

Student Welfare Committee Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2021

In attendance: Kay Gruder, Peter Tribuzio, David Richards, Chelsea Cichocki, Laine Kingo, Karen Bresciana, Colleen Spurling, David Wagner, Sandy Valentine, Lindsey Lemoine, Rebecca Bacher, Katherine McCarthy, Jennifer Tibbetts, Bryanna Anderson, Peter Tribuzio, Arthur Galinat, Isaac Ortega, Michael Morrell, Renee Gilberti, Jen Morenus, Tina McCarthy, Daniel Pfeiffer

1. Topics to carry over

- a. First generation
- b. Textbook pricing transparency
 - i. Previously dealt with managing student needs and shipping during COVID- 19 including curbside pickups and pickups at different locations
 - ii. Instructors should be more informed about textbooks that cover content for two classes that students could purchase instead of purchasing a new book for each semester. This limits additional financial costs for students.
 - iii. Previously discussed that students should be able to see the cost of textbooks when they register for class
 - iv. Students are downloading PDFs from online which may be a copyright violation
 - v. Faculty can consider negotiating with publisher when re-adopting book to offer complimentary book to place on reserve

2. Microsoft Teams

- a. Start a team for Student Welfare Committee where discussions can continue
- b. A place to add resources for the entire committee

3. HOLDS committee

- a. *Subcommittee Members:* Becky, Kelly Bartlett and Jennifer Tibbetts
- b. HOLDS advisory group dealt with holds on student accounts that blocked their access to register for courses
- c. There is now a separate HOLDS advisory group
 - i. Members of the group can share Student Welfare Committee concerns with the HOLDS advisory group

4. Potential Speakers

- a. Frank Tuitt
- b. Consider having Provost speak to the committee on the vision of learning
- c. Consider a guest speaker to discuss mental health
- d. Consider having a speaker from First Year Programs to inform the committee on First Year and Second year students

5. Other topics and issues to discuss

- a. Discuss if changes made during the pandemic are now considered standard practice

- b. Review and discuss the wellness and transportation of Hartford students living in Storrs
- c. Red folder initiative
- d. First generation graduate students

Next Meeting – Thursday, October 7, 2021, (2:00pm-3:30pm)