TELEPHONE MEETING

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
February 2, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Meeting held by Telephone

Public Call-In Number:
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1. Call to Order

2. Public Participation*
   * If members of the public wish to address the Committee during the Public Participation portion of the meeting, you must submit a request in writing 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting (by 3:30 p.m.) to the following email address: **BoardCommittees@uconn.edu**. Please indicate your name, telephone number, and topic to be discussed. Per the University By-Laws, the Board may limit public comment. As an alternative, you may also submit your comments via email which will be shared with the Board.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Student Life Committee Meeting of October 28, 2020

4. COVID-19 Update and Discussion

5. Student Activities Programming Work for Spring Semester/Spirit Rock Painting Policy

6. Mental Health Initiative Updates and Discussion

7. Other Business

8. Executive Session (as needed)

9. Adjournment

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UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
CONFERENCE CALL

October 28, 2020

In Attendance:
Trustee Shari Cantor
Trustee Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Trustee Justin Fang
Trustee Marilda Gandara
Trustee Bryan Pollard
Trustee Ethan Werstler
Jaci Van Heest, University Senate Representative

Others in Attendance:
Eleanor Daugherty, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Cathy Downs, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs
Michael Gilbert, Vice President for Student Affairs
Frank Tuitt, Vice Provost/Chief Diversity Officer, Office of Diversity and Inclusion
Suzanne Onorato, Executive Director of Student Health and Wellness

Call to Order:
Trustee Cantor called the meeting of the Student Life Committee to order at 12:27 p.m.

Public Participation:
No public participation noted.

Approval of Minutes:
On a motion by Trustee Cantor, the minutes of the April 21, 2020 Student Life Committee meeting were approved as circulated.

COVID-19 Update and Discussion:
Michael Gilbert asked Eleanor Daugherty to give an update on COVID-19. She reported that UConn's success comes from a two-part strategy by research across the University and our partnership with students. Other schools are struggling. Students have had to make many behavioral choices and changes week after week. Our students want to be here and care about each other. Our testing strategy is rigorous and has a very quick turnaround. We have had to reduce occupancy in our residence halls, with about 4,700 students on campus. The focus of our COVID-19 work group is now the Spring Semester. Our target is 5,500 residential students for the spring with more isolation and quarantine spaces available.

We need to really give our students credit for the choices they are making and wearing their masks to help stay safe. Contact tracing requires complete compliance and our students are staying compliant. Trustee Cantor thanked the staff for the work they continue to do to keep our students safe. The students are incredible we have an exceptional medical team.

Mental Health Initiative Updates and Discussion:
Eleanor Daugherty is Co-chairing the President's Task Force on Student Mental Health and Wellbeing with Dean Nina Heller. Their recommendations should be released in the next few weeks before students leave for break and will be shared with this group at the next meeting.

Eleanor asked Suzanne Onorato to present on the work underway at UConn to enhance student mental health services and to report on Keeling & Associates' Report and recommendations.

Suzanne Onorato reported Keeling & Associates was hired to (1) conduct a comprehensive, in-depth review of the programs, services, operations, and resources of Student Health and Wellness-Mental Health and (2) provide recommendations that build upon the Department's core assets and advance a strategic and forward-looking approach to mental health and well-being. They met with 85 constituents, 1/3 of those being students. Areas in the report that were highlighted were: Understanding our Vision; hiring leaders that can lead us through change and working with cultural performance; operations and access; become a clinical model of service; reducing wait times; equity and inclusion.

SHaW has been working for the last six to eight months on implementing several of the recommendations. Designing a clinic model of service; hired an Associate Director of Mental Health; currently interviewing for a Director of Mental Health; redesigned their website with student needs in mind (will go live in January); on line appointments for students; extended hours; hired a Director of Health Equity and Access to Care. Committee members commended the entire Team for all of their work.

Trustee Werstler appreciates the work being done with SHaW and Mental Health and feels that this information should be communicated to students.

Trustee Fang is hearing from graduate students that this has been a challenging semester being off campus and not being a part of a community.

Office of Diversity and Inclusion:
Frank Tuitt outlined the work of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. They have implemented three working groups related to Campus Climate and are reviewing the scope of their work. Trustee Cantor welcomed Frank to UConn and asked that he attend a future meeting of the Student Life Committee.

Other Business:
No other business at this time.

Adjournment:
On a motion by Trustee Cantor, the meeting of the Student Life Committee was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

Cathy Downs
Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs

Engagement ’21 Workgroup

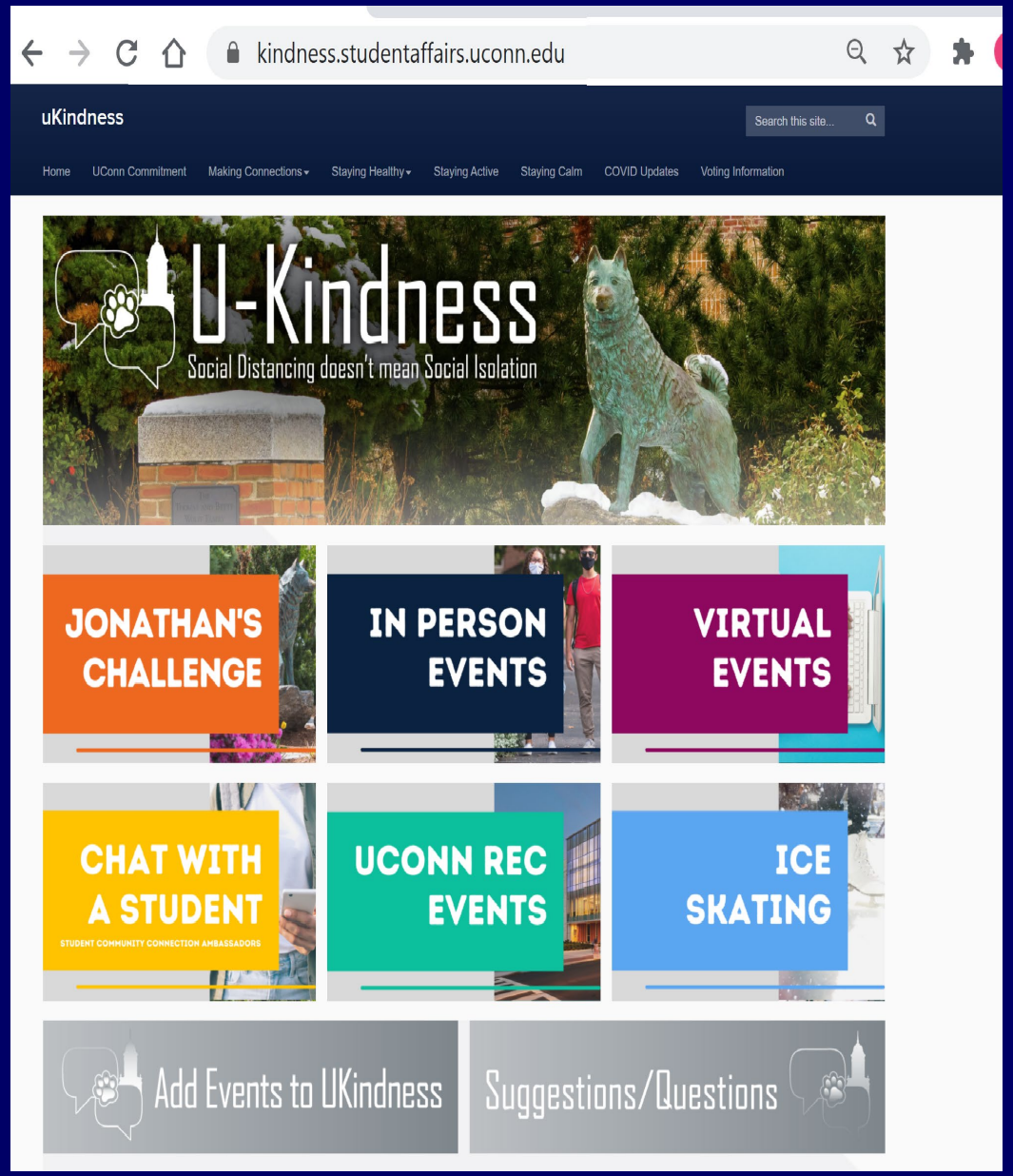
…share, learn about, and promote virtual and in-person engagement opportunities for all students at all campuses in a collaborative way

African American Cultural Center
Alumni Association
Asian American Cultural Center
Athletics
Avery Point Campus
Center for Teaching and Learning
Dean of Students Office
First Year Programs
Hartford Campus
Honors Program
Institue for Student Success
International Student Support Services
Off-Campus/Commuter Student Services
Office of Diversity and Equity
Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center
Rainbow Center
Recreation Services
Residential Life
Stamford Campus
Student Activities
Student Health and Wellness
Student Union
Student Union Board of Governors
The Graduate School
Undergraduate Student Government
University Communications
University Events & Conference Services
Waterbury Campus
Women’s Center

Meeting bi-weekly
Discussion Topics Include:
- ***’Engagement Gap’***
- ***University Guidelines***
- ***Virtual Programming***
- ***Cross/Promotional Strategies***
- ***Collaborative Opportunities***
- ***Promotional Strategies***

Centralized Information/Resources for All Students:

- Making Connections
- Staying Healthy
- Staying Active
- Staying Calm
- COVID Updates
- UConn Commitment (UConn Promise)
- Voting/Civic Engagement (Fall 2020)



Engagement ’21 Notable Initiatives

- Outdoor Skating Rink
- Jonathan’s Challenge
- Virtual/In-person Fitness Classes
- Virtual Involvement Fair
- Community Connectors
- Online/Virtual Programming
- Grab n Go
- Late Night (virtual and in-person)
- Black History Month Events (via AACC, ODI)
- Speakers (virtual)
- One Ton Sundae
- Huskython
- Hot Chocolate on the Patio w/….