

Student Welfare Committee Meeting Agenda
September 3, 2020

In Attendance

Maureen Armstrong, Renee Gilberti, Jennifer Tibbetts, Alexis Boylan, Angela Rola, Arthur Galinat, Cinnamon Adams, Jennifer Morenus, Kat McCarthy, Kay Gruder, Kelly Bartlett, Becky Bacher, Sheila Lafferty, Donna Korbelt, Michael Gilbert

1) Introductions

2) Business Items for 2020-2021

a) Holistic Wellbeing

- i) Exploring opportunities to utilize holistic dimensions of wellbeing models – Meet with Karen McComb, Director of Health Promotion and Community Impact

b) UConn Bookstore

- i) Is it serving the needs of students
- ii) Transparency of text book pricing prior to course registration

New items to consider

c) BiPOC students in particular, and the current racial happenings to discuss the welfare of students

- i) Consider inviting Dr. Frank Tuitt
- ii) How are students accessing the course on anti-blackness
- iii) What is the programming we are doing as a University and how will these efforts make our campuses more accepting

d) Virtual wellness

- i) A great deal of work targeting the undergraduates and opportunities/programs, not aware of content being rolled how are we doing something similar for graduate students
- ii) Mental Health task force when the report is completed we should invite Elly Daugherty and Nina to provide a summary

e) Quarantine experience

- i) Stories about how students in quarantine are feeling, shame around this status, how might address some of these feelings and perceptions
- ii) Are there actions and/or protocols that the University is taking which are contributing to the feelings of shame
- iii) Students in quarantine are being transported in golf carts which provides a visual signal to a person's status

f) First Generation college students

- i) McNairs scholars program – don't start connecting until they are here but other programs like SSS start connecting at the start of the summer.
- ii) Due to our unique start this group may not be aware of resources
- iii) How is the institution working to make sure students are aware of services and options
- iv) Consider inviting Leo Lachut and Dave Ouimette to come to a meeting.
- v) Regional campuses have seen a significant increase in # of first gen students
- vi) Many of the first gen students are not in the SSS program
- vii) Technology needs/expectations for students
- viii) Students are messaging that they just want to survive when asked about the year
- ix) What are other departments doing (PRLACC)

Action item – create a subcommittee to identify programs/options for above bullets.

g) International first year students starting from abroad

- i) How will they be made aware of the services and programs
 - ii) Might not know where to turn to for resources
 - iii) FYE cohorts will help but how can we work to ensure they have a connection to the University
 - iv) Bookstore – how to get them for international students
 - v) How do we help make sure students are getting connections
- h) Holds on student accounts
- i) Are we setting students up for failure due to the holds on accounts
 - ii) Bursar hold prevents them from changing classes
 - iii) Lack of in person opportunities for engagement may create challenges
 - iv) most use registration as the caveat to get students to do something
 - v) How does the University identify what a hold should block
 - vi) Enrollment/registration which impacts advising and essentially becomes an enrollment management issues
 - vii) Are there other approaches we can take to shift this process

Next Meeting – Thursday, October 1, 2020, 2:00-3:30pm