

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
UCONN HARTFORD CAMPUS, ROOM 216
10 PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CT**

April 17, 2019

In Attendance:

Trustee Shari Cantor
Trustee Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Trustee Nandan Tumu
Michael Gilbert, Vice President for Student Affairs
Jaci Van Heest, Senate Representative via telephone

Others in Attendance:

Elly Daugherty, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Cathy Downs, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs
Donna Korbel, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of the Center for Students with Disabilities
Kimberly McKeown, Associate Director of the Center for Students with Disabilities
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 5:10 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

On a motion from Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Tumu, the Student Life Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 27, 2018.

Chairperson's Report:

Trustee Cantor reported that our Committee will not meet again until the fall and we are approaching the end of the academic year.

Student Trustees Report:

Student Trustee Tumu discussed concerns students have raised about the rec center fee. Once explained that the fee is \$250 per semester/\$500 a year, they are more agreeable to the fee. The fee will appear on the fall fee bill as approved by the Board of Trustees. He also reported on "Take Back the Tap" a movement to get water refill stations in the more residence halls. He also encourages student attendance at free Jorgensen events.

Vice President for Student Affairs Report:

Michael Gilbert shared Betsy Cracco, Director of Counseling and Mental Health Services, will leave her position at UConn the end of this semester to become the Executive Director of Wellbeing, Access and Prevention at the University of Massachusetts. Betsy has been at UConn for more than 13 years and has served as Director of CMHS for the last six years. Michael also reported on an event that took place on campus last week, Campus Clash. Students at UConn chose to protest in a separate environment and the program was held with no disruption. Trustee Cantor expressed her thanks to the staff that worked in preparation for this event as well as the student leaders.

Center for Students with Disabilities:

Donna Korbel and Kim McKeown reported on the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) Program Review that was conducted by the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) and Council for the Advancement of Standards (CAS) from Summer 2018-Spring 2019. The overall findings showed CSD to be a campus-wide resource of the highest quality. They outlined the strengths reported, the areas to re-evaluate and enhance as well as additional opportunities for the Center. The Beyond Access program was discussed and the potential for growth if resources were put forward. Donna Korbel and Michael Gilbert are planning to work with David Clokey this summer to complete a pro forma on the Beyond Access program. Michael Gilbert shared with President Katsouleas in his report that CSD is one of the areas that needs to grow with staff and resources in the future.

Spring Weekend:

Christine Wilson shared the Spring Weekend schedule with the Committee. This weekend has become very successful as a weekend of service and learning for our students. Approximately 20 different organizations will hold programs over the weekend. Guests are not be permitted in the residence halls and the programs are for UConn students only.

Approval of Revision to the Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Related Interpersonal Violence:

Elly Daugherty outlined the suggested revision to the *Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment and Related Interpersonal Violence*. This suggested language is already in place at other public institutions of higher education in Connecticut (throughout the Board of Regents/CSU system) and similar explicit language would be beneficial to UConn as well.

On a motion from Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Tumu, the Student Life Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the full board for approval the suggested revisions to the *Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment and Related Interpersonal Violence*.

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Diversity Video:

Elly Daugherty outlined the “Welcome to the Pack” training module created by a planning committee made up of students, alumni, faculty, staff and the President. She outlined the key sections that will be included in the 45-minute training module that will launch this fall.

Other Business: None at this time.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Trustee Tumu, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the meeting of the Student Life Committee ADJOURNED at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully,

Cathy Downs
Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs