

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, STORRS CAMPUS
September 24, 2014**

In Attendance:

Trustee Louise Bailey
Trustee Michael Daniels via telephone
Trustee Jeremy Jelliffe
Michael Gilbert, Vice President for Student Affairs
Angela Rola, Senate Observer

Others in Attendance:

Elly Daugherty, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Cathy Downs, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs
Christine Wilson, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Student Activities

Call to Order:

Trustee Bailey called the meeting of the Student Life Committee to order at 12:32 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Trustee Bailey, seconded by Trustee Daniels, the minutes of the meeting of April 23, 2014, WERE APPROVED as presented.

Chairwomen's Report: Trustee Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Dean of Students Office Presentation: Elly Daugherty, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students gave an overview of the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office is looking at students and their interconnectedness with her office, community standards, and health and wellness. UConn is a very large institution but most of her encounters with students show a sense of UConn being a very personable and approachable University which is not what you would expect. The Dean of Students Office has hired two new Assistant Deans which will start soon; one of these Assistant Deans will be working as a Victim Support Services, to help students who are victims navigate through the process and be a support to them. Elly has met with USG and they are helping the Dean of Students Office reach out to the students in their environments so that the staff in the office can be more visible to students. Their office is also working to support parents and families of students attending UConn. An Associate Dean of Students search is in the final stages of interviewing candidates after reviewing over 100 applications.

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Trustee Bailey commended Elly and her work with students on campus and getting out meeting with students in their environment. She also was pleased that the Dean of Students Office will work with parents and families of students on campus. Trustee Jelliffe was pleased that the Dean of Students Office was back on Campus and commented on what a good asset it is for students to have this office back. Trustee Daniels welcomed Elly and was pleased that she has been in touch with USG on ways to work with and involve students.

Review and Approval of 2015 Meeting Schedule: Trustee Bailey asked that we not approve the current schedule and possibly add one dinner meeting to the schedule on a day other than a Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Bailey will work with Cathy Downs in the Vice President's office to come up with another date.

Stamford ASG and School of Social Work ASG Constitution Updates: Christine Wilson presented a summary of the changes for the School of Social Work, Stamford ASG as well as the Waterbury Associated Student Government Constitution(s) outlining the major changes. Both groups held referendums last spring and they passed. These groups have worked very hard and have been very cooperative working with the Storrs Student Activities Office.

Vice President for Student Affairs Report: Michael Gilbert shared three newly formed Groups/Committees with the Student Life Committee. The Vice President for Student Affairs Student Leadership Council is a group of student leaders that have agreed to have dinner once a month over the fall semester to meet with administrators and discuss topics of importance to both students and staff. This Council is collaboration with the Vice President for Student Affairs Office and the Undergraduate Student Government as a way to enhance relationships and communication amongst the group. Beverly Wood, University Planner, attended the first meeting of this group on September 16, 2014 and presented them with an over view of the Master Plan and the students found it to be very informative.

The other two groups that are being convened out of the Vice President's Office are the Mandatory Sexual Assault Education/Prevention On-Line Program Development Committee and the Bystander Intervention Educational Program Development Committee. Michael distributed copies of committee members and the charge for each committee to members of the Student Life Committee.

Trustee Jelliffe commended Vice President Gilbert on forming these groups and was especially pleased that there was a list of the student leaders on campus as a way to share information and gain information from them. He requested that students from the President's Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility, the Student Chair of the UConn Co Op Board of Directors and perhaps someone from the Graduate Student Senate be invited to join the Vice President for Student Affairs Student

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Leadership Council. He also asked about the potential of opening up this meeting once a semester to all the clubs and groups on campus for information sharing and gathering. Michael Gilbert asked Elly to talk about her recent work on pulling large groups of students together. Elly has been working with USG and they are working together to try and pull a large group of students together on issues of great meaning to students and staff, one of those being safety and community. They are working to try and do this in October.

Trustee Bailey was pleased with the tremendous collaboration between the administration and the students that now exists at UConn.

Student Trustees Report: Trustee Daniels has been talking with Vice President Gilbert on how other peer institutions gather student input for major decisions being made on their campus, such as the Master Plan on our Campus. The Open Forums seem to be the same students each time due to class schedules, jobs, etc. Trustee Daniels would like to talk with Professors about a possible Interdisciplinary Study for students, with credits, to research and report back on this information.

Trustee Jelliffe met with Kent Holsinger this morning for breakfast to discuss issues surrounding the graduate student unionization and he attended a few events over the past month.

Other Business: None at this time.

Adjournment: On a motion by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Daniels, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Downs

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