

Senate Enrollment Committee Meeting, Friday, 9/29/2017, Oak Hall 236, 10-11:45am

Present:

Sebastian Wogenstein, Chair, Literature, Culture & Languages

Cora Lynn Deibler, School of Fine Arts

Leslie Shor, Engineering

Pam Diggle, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Nathan Fuerst, Admissions Office

Nella Quasnitschka, Early College Experience

Brian Rockwood, Registrar's Office

Priyanka Thakkar, Undergraduate Student Representative

Ex officio:

Annemarie Seifert, Avery Point Campus Director

Laurie Saunders, Senior Admissions Officer, Avery Point

1) April meeting minutes approved (motion by CL Deibler, seconded by P Thakkar)

2) Update by Nathan Fuerst

- Close to targets; slight drop in Storrs
- Enrollment high in Stamford as residency halls open; Stamford in many applications first choice
- Number of graduating high school seniors declines in Northeast
- SAT new and dramatically different; no comparison with previous SAT; increase in number of students submitting their ACT scores
- Diversity: Minority decline in Storrs explained by Stamford
- Initiatives and scholarships to attract minority students: application assistance in urban areas (student counselor rate often 500:1, e.g.) in schools where large percentages of students on reduced or free lunches; evening programs application assistance; New Haven Promise and Hartford Promise / UConn Commitment / UPass commute to regional campuses free
- See attached charts from Student Census, New Enrollment Numbers

3) Presentation by Avery Point Regional Director

- Uniqueness of campus: UConn's sea grant commitment
- Four year majors at Avery Point: Marine science, Maritime Studies, English, American Studies, General Studies (BGS)
- All majors with a few exceptions can be begun at regional campus
- Currently 712 enrolled undergraduate students at Avery Point
- Service to place-bound students
- Vulnerability as smallest campus after Torrington closure
- Marine science many out of state;

- Advantages of the campus: access to faculty (Student faculty ratio: 1:22), opportunity to network
- Survey showed academic excellence
- Open to experiments and interested in collaboration, e.g. distance learning (with CETL support)
- Languages: Spanish
- Problem: no residence halls, little public transportation; after the move of the West Hartford campus to the city center, it is the only suburban regional campus

4) Plans for next meeting:

- Meet with other regional directors: Hartford and Waterbury
- Update on classroom space at Storrs campus
- Summer transition program: recruitment, occupying the univ over the summer (invite Omar Andujar)
- GEOC and Senate CC&C how to coordinate and streamline information for students
- Data: degree completion, STEM enrollment and related demographics