Jen Gattilia, Maureen Armstrong, Mei Wei.

Reviewed December meeting minutes. Correction made – *Mediation* should have read *meditation*.

No USG update – Erin Curry not available today.

Question was asked whether it is better to bring in people from different departments in the University to talk to us or to reach out directly and then report back to the group.

End of last semester—Committee discussed transitioning students, making ourselves aware of what we do for these groups and the services and resources that exist.

Other Questions:

- How do we gather data?
- What specifically do we want to know?
- What are the concerns and where do the questions go?
- Who is collecting the data and can we see it?
- Who do we talk to when we hear things about the issues faced by transitioning students?

Office of Admissions and Records Management does collect data.

It is the wish of the President to allow the opportunity for students to live at Storrs while attending Hartford and Avery Point. They are UConn students and should be able to enjoy all services available to all students.

There are 116 students total, mostly Hartford students.

Christine will reach out Enrollment Management—would like to see survey results.

Career Service Concerns

Career Services has picked up the project of Senior Year Experience and will now be doing this.

There is a Beyond UConn Conference on the topic of how to fund grad school, April 10, 2019.

Concerns that there are no career fairs for grad students or PhD students. Still concerns about Academia vs. Industry. Kay Gruder – Center for Career Development can provide information about services for grad students.

Christine will follow up.

Center for Students with Disabilities—absolutely DOES provide services for grad students.

However, grad students are served much differently than undergrads. Is this based on how they are evaluated?

Bus Service

Some offices are open later than and students working later than the bus service is available.

Library is open until 2 a.m. Bus service stops at 12. Students don't want to work until 2 a.m. and then have to walk. There is a gap in safety here.

Health services – shift changes happen at midnight. Also lab workers (grad students), Daily Campus.

Could there be an express bus for late night? Used to have this service.

Christine will follow up with transportation (Dwight). There is currently a lot of staff changes happening in transportation. Transportation is very receptive to ideas from the community.

Other Issues

Kelly Bartlett raised other concerns about **campus change students**.

- How do they see themselves?
- Can they move in early like other new students?
- Meet and greets for them are not well attended.
- Coming early would be beneficial to this group.
- Resource fair was held yesterday for all new students, transfers, etc.

Upcoming Meetings

- 3 more left
- Feedback
- Guest speakers
- Add any items to list of topics to discuss?
- Please email Christine with ideas.

Meeting adjourned 1:34 p.m.