

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, STORRS CAMPUS
FEBRUARY 26, 2014**

In Attendance:

Trustee Louise Bailey
Trustee Rose Barham
Trustee Michael Daniels
Trustee Shari Cantor
Donna Korb, Senate Observer
Michael Gilbert, Vice President for Student Affairs

Others in Attendance:

Cathy Downs, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs
Laura Cruickshank, Master Planner and Chief University Architect
Beverly Woods, Director of Planning
Higher Education and Student Affairs Graduate Students

Call to Order:

Trustee Bailey called the meeting of the Student Life Committee to order at 1:00 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Daniels, the minutes of the meeting of September 25, 2013, WERE APPROVED as presented.

Chairwoman's Report: No report at this time.

UConn Master Planning and Proposed Residence Halls: Beverly Woods outlined the time frame, scope and Committee structure of the Master Plan. Skidmore, Owings and Merrill (SOM) have been selected to partner with the University to develop a unique master plan and reflection of UConn. Beverly also outlined several areas where students, faculty, staff, alumni, and neighbors of the University can become involved working with the Master Planners.

Trustee Barham suggested that a Graduate Student as well as an Undergraduate student serve on the Master Plan Advisory Committee. Trustee Daniels suggested that the Master Planners participate in the USG Safety Walk, or arrange a Safety Walk so that any safety issues can be reviewed.

Laura Cruickshank outlined the location and plan for the two STEM Residence Halls with the Student Life Committee. The first is a Living and Learning housing complex with between 650-750 beds in the range of 200,000 to 230,000 gross square feet to open in fall 2016. The second is an Honors Residence Hall

with 650-750 beds in the range of 200,000 to 230,000 gross square feet with the intent to open in Fall 2017.

Review of Greater Hartford ASG Constitution Bylaws: Christine Wilson distributed Greater Hartford ASG's Constitution bylaws and highlighted that ASG decided to establish a new Constitution that passed in referendum with a record of 211 voters, 16.7% of the Undergraduate population approved of the document 189 yes to 22 no.

Division of Student Affairs Searches: Vice President Gilbert outlined for the Student Life Committee two important searches being conducted out of the Vice President's Office. The first is for an Associate Vice President and Dean of Students, and the second is for an Executive Director of Residential Life. The goal for both of these searches is to have the first round of interviews in March off campus and have candidates on campus for interviews in late April, so students can participate in the interviews. There are approximately nine individuals on each search committee.

Vice President for Student Affairs Report: Vice President Gilbert updated the Student Life Committee on the President's Task Force on Civility and Campus Culture. After the report was released, President Herbst asked Vice President Gilbert to lead a group of senior administrators in reviewing the report and formulating the University's responses. Several of the recommendations are being implemented, beginning immediately: The formation of an office that will serve as a central point of contact for students who are victims of crimes; implementing a program of bystander training for all students; offering student-oriented education programming on healthy relationships; expanding and enhancing student-oriented education programming on sexual violence prevention; expanding educational programming on alcohol and drug abuse; repeating mandatory education on sexual violence prevention at different points during the student experience; better advertising self-defense programs for students; a student-led effort to change the odious "nickname" that is occasionally used to describe the Celeron Path, and the unfounded perceptions associated with this walkway.

Student Trustees Report: Trustee Daniels would like to have a conversation with the new Executive Director of the Alumni Association, when hired, and the Foundation President to talk about what the connection is between people's experience on campus and how it correlates with their connection to the University. Trustee Daniels also brought to the attention of Committee members a proposed bill that is currently in the General Assembly to add another student Trustee. A lengthy discussion took place on the need to add another Undergraduate Student Trustee and Trustee Daniels was going to

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check back in with the individuals in the General Assembly to talk further with them about this bill and come back to the Student Life Committee with his findings and recommendations for the Committee to review.

Trustee Barham is currently working with Graduate Students on their increase in Health Insurance. Because of the increase and change in the graduate student health insurance, graduate students are having an increase in their earnings and having to pay taxes they did not necessarily know they would have to. She would also like further discussions on graduate students not being offered on-campus housing and could we make an exception for international graduate students or graduate students with unforeseen circumstances.

Other Business: None at this time.

Adjournment: On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Barham, the meeting of the Student Life Committee WAS ADJOURNED at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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