

MINUTES

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE TELEPHONE MEETING

APRIL 13, 2022

Committee Trustees: Shari Cantor, Committee Vice-Chair, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Justin Fang, Noah Frank, and Bryan Pollard

University Senate Representative: Dr. Jaci L. Van Heest

University Staff: Michael Gilbert, Vice President for Student Affairs, Joseph Briody, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Executive Director of Student Activities, Eleanor Daugherty, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Krista O'Brien, Associate Director of Student Activities and Director of Trustee Student Organization Support; Cathy Downs, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs

University Students: Ben Albee, Treasurer, UConn Praxis, Natalie Seier, President, UConn Praxis, and Esai Vazquez-Marentes, UConn Praxis

1. Call to Order:

The meeting of the Student Life Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Public Participation:

No members of the public wished to address the Committee.

3. Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Trustee Frank, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2022, Student Life Committee meeting.

4. Student Trustee Reports:

Trustee Frank reported on his work as Student Trustee, including the optimism of returning to a normal college experience during COVID and his collaboration with Trustee Fang to increase the number of students on the University Senate.

Trustee Fang thanked the Committee for his experience on the Student Life Committee. He shared his plan to start discussions of creating a legal counsel for students at UConn.

Vice-Chair Cantor thanked both Student Trustees for their work and diligence with the students and the Committee and hoped that they would stay connected and engaged.

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5. UConn Praxis Discussion:

Vice President Gilbert discussed the possibility of a survey to all undergraduate students regarding Praxis, a tier-III student organization committed to social activism. Assistant Vice President Briody outlined the questions and timeline of the survey. Survey data would be reported to the Board of Trustees.

6. President's Task Force on Combatting Sexual Violence and Supporting our Students:

Associate Vice President Daugherty gave an update on the work of the Task Force, which she co-chairs with two students.

7. Spring Weekend Update:

Assistant Vice President Briody outlined the planned events for this year's Spring Weekend (April 21-23), noting that this was the first spring weekend in three years.

8. Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

9. Executive Session:

No Executive Session was held.

10. Adjournment:

On a motion by Vice-Chair Cantor, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the Committee meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Cathy Downs, Executive Assistant
Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs