

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, STORRS CAMPUS
April 27, 2016**

In Attendance:

Trustee Shari Cantor
Trustee Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Trustee Jeremy Jelliffe
Trustee Donny Marshall
Trustee David Rifkin
Michael Gilbert, Vice President for Student Affairs

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
Carrie Fernandes, Associate Director of Financial Aid Services
Mona Lucas, Director of Student Financial Aid Services
Michelle San Pedro, Vice President, Graduate Student Senate
Christine Wilson, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Director, Student Activities

Call to Order:

Trustee Cantor called the meeting of the Student Life Committee to order at 12:30 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2016.

Chairwoman's Report:

No Report at this time.

Student Trustees Report:

Trustee Rifkin and Trustee Jelliffe reported that they have been approached by students expressing concerns about the closing of the Torrington Campus and the UConn Co Op over the last two months. Students are concerned about the rising cost of textbooks and what it means for students with the Co Op no longer on Campus. There have not been any specifics shared about this. Trustee Cantor indicated that there will need to be feedback on this as we move forward with Barnes and Noble.

Student Employment

Mona Lucas and Carrie Fernandes led a discussion on student employment on Campus. UConn employs 8,900 students on campus through 379 employers. Dining Services, Recreational Services and Residential Life hire the most student employees with Recreational Services and Residential Life being the most popular. Students like to work on campus because of a flexible work schedule, career paths, potential for raises, resume booster and convenient locations. UConn offers work study (75% paid by Federal Government and 25% paid by Institutional Department) and student labor (100% paid by Institutional Department) positions. Student Employment serves as an advocate for students if they are having difficulty in a specific position. They also offer training for Supervisors.

Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Gilbert indicated that UConn is one of the few schools that has a Student Employment Office that provides the leadership our Student Employment Office does to students.

WHUS and GSS Constitution Updates:

Michelle San Pedro, Vice President of the Graduate Student Senate, outlined the current changes in the Graduate Student Senate's Constitution. Victoria Blodgett commented on her work with the current leadership of the Graduate Student Senate over the last year has been outstanding. It has truly been one of the best leadership groups she has worked with. We should all be very proud of what they have accomplished on Campus over the last year.

Christine Wilson summarized the changes in the WHUS Constitution.

Vice President for Student Affairs Report:

Vice President Gilbert announced the hiring of a new Executive Director of Student Health Services, Suzanne A. Onorato. She will start at UConn in late June. Elly Daugherty distributed her resume and described her qualifications. Wellness and Prevention Services will move back under Student Health Services under her leadership. Suzanne will be involved in the design and construction of the new student health facility, to be completed in 2021 on Hillside Road.

Vice President Gilbert reported on a section of the Campus Climate Survey that was concerning to the University and the Division of Student Affairs regarding fellow students intervening during, or providing support after, a problematic encounter. The University wants all students to help their fellow students. This is a priority in Student Affairs to have more engaged training with students so they can safely assess situations. The Dean of Students Office began a new program for first year students that is a 90-minute workshop that was conducted for 3,800 freshmen, transfer and international students. The next step is establishing how we bring a similar program to upper-class students. Elly Daugherty discussed Jenn Longa's position and her expanded role to include leadership of bystander programs administered by the Division of Student Affairs. Jenn will report directly to Elly Daugherty as it relates to her work in bystander programs. She will continue to serve in a modified role as the Assistant Dean of Students with a focus on Victim Support and Bystander programs. Her new title will be Assistant Dean of Students for Victim Support Services and Bystander Initiatives.

Discussion on Campus Climate Survey

Tabled to September meeting.

Other Business:

None

Adjournment:

The meeting of the Student Life Committee was ADJOURNED at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully,


Cathy Downs
Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs