

DRAFT MINUTES

Special Telephone Meeting
TRUSTEE-ADMINISTRATION-FACULTY-STUDENT (TAFS) COMMITTEE
University of Connecticut
Tuesday, December 14, 2021
3:30 p.m.

Committee Members

- Committee Trustees: Jeanine Gouin, Justin Fang, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Philip Rubin
- University Administration: Andrew Agwunobi, Lloyd Blanchard, Nathan Fuerst, Michael Gilbert, Tysen Kendig, Carl Lejuez, Radenka Maric, Michael Mundrane, Frank Tuitt, Daniel Weiner
- University Faculty: Robert Bird, Pamela Bramble, Laura Burton, Marisa Chrysochoou, Gary English, Maria Luz-Fernandez, Angela Rola, Del Siegle, Manuela Wagner
- Student Representatives: Lauren Deleon, Irio Schiano, Ethan Werstler

Guests

- Trustees: Shari Cantor, Noah Frank
- University Faculty: Sandra Chafouleas, Gustavo Nanclares, Sebastian Wogenstein
- University Staff: Michael Bradford, Sarah Croucher, Eleanor Daugherty, Kristi Henderson, Kent Holsinger, Gladis Kersaint, Mona Lucas, Rachel Rubin, Jeffrey Shoulson

Interim President Agwunobi convened the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

1) Welcome and Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves by name, title and affiliation.

2) Election of Trustee-Administration-Faculty-Student (TAFS) Committee Chair

On a motion by Provost Lejuez, seconded by Committee Member Blanchard, the Committee voted unanimously to appoint Trustee Jeanine Gouin as Chair of the TAFS Committee for the Academic Year 2021-2022.

3) Report from previous Trustee-Administration-Faculty-Student (TAFS) Meeting

Vice-Chair Gouin shared a summary of the previous TAFS meeting held in 2019 which included discussions around environmental sustainability.

4) Food Insecurity Presentation

Senior Vice Provost Jeffrey Shoulson shared a presentation on food insecurity across UConn's campuses with particular focus on the Avery Point, Hartford, Stamford, and Waterbury campuses.

5) Open Discussion and Identification of Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There was a general discussion regarding the results of the survey of food insecurity across regional campuses and the impact that food insecurity has on the success and well-being of students. It was noted that food insecurity rates are higher for underrepresented minority students on these campuses.

Ethan Werstler, Vice President of the Undergraduate Student Government (USG), spoke about USG's efforts to address food insecurity by establishing Husky Market, a pop-up food pantry model. He indicated that more sustainable options are needed to address this issue long term.

It was noted that students may not feel comfortable talking about lack of access to affordable healthy food and the numbers of those actually experiencing food insecurity may be even higher. Senior Vice Provost Jeffrey Shoulson is chairing a committee addressing food insecurity on regional campuses and will work with senior administrators and USG leadership to find ways to support these efforts moving forward.

Chair Gouin thanked all in attendance for their participation in the discussion, and asked Committee Members to reach out with suggestions for future agenda items.

6) Adjournment

On a motion by President Agwunobi, seconded by Committee Member Siegle, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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