

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, STORRS CAMPUS
April 29, 2015**

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
Tonya Husick, Transportation Planner, Logistics Administration
William Wendt, Director, Logistics Administration

Call to Order:

Trustee Bailey called the meeting of the Student Life Committee to order at 12:10 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Daniels, the minutes of the meeting of February 25, 2015, WERE APPROVED as presented.

Chairwomen's Report: Trustee Bailey thanked Vice President Gilbert for his comments to the students at the Board of Trustees meeting.

Discussion on Transportation Issues: William Wendt and Tonya Husick outlined their responsibilities with Transportation Services. They discussed the Windham Regional Transit District (WRTD) and the financial and management problems that have occurred with WRTD. WRTD has had a change in their leadership and the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation has stepped in to manage and operate WRTD effective May 1, 2015. William will be meeting with the new management and the Town of Mansfield on Friday to discuss bus services for undergraduate and graduate students on Campus from Campus to Willimantic. Their goal is to have a much more robust transit facility with more buses on the road to UConn.

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They will continue working with the new management and the Connecticut Transit District to get more off-campus transportation at UConn; hopefully having the CT Fast Track run from Hartford to UConn with a stop at Buckland Hills Mall. They will also negotiate with WRTD for a new fare structure with a one zone system instead of a two zone system, so passes will be good on all buses.

UConn needs to change its culture on how people move to and from campus. Several initiatives Transportation is working on are a rental car program, a car share system, bike share system.

Vice President for Student Affairs Report: Michael Gilbert thanked Trustee Bailey for her service on the Board of Trustees and more importantly, as Chair of the Student Life Committee. He also thanked Trustee Jelliffe for his comments to the students at the Board of Trustees meeting. He updated committee members on the Spirit Rock Incident and the final reports of the three investigations into this incident. Michael also shared with Committee members the fall 2015 enrollment target of 3,800 first year students. Student Affairs will continue to work with these additional students in our departments and will be ready when the students arrive in the fall. The deadline for acceptance is Friday, May 1, 2015, so we should have better numbers after the deadline.

Student Trustees Report: Trustee Jelliffe thanked Vice President Gilbert for the remarks made at the Board of Trustee meeting earlier today to the students. He also thanked Trustee Bailey for her work with the Student Life Committee and the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Daniels will attend the Board of Trustees meeting in June and then his replacement, David Rifkin, will be the new Student Trustee effective July 1, 2015.

Other Business: Victoria Blodgett and Dean Holsinger will be meeting with several graduate students on campus climate on Friday. The Graduate School has also been working with the Department of Residential Life on a change in the graduate student housing contract terms. Currently, graduate students can get out of their housing contract at any time and this change would lock them in for an academic long contract.

Adjournment: On a motion by Trustee Daniels, seconded by Trustee Jelliffe, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully,



Cathy Downs

Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs