

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, STORRS CAMPUS
September 30, 2015**

In Attendance:

Trustee Shari Cantor
Trustee Jeremy Jelliffe
Trustee Andrea Dennis-Lavigne
Trustee David Rifkin
Michael Gilbert, Vice President for Student Affairs
Angela Rola, Senate Observer

Others in Attendance:

Cyndi Costanzo, Director of Recreation Services
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 Cantor called the meeting of the Student Life Committee to order at 12:50 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 25, 2015.

Chairwomen's Report: Trustee Cantor welcomed David Rifkin to the Committee as the new Student Trustee and thanked former Trustee Louise Bailey for her service to the Student Life Committee.

SUBOG, USG, Nutmeg Yearbook and Daily Campus Constitution Updates:

Christine Wilson distributed a summary outlining the changes to the SUBOG, USG, Nutmeg Yearbook and Daily Campus Constitution changes for the Committee's review. She also distributed a copy of the old constitutions, and the new constitutions with track changes for the record. These groups are the last cycle of student trustee groups to be audited per the charge from Trustee Bailey. One change worth noting is the Daily Campus' Board of Directors structure was changed from one composed mostly non-students (9 non-students and 3 students) to a completely student board of 7 students paired with an advisory board of 5 professionals.

Discussion took place around the changes in the USG Constitution regarding Section 10A, added the requirement of five ex-officios to be representatives from the five cultural centers; Section 8, Added two seats for Multicultural & Diversity Senators; and Section 8A, Added requirements for Multicultural and Diversity senators, referral to bylaws. Trustee Dennis-Lavigne was concerned that the cultural center

members would be ex-officio and not have votes. After a lengthy discussion, Vice President Gilbert suggested we invite the Executive Leadership of USG to attend our next meeting to talk the Committee through the changes. Trustees were in agreement with this suggestion. Trustee Rifkin will be meeting with the Undergraduate Student Government and will inform them of the Student Life Committee's request to have them attend our next meeting.

Division of Student Affairs Strategic Plan:

Vice President Gilbert distributed a Draft copy of the Division of Student Affairs Strategic Plan for the Committee's review and discussion at a future meeting. He highlighted the strategic themes, objectives and initiatives the Division will be working on for the next three to five years. He asked that Committee members review this information, as one of the stakeholder groups, so that we can solicit feedback at our next meeting.

Recreation Center Update:

Cyndi Costanzo, Director of Recreation Services, distributed UConn Recreation's Annual Report for 2014-2015 and highlighted several of their programs. The recreation center has over 19,000 student visits annually and over 4,000 people a day in its current location. Cyndi outlined the plans for the new Recreation Center to be built on the current Connecticut Commons site on Hillside Road. This will be a 200,000 square foot building with fitness and strength training, group exercise multipurpose studios, aquatics, gymnasiums, competitive sport practice and competition venues and recreation activity areas. Project preparation has begun and program development will take place through August 2016, with an opening date of Summer 2019. A Student Advisory Committee has been formed to help with the program development phase and students will sit in on each of the committees.

Vice President for Student Affairs Report:

Vice President Gilbert updated the Committee on the Bystander Intervention training that took place during each orientation session for all freshmen, transfer, campus change and international students. The Bystander Committee is now working to figure out how we do this for all upperclass students as well.

Vice President Gilbert asked Elly Daugherty, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students to review with the Student Life Committee, UConn's Student Death and Severe Injury Protocol, in light of the student deaths we have experienced this semester. Christine Wilson also discussed their protocol for planning memorial services on campus for each student.

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Student Trustees Report:

Trustee Rifkin thanked the Committee for his appointment and reported that he will stay in touch with students and student leaders regarding concerns and/or questions that need to come before this Committee.

Trustee Jelliffe expressed his thanks and praise for the work that the Dean of Students Office and Student Activities is doing regarding the student deaths that have occurred this semester.

Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2016:

Committee members in attendance at the meeting agreed with the dates/times proposed Student Life Committee meetings for 2016. Cathy Downs will submit these dates to the President's Office.

Other Business:

None at this time.

Adjournment: On a motion by Trustee Jelliffe, seconded by Trustee Lavigne, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully,

Cathy Downs

Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs