

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, STORRS CAMPUS
April 23, 2014**

In Attendance:

Trustee Louise Bailey
Trustee Rose Barham
Trustee Michael Daniels
Trustee Shari Cantor
Trustee Donny Marshall
Michael Gilbert, Vice President for Student Affairs

Others in Attendance:

Janice Canniff, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs
Christine Wilson, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Director, Student Activities
Natasha Hunter, HESA Student

Call to Order:

Trustee Bailey called the meeting of the Student Life Committee to order at 12:00 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Barham, the minutes of the meeting of February 26, 2014 WERE APPROVED as presented.

Chairwoman's Report: No report at this time.

USG Constitution Revision: Christine presented a Summary of Proposed Changes to the USG Constitution (attached).

Vice President for Student Affairs Report: Vice President Gilbert updated the Student Life Committee on the two executive searches, the Executive Director of Residential Life and the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students. We have a very strong and diverse pool, and both positions will be filled by the end of this semester. The search firm for the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students search is minority owned with a national reputation. The candidates will be brought onto campus and interviewed before the students have left at the end of the semester.

We are also recruiting two new counseling positions. We already have a couple of people who are trauma specialists. We need more staff, and searches are underway. Our goal is to offer one office to manage and support for victims of sexual assault. The Assistant Dean for Victim Support Services will serve students throughout the process. We will have others available. This will also include bullying. The Dean of Students Office will reach out to students and advise them of all services, as well as follow up.

Vice President Gilbert also gave an update on the President's Task Force on Civility and Campus Culture. A short term goal is to enhance the educational efforts at the student orientation program. We should offer more and better education on sexual assault, healthy relationships, and alcohol and drug wellness. In June and July, directors in offices that provide these services will be examining how they can provide better programming. They will be critiquing and enhancing programs and bystander training and

intervention programs. We will examine feedback from students, which will be gathered by surveys, to determine what we want students to learn, and we will use assessment to see if the goals are met. Michael Gilbert and the department directors will attend the orientations so they can critique it. There are also web based workshops that students can be required to complete before registering for classes. We can also train the senior members of fraternities and sororities. If senior members complete this training they will be equipped to step up and help their friends during inappropriate or dangerous activities (hazing). This could be a 20 minute program.

Student Trustees Report: Trustee Daniels has been speaking with the Athletic Director, Warde Manuel. Athletics is willing to work with students and board. Neil in Athletics helped subsidize the tickets to MSG and the bus to Dallas.

Trustee Barham spoke of the Health Center graduation. The graduation is scheduled for a Monday. It will be taking place in Storrs for purely financial reasons. Trustee Barham would like the graduation to be closer to the Health Center and also moved to a weekend, as it is difficult for family members and guests to attend a graduation on a Monday. Trustee Bailey will investigate and report to Trustee Barham. An issue is the convention center is too expensive and the construction at UConn Health Center is a problem. It involves 150-200 graduates.

Other Business: None at this time.

Adjournment: On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Barham, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Downs

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