

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, STORRS CAMPUS
December 10, 2014**

In Attendance:

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

Others in Attendance:

Victoria Blodgett, Assistant Dean, Graduate School
Elly Daugherty, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Cathy Downs, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs
Eileen Stone, Director, Wellness & Prevention Services
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 1:00 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the minutes of the meeting of September 24, 2014, WERE APPROVED as presented.

Review and Approval of 2015 Meeting Schedule: Trustee Bailey asked for a motion to approve the 2015 Meeting schedule. Trustee Jelliffe inquired if we could make one of the meeting(s) on the schedule not on the same day as the Board of Trustees meeting, but have a separate dinner meeting. Cathy will look at dates for the April meeting to be held separate from the Board meeting as a dinner meeting.

Chairwomen's Report: Trustee Bailey thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Vice President for Student Affairs Report: Michael Gilbert reported on the University's plans to acquire the Nathan Hale Inn. This acquisition is very important to the Division of Student Affairs, especially Residential Life, so we can continue to house some of our students in the hotel. Students seem to like the location, room configuration and quality of service they are receiving. The NHI will continue to be managed by the Management Company that is currently managing the hotel and it will still be used as a hotel as well as house some of our students.

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Plans are underway to design and develop a new student recreation center on campus. The Interim President for USG is organizing an Advisory Group made up of students that would assist with the planning and design of the new student recreation center. The Graduate Student Senate has requested more seats on this Advisory Group; Cindy Costanzo, Executive Director of Recreation Services, is working with the President of GSS and the Interim President of USG to come to an agreement that will work for both groups. This project should get underway in the spring semester.

Josh Newton has received approval from the Foundation Board to secure funding for several more positions and one of those positions will be designated to pursue funding and gifts from parents of students enrolled at UConn. This position will most likely be a Director of Parent Programs and will work to develop a Parents Fund and a Parent Fund Council and will help solicit funding for the Division of Student Affairs strategic priorities. This position should be advertised shortly and hopefully have someone on staff by the end of the spring semester or starting in the summer.

Wellness & Prevention Services Presentation: Vice President for Student Affairs introduced Eileen Stone, Director of Wellness & Prevention Services at the University of Connecticut. Eileen distributed copies of Wellness & Prevention Services organization chart and highlighted that for the first time in several years, all of these positions have been filled. She outlined the two areas that represent Wellness & Prevention Services: Alcohol and Other Drugs and Health Education Programs.

Preventative measures around drugs and alcohol that are currently be utilized are Alcoholedu; BASICS (brief alcohol screening and interventions for college students); MAPP (Marijuana abuse prevention program); campus wide presentation, 1:1 consultations; Peer education; and UConn Recovery Center (URC). We are fortunate at UConn to be able to offer 1:1 conversations for our students referred to the BASICS program. Wellness and Prevention Services has seen over 400 students in their BASICS program.

WPS recently conducted a study in collaboration with Brown University called the Substance Use Risk Education (SURE) Project which researched the effectiveness of doing the 1:1 facilitated educational interventions with students. The data was very favorable showing that students were reducing consumption of alcohol and this finding was maintained over several months.

Parents still have the greatest influence on students and we need to reach out to parents to reiterate values and expectations of our students. We need to let parents know what research suggests about alcohol use. Trustee Cantor suggested a discussion with parents as part of parent orientation on how to have this conversation with their students.

Trustee Bailey thanked Eileen and her staff for the good work they are doing with students.

Dean of Students Office: Elly Daugherty, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students informed Committee members that her office now has a complete staff as well. They have hired two Assistant Deans, one of those Assistant Deans focuses on Victim Support Services and their final hire is the Associate Dean of Students who will begin the first of next year. The Associate Dean will oversee the administrative functions of the Dean of Students Office

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and manage the office. Elly distributed and discussed the process from *Incident to Adjudication & Beyond when responding to a sexual violence* report. This process is new this semester and is currently being utilized on campus. We now need to work on communicating this information to the campus community so that everyone knows there is a place to report and go through this process.

Trustee Bailey thanked Elly and her staff for this important information.

UConnPIRG Storrs Constitution Updates: Christine Wilson outlined a summary of the changes for the UConnPIRG Storrs constitution.

Adjunct Faculty Reviews: Trustee Jelliffe requested an open conversation with the Committee on the requirements, review process and standards used for adjunct faculty at UConn. Vice President Michael Gilbert suggested that either Sally Reis in the Provost's Office or Elizabeth Conklin in ODE might be able to better answer the questions that were raised.

Student Trustees Report: Trustee Daniels has been working with the Daily Campus on their audit process to help them better understand the process. Vice President Gilbert indicated that conversations continue and good progress is being made with several student organizations regarding their audits. Trustee Daniels has been working on a number of topics related to Athletics and student support and would like to state that as we move forward with the Student Recreation Center, the conversation needs to continue on having the Student Recreation Center under the Division of Student Affairs and not Athletics. Trustee Cantor agreed with this.

Other Business: None at this time.

Adjournment: On a motion by Trustee Daniels, seconded by Trustee Jelliffe, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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