

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE  
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
WILBUR CROSS BUILDING, ROOM 29  
233 GLENBROOK ROAD, STORRS, CT**

**February 27, 2019**

In Attendance:

Trustee Shari Cantor  
Trustee Andrea Dennis-LaVigne  
Trustee Nandan Tumu  
Michael Gilbert, Vice President for Student Affairs

Others in Attendance:

Elizabeth Conklin, Associate Vice President, Title IX Coordinator & ADA Coordinator, Office of Institutional Equity  
Elly Daugherty, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students  
Cathy Downs, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs  
Nathan Fuerst, Vice President for Enrollment Planning & Management  
Suzanne Peters, Director of Financial Aid

Call to Order:

Trustee Cantor called the meeting of the Student Life Committee to order at 11:04 a.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

On a motion from Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Student Life Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 31, 2018.

Chairperson's Report:

No report at this time.

Student Trustees Report:

Student Trustee Tumu reported on the need to publicize UConn events more. He also discussed USG elections as well as a Mental Health Campaign, and student advising at the Regional Campuses. Trustee Cantor suggested a joint meeting with the Student Life Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee to discuss Advising at Storrs and the Regional Campuses.

Title IX Update:

Elizabeth Conklin reported on the U.S. Department of Education Proposed Title IX, the federal gender-equity law, Regulations Fact Sheet as well as concerns voiced by Higher Education through the American Council of Education (ACE), higher education's biggest lobbying arm. Sixty other associations signed on to the letter.

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Poverty among Students: Nathan Fuerst and Suzanne Peters outlined statistics on students receiving financial aid, institutional gift aid, federal, state, and private aid as well as how much institutional aid goes to students with financial need. Elly Daugherty discussed food insecurity for college students and the work the Dean of Students Office is doing with students who recently gathered data on this topic. The Dean of Students Office is planning to launch a pilot program based off this data and they will continue to review the data. The Provost Office has also asked about this need among the students at the regional campuses. Michael Gilbert noted that when students do reach out for financial help, they are triaged with Financial Aid, the Dean of Students Office as well as other offices if needed, to determine their need and financial aid or other aid is given to them.

Vice President for Student Affairs Report:

No report at this time.

Other Business: None at this time.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the meeting of the Student Life Committee ADJOURNED at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully,

Cathy Downs

Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs