

DRAFT MINUTES

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

February 7, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

Committee Trustees: Shari Cantor, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne (part of meeting),
Joshua Crow, Aanya Mehta, Bryan Pollard

Non-Board Committee Members: Makenzie Robinson

University Senate Representative: Karen Bresciano

University Staff: Radenka Maric, Anne D’Alleva, Nathan Fuerst, Fany Hannon,
Karen McComb, Suzanne Onorato, Rachel Rubin, Davis
Smith, Kristina Stevens

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Cantor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Public Participation

No members of the public signed up to address the Committee.

3. Minutes from the November 29, 2023, Meeting

On a motion by Trustee Mehta, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2023, Meeting.

4. Standing Updates – Student Life & Enrollment (SL&E)

Nathan Fuerst, Vice President for Student Life & Enrollment

Vice President for Student Life & Enrollment Fuerst provided updates on Spring 2024 enrollments and on-campus student housing occupancy; a Posting Policy, which will codify rules and regulations for on-campus postings; centralizing responses to Bias Incident Reporting; and UConn’s response to delays to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Standing Updates – Provost & Dean of Students

Anne D’Alleva, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Fany Hannon, Interim Dean of Students

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs D’Alleva and Interim Dean of Students Hannon provided updates on the internal searches for a Vice Provost for Undergraduate Student Success and the Dean of Students; the upcoming Metanoia on Civil Discourse; pop-up classes related to antisemitism and Islamophobia; upcoming town halls for Jewish and Israeli students and Palestinian and Muslim students, respectively; new equipment for prayer spaces on in the Homer Babbidge Library; employee requests for training to support Jewish, Israeli, Muslim, and Palestinian students; vending machines to serve the personal well-being of Black & Brown students; an awarded SEED Grant to provide workshops on well-being

for Latino/a/x students; continuing campus conversations about the Students First Fund; completed and upcoming Protect the Pack trainings for student-athletes in Football and Basketball, respectively; continuing Dean of Students Office hours; upcoming Power Soccer, a soccer game for students in powered wheelchairs; and an upcoming Dinner with the Dean that will include campus change students.

5. Okanagan Charter & Resolution –
Karen McComb, Director of Health Promotion and Community Impact

With a motion from Trustee Crow, seconded by Trustee Mehta, the Committee voted unanimously to support adoption of the Okanagan Charter.

6. JED Campus Site Visit –
Suzanne Onorato, Executive Director, Student Health & Wellness
Kristina Stevens, Director, Student Health & Wellness, Mental Health

Executive Director, Student Health & Wellness, Onorato and Director, Student Health & Wellness, Mental Health, Stevens provided an update on the JED Campus Site Visit.

7. Family and Parent Communication

Interim Dean of Students Hannon provided an update on Family and Parent Communications.

8. Public Act No. 23-41 (an act concerning access to reproductive health care by students at public institutions of higher education.)

This item was informational.

9. Other Business

There was no Other Business.

10. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

11. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Crow, seconded by Trustee Mehta, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Committee meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Brodie
Secretary to the Committee