

DRAFT MINUTES

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Student Life Committee September 30, 2024 Special Virtual Meeting

Committee Trustees: Shari Cantor, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Sean Dunn,
Joy Hamer, Bryan Pollard

University Senate Representative: Tina McCarthy

University Staff: Anne D'Alleva, Nathan Fuerst, Cynthia Costanzo, Fany
Hannon, Jeffrey Hines, Philip Hunt, Jonelle Reynolds,
Rachel Rubin

Vice-Chair Trustee Cantor called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

1. Public Participation

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

2. Minutes from the April 10, 2024, Meeting

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2024, Meeting.

3. Minutes from the July 15, 2024, Special Joint Meeting of the Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the Student Life Committee

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2024, Special Joint Meeting.

4. Standing Updates:

Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment Fuerst provided updates on several topics. These included a summary of the Fall 2024 entering class, early decision processes, and fall campus visit days. He also discussed the development of an enrollment plan and housing updates, including the opening of Connecticut Hall on the Storrs campus. Additionally, Vice President Fuerst highlighted the expansion of Student Health and Wellness (SHaW) regional services.

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs D'Alleva provided updates on Family Weekend. She discussed the transition of the Cultural Centers/Programs to the Office of the Provost and the evolution of the Crisis Management Team into a Campus Climate Committee.

Dean of Students Hannon discussed Huskies Helping Huskies, an initiative aimed at improving student access to support services and campus resources. Dean Hannon also

mentioned a working group dedicated to creating prayer spaces for students across the regional campuses.

5. Policy Updates:

Interim Assistant Vice President for Student Life Costanzo gave a brief presentation on updates to The Student Code, the Outdoor Amplified and Projected Sound Policy, and the Outdoor Activities Policy.

6. Housing at the Regional Campuses

Provost D'Alleva and Vice President Fuerst discussed plans to offer housing at each of the four regional campuses. They highlighted the importance of housing in supporting academic success.

7. Election & Voting

Vice President Fuerst and Dean of Students Hannon announced that early voting will be available from October 21 through November 3 at the UConn Bookstore in Storrs. This opportunity was made possible through UConn's partnership with the Town of Mansfield, is open to all registered voters in the Town of Mansfield.

8. Student Organization Constitution Updates

Vice President Fuerst shared a brief memo outlining several constitutional changes that have taken place within the Trustee Student Organizations.

9. University Senate Representative Report

University Senate Representative Tina McCarthy reported that the Student Welfare Committee has met twice this semester to discuss updates to student-related policies, new student enrollment, health-promoting initiatives and activities, and the transition of international students to the University.

10. Executive Session (as needed)

There was no Executive Session.

11. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brianna Zecchini
Secretary to the Committee